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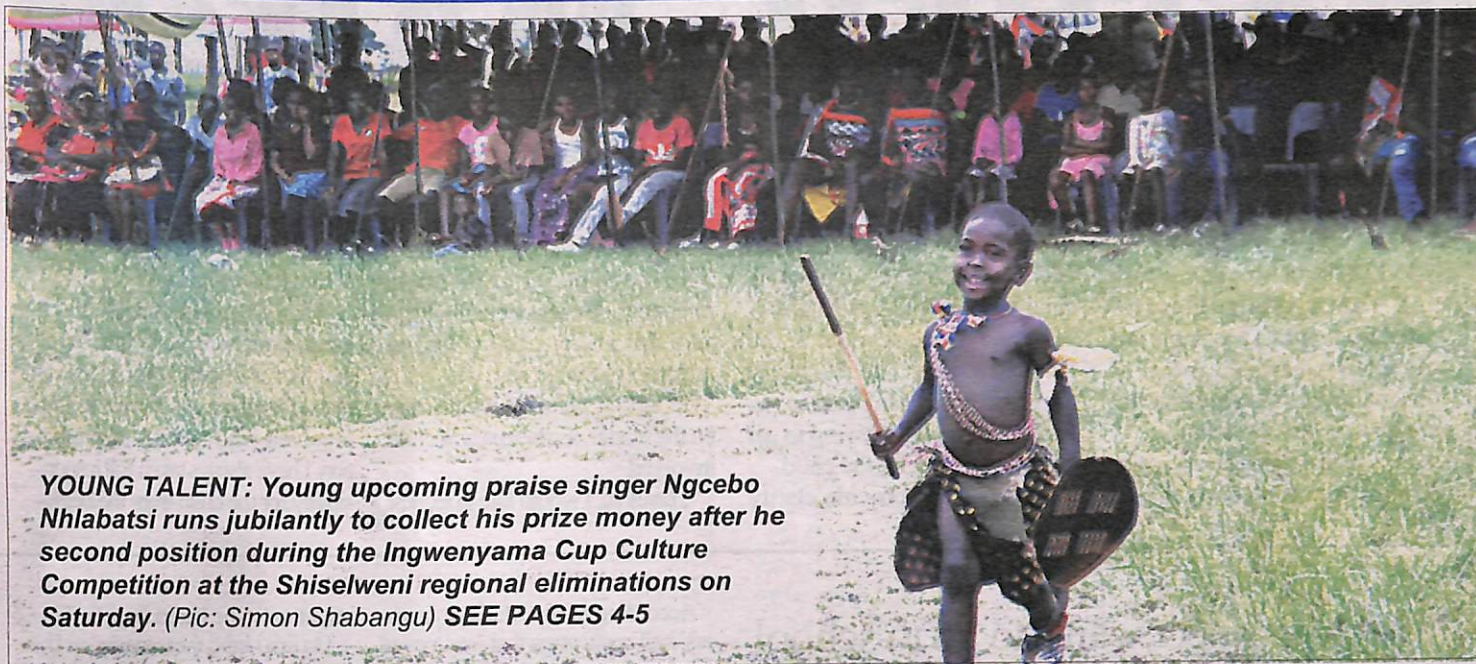
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**YOUNG TALENT:** Young upcoming praise singer Ngcebo Nhlabatsi runs jubilantly to collect his prize money after he second position during the Ingwenyama Cup Culture Competition at the Shiselweni regional eliminations on Saturday. (Pic: Simon Shabangu) **SEE PAGES 4-5**

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## CLARIFICATION

In our December 12, 2019 story on page 6 under the headline: 'Over 3 000 textile workers on strike', we stated that the Fashion International Textile company workers were on strike, when in fact, they were on a temporary four-hour work stoppage before their lunch break.

It has been further clarified that the average salary for employees is E2 000 per month, not the E800 per month mentioned in our story.

It was further reported that the management gave employees an ultimatum to return to work or else risk being fired. And the position is employees were never given an ultimatum but were asked to return to their work stations, a call which 95 per cent of the employees heeded after their lunch break.

The company at all material times was available to respond to journalists queries about the hold-up and never avoided responding to the media houses.

## Cold to hot week with thunderstorms

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Mbabane

IT will be a partly cloudy for back to school day tomorrow.

The week is expected to be cold and hot, mainly in the Lowveld. Thunderstorms are predicted mainly in the afternoon with showers.

Information sourced from Accu weather services shows that the week will be mostly partly cloudy.

Temperatures will range between 11 and 31 degrees Celsius.

Today, the highveld will be cloudy and warm to hot in the lowveld, showers and occasional rain in the evening is expected. Temperatures will be between 11 and 26 degrees Celsius.

Tomorrow, it will be partly cloudy and warm to hot in the lowveld and no rain is expected. Temperatures will slightly increase from today's temperatures.

Wednesday, morning fog is expected in the Highveld becoming mostly cloudy with sunny intervals. Scattered showers are predicted in some places. Temperatures are predicted to be higher than the rest of the week as they are expected to reach 31 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, morning fog is expected on Thursday with thunderstorms throughout the country while it will be hot in the lowveld.

Today	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big-Bend
Mbabane 11/17	13/19	15/22	14/22	16/25	17/26
Tomorrow	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big-Bend
Mbabane 14/23	15/24	17/26	16/26	19/29	20/30
Wednesday	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big-Bend
Mbabane 16/22	16/24	18/26	18/27	20/29	21/31
Thursday	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big-Bend
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## Minister Madze owns up...

## I AM THE CHILD'S FATHER - MADZE

BY MBONO MDLULI  
Mbabane

MINISTER of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga has come out to confess to being the father of the child reported about in the media over the weekend.

On Saturday, Emaswati woke up to the shocking news which

was to the fact that a certain married minister had impregnated a teacher.

Furthermore, it was said the minister was failing to support the child and the mother, who teaches in one of the schools in the Hhohho region. The teacher is alleged to have been made to run from pillar to post in trying to get the minister support the child.

In his move to provide clarity

on the matter concerning the child, Bulunga, in a brief statement, confirmed that he was the minister who was referred to in the media. "I am the father of the child referred to in the article. I undertake full responsibility for my actions," Bulunga said.

He further pleaded for privacy on the matter, as there was a child involved.

"Therefore, I would like to request

the media and the public for understanding as we try to get to terms with the situation," he said.

The minister said the matter was still discussed at family level.

"This is a private matter that is being dealt with at family level, and in this regard I would like to plead for privacy as there is a child involved who needs our protection. I have always taken full responsibility for the child from the begin-

## Murder suspect wants to go to school

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

A 19-year-old facing a murder charge claims the deceased person, Masiza Makhomba Juvy Shongwe, assaulted him with a spade on the head.

This is contained in bail application papers by Thabiso Mphumelelo Malinga of Mbebeleni. Thabiso and his 16-year-old brother, Phiwokwakhe Elkan Malinga, are

among nine people who were arrested and charged for the murder of Shongwe (51) of Nsuka, who was killed in December 4, 2019 for being suspected to have stolen a chicken.

The rest of the accused persons are Nkhosiphile Phinda Kunene (18), Mxolisi Cyprian Kunene (16), Mlandvo Prince Gama (19), Mayibongwe Godgift Magagula (21), Sonkhe Victor Kunene (33), Mlondoloz Mholi Mamba (20) and Njabulo Solomon Vilakati (30) all from Mbebeleni area.

According to the Malinga brothers' bail application that was moved by their lawyer at the High Court, the teenagers are first time offenders.

Also, Thabiso said he had planned to go back to school this year after dropping out last year for unnamed reasons.

The teenager said his incarceration was making it challenging for him to look for a space in school since he wanted to go back to school when they open tomorrow.

Recalling the events of the night that the 51-year-old was killed, Mphumelelo said it was during the

night when he heard dogs barking.

On this night, the teenager said his grandmother was away so as the eldest of the people who were home, he went out to check what the dogs were barking at.

While he was by the ban, incomplete structure, within his home, Mphumelelo said with the assistance of torchlight from his phone, he saw a human figure crouching towards the chicken shed.

At the sight of the human figure, Mphumelelo said he raised an alarm so much that his 16-year-old brother Elkan also called out for neighbours to help them.

## GOVT TRACTORS BACK ON THE ROLL

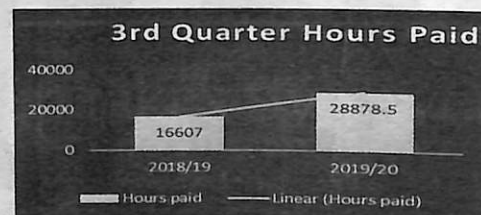
BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

FOLLOWING government's decision to grant tractor hire services to National Maize Corporation, there has been a significant increase in the efficiency of the programme.

With the rainy ploughing season in full swing, 36 per cent of the total registered hours have been serviced as of December 2019.

In December 2019, NMC issued a statement for customers regarding the challenge of fuel which affected the exercise as a result of some tractors being grounded. However, the issue has since been addressed and the tractors were back at work.

NMC Marketing and Communications Manager Nokwanda Dlamini said the matter was resolved in conjunction with relevant stakeholders and



operations had since resumed, where the soil was still suitable to be ploughed, given the harsh heatwaves being experienced throughout the season.

She mentioned that it could be noted that this disruption was not a prolonged matter at all; however, they still thought it best to alert the public about the possible hiccups, as they believe in proactive communication where service delivery is concerned.

"We thank everybody involved in resolving the matter for their prompt response, and we assure the nation that we remain committed to

servicing them as efficiently as possible," she said.

She stated there was a significant increase in the hours paid, which has seen a 73 per cent increase.

This increase could be attributed to the confidence that farmers were gaining on the service delivery of the NMC input subsidy project as well as the increased foot print in payment points, she said.

She mentioned for the current season, there was a total of 44 708 registered hours with 30 393 registered in this quarter. Dlamini said the total number of hours serviced was 28 731 with 24 512 hours done in the in the third quarter.

She added that the total hours worked accounted for 64 per cent of the registered hours. She said approximately 77 per cent of these hours were serviced by NMC government tractors, while the remaining 23 per cent was covered by privately-owned tractors. The balance is 15 977 hours, which is 36 per cent of the total registered hours, she said.

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**BABY-DADDY MINISTER STANDS UP: MINISTER of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.**

ning and will continue to execute my fatherly duties to the best of my ability," the minister said.

Bulunga further apologised to his colleagues in Cabinet because

of the way the matter has played out. "Lastly, I apologise to the nation at large, our families and my colleagues in Cabinet for the way that this issue has played out," he concluded.

Minister Bulunga's statement has solved the puzzle which saw three other Cabinet ministers being drawn into the matter by virtue of being new MPs and appointed into the Executive.

The story first broken by a weekly publication stated that the minister was doing his first term in Parliament and is among those elected at constituency level. Four ministers fitted this description and were Bulunga, Makhosi Vilakati, Dr. Tambo Gina and Christian Ntshangase. Vilakati and Ntshangase had distanced themselves from the story, whilst Dr. Gina was not available to state his side.

Meanwhile, the lad said the person ran towards him and assaulted him with a spade on the head so hard that he fell on the ground.

The person, Makhomba, is said to have ran out of the homestead but his legs could not carry him fast enough as neighbours had already responded to their call for help. Some neighbours are said to have caught up with Makhomba and they assaulted him with sticks, sjamboks and a spear all over the body.

Others are said to have used their weapons to beat Shongwe on his knees which led to him being tipped

over to the ground.

The youngster is said to have tried to call two community police but he only managed to reach only one. The said community police is said to have sent out two men who were then joined by a female community police officer to go to the scene.

At the High Court, Judge John Magagula granted each of the Malinga brothers E50 000 bail, where they were to pay E8000 in cash and the rest as surety. The applicants, however, pleaded for a lesser cash payment as their family could not afford the stated amount.

## I can solve minister's baby maintenance issue - PI Myeni

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI  
Siteki

ONE of the country's two renowned private investigators, Doctor Myeni, had earlier opened his arms and pledged to help a woman who claims to have a baby with a married minister. This was before the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga revealed himself as the father of the baby yesterday.

Our sister publication yesterday carried the story of a woman, a teacher by profession, who alleges that the father of her baby is also refusing to take responsibility of the child.

Myeni initiated an interview with this publication, saying he could assist the woman to have full support from the minister.

Myeni said the minister has to come clean with his family and admit his wrong-doing.

"This is a case which needs the minister to display maturity and attend to it in a cultural way," said the private investigator.

Myeni said through his office, he could initiate talks between the parties involved for the benefit of the child.



He noted that in such cases, the defenceless, being a child born in an adulterous affair, suffers the most when the father goes all out to protect his name.

Meanwhile, Myeni condemned his counterpart, Private Investigator Hunter Shongwe for discussing private cases that involve his clients on social media.

Myeni said discussing a client's case on social media was against the ethics of private investigators.

Shongwe recently got users of Facebook talking on a case of incest, where a Jericho priest was said to have impregnated his granddaughter.

The long-serving private investigator splashed details of the matter on Facebook, some of them which he said were being discussed in court.

"Shongwe is a veteran PI, his conduct is letting down the profession as people end up losing trust in us," said Myeni.

Efforts to get Shongwe's comment on Myeni's condemnation were not successful.

## 230 000 Emaswati to benefit from humanitarian aid

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Mbabane

OVER 230 000 Emaswati from 14 constituencies are set to benefit from the E19 million (€1 million) in humanitarian aid towards drought relief from the European Commission.

This was revealed by the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) Communications Manager Wandile Mavuso.

He said the exact number was 232 373. This was according to the latest Vulnerability Assessment Report (VAR).

Mavuso said working hand-in-hand with World Food Programme (WFP) and Eswatini Baphalali Red Cross they identified the constituencies from Hhohho, Lubombo and Shiselweni regions.

He disclosed that in November they started drought relief interventions in some areas.

These include Mhlangatane, Lomahasha, Mpolonjeni, Gilgal, Dvokodweni and Lubulini.

"This month we will also start the same interventions in Nkilonko, Sithobela and Siphofaneni constituencies. Other



areas we are going to look at are Somtongo, Matsanjeni, Sigwe and Hosea," he stated.

Last week, EU's Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez Lenarčič said Eswatini was among five countries from the Southern African region that will benefit from a lump sum of E433.2 million (€22.8 million) from the Commission to help address emergency food needs and support vulnerable people. Other than Eswatini, the other countries that will benefit include Lesotho, Madagascar, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The funding comes as large parts of southern Africa are currently in the grip of their harshest drought in decades.

"Many poor households in drought-affected areas in southern African coun-

tries are struggling to have enough food due to crop failure, reduced access to water and, in some places, unaffordable food prices in markets.

"EU humanitarian aid will help deliver food to those most in need and tackle the hunger crisis in fragile rural communities," said the Commissioner.

He said the EU humanitarian funding in Eswatini will be supporting poor households in Lubombo, Hhohho and Shiselweni regions that are most affected by food shortages in the country.

Adding, the Commissioner said Eswatini was currently facing severe food shortages, affecting over a quarter of its total population. Families will be helped with cash assistance for them to acquire the food items they need most.

## NO RESULTS FOR OWING UNESWA STUDENTS

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

THE University of Eswatini has stated that owing students will not get their First Semester results.

As a result of this position, students are threatening to engage in a strike action when classes resume for the second semester.

Their first semester was characterised by a number of challenges at the institution as the tension between government and the students regarding late release of personal allowances resulted in the students engaging in a strike action.

The institution was forced to close down on two occasions as students resorted to vandalising the institution's property during their strike actions. In a statement published yesterday by the institution, the students of the university were advised that they may collect their first semester examination results today between 11.00 am and 4.30 pm.

Privately-sponsored students were also advised to clear their first semester tuition fees before their results may be released.

UNESWA SRC Secretary General Mthunzi Shabangu said they were informed by the institution that students who had not paid their caution fee of E280 and SRC fee of E150 would not have their results released.

He said what puzzled them was that the information was not released officially, but they were verbally informed by the institution, which was not the usual form of communication mode.



**NO MONEY NO RESULTS: Owing students from UNESWA will not get their first semester results.**

"There has been no official statement communicated to us and we expect to get our results," he said.

He mentioned that if the institution decided not to release their results which they worked for under duress, they would resort to the strike action in order to have their results released. He stated that they had no issue with paying the fees if they were issued with an official statement from the institution. He mentioned they did not want to feel oppressed but wanted open communication from the institution.

Kwaluseni Campus SRC Chairperson Hlompho Zwane concurred that they would not be deprived from collecting their results without an official statement from the administration.

He added that he tried on a number of occasions to contact the dean of student affairs regarding the matter to no avail.

UNESWA Registrar Dr. Salebona Simelane said he did not see any issue as it was procedure that results were not released if students owed fees. He said it was in the institution's regulations and had been the norm over the years.

Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati said he would investigate if the fees were to be paid by government or the individual students. He mentioned that if the fees were to be paid by government, the ministry would engage the university on the matter to ensure that students got their results.



## INGWENYAMA CUP CULTURE:

## Buseleni dominates Shiselweni eliminations

STORIES BY SIMON SHABANGU  
Mbangweni

**BUSELENI** dominated the Ingwenyama Cup Culture during the Shiselweni regional eliminations, scooping two championships and a place in the top four.

The culture groups from Buseleni under the late Chief Mtilankhatsa

Nkambule won in the Emajaha and Ingadla categories and will now compete in the finals at Somhlolo National Stadium. The Sibhaca group from the same area was placed fourth among the nine competing groups.

In the Timbongi category, Buseleni's Bheki Matsenjwa and Musa Seyama were first and second positions, respectively.

This was during the regional elimi-

nation at Mbangweni Barracks on Saturday, where over 30 groups participated in the five different categories.

The Ingwenyama Cup is sponsored by the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund. The culture part of the competition has narrowed down to four teams which will battle for the spot in the finals.

Speaking before handing over the prizes to the winners, Chairman Prince Hlangabeza said the standard of the competition had dropped in the region.

### Challenged

He said the groups did not do well as they did in last year's competition, noting that such would give them serious problems in the finals. The prince challenged the groups to do better next time.

He said all the groups proceeding to the finals need to work hard.

The prince thanked chiefs of the area for motivating the groups to participate in the competition.

He said those chiefdoms left out must also prepare and take part in the competition, stating that the King's aim

### THE WINNERS:

#### Emajaha

1. Buseleni
2. Embeka
3. Mbangweni
4. KaGwebu

#### Ingadla

1. Buseleni
2. Dvumbe
3. KaGwebu
4. Vusweni

#### Sibhaca

1. Edvumbe
2. Embilaneni
3. Ukuphakameni
4. Buseleni

#### Lutsango

1. Lavumisa
2. Mbangweni
3. Mtsambama
4. Maseyisini

#### Timbongi

1. Bheki Matsenjwa of

#### Buseleni

2. Musa Seyama of Buseleni
3. Timisile Masuku of Lavumisa
4. Vangile Dlamini of Mgomfelweni

#### Timbongi juniors

1. Sinokuhle Dlamini
2. Ngcebo Nhlabatsi and Sentelwe Matsebulu

by introducing this competition was to revive culture at community level.

He said he was impressed with the involvement of the youth stating that this showed that there was hope for the future of our culture.

Meanwhile, Prince Bukhosi, who is the chairman of the culture part of the competition, said the committee was excited with the standard of performances in the region.

He said when the competition started over three years ago, the standard and number of groups partaking were very disappointing.

"Over the years we have seen a huge improvement and this is very impressive because the intention of this competition is to revive our culture."

Shiselweni is one of the success stories that we can tell as the culture is now back to where it is supposed to be although there is still room for improvement," he said.

He commended community leadership and schools for encouraging young people to take part in the competition. He said young talent is discovered each time there is such a competition in the region.



**NKHOSI:** Umbutfo Lugedlemba with emajaha from Buseleni receiving their prize money from Prince Hlangabeza while Prince Bukhosi looks on. This was during the Culture Regional eliminations at Mbangweni Army Barracks on Saturday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

## Report minors involved in accidents - MVA

**MOTOR** Vehicle Accident Fund (MVA) Corporate Communications Supervisor Dumisa Dlamini has urged the public to always make sure accidents involving young ones are reported to the Fund.

He said in many cases parents tend to not report cases involving their children, stating that this deprives the children their right to be compensated as per the laws of the land.

He urged parents to make sure that cases of children involved in an accident they are duly reported and documented with the Fund.

He was speaking at the culture competition in Mbangweni. Dlamini said with cases involving minors they do not even investigate but quickly attend to their medical needs until the child

is treated and able to carry on with their lives.

Dlamini said they would also compensate the children in accordance to the nature of their injuries.

"The only difference is that in the case of minors below seven years, we do not issue out the compensation to any one, including the biological parents of the child."

### Matured

"The country's laws allow us to keep the money until the victim is matured, especially because the injuries will usually have complications in future," he said.

Dlamini further warned motorists to be careful when driving along places near schools as the children will be back into class tomorrow.

He said the country continues to witness cases where school children are knocked down by cars while crossing the roads.

He further explained that the Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund (MVA) commenced operations under the fuel levy system on the January 1, 1988.

The Fund was established by an Act of Parliament under the Motor Vehicle Accidents Act No. 13 of 1991 as an instrument by which government compensates road accident victims who have suffered bodily injuries or loss of support following the death of breadwinners.

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**GRATEFUL:** Ingwenyama Cup Chairman Prince Hlangabeza joined by Prince Bukhosi, who is Director of Culture at the King's Office as he addresses the gathering. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**YOUNG HEROES:** Sibhaca group from Edvumbe emerged as winners in the category and are presented with their prize money by Prince Hlangabeza.



**WELL DONE:** Prince Hlangabeza presenting prize money to Lutsango from Lavumisa who are joined by their Chief Prince GaswaNgwane. They were champions in their category and will represent the region in the finals.



**IN SONG:** It was song and dance by all present at the event.



**FAIR:** The panel of judges and recording secretaries watching proceedings.



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## 2017 circulars gave SiSwati same status

THE ministry also went through several documents to inform the decision to remove English as a passing subject.

These included circulars dating back to pre-independence. "Post-colonial Africa is still hung over from practice of colonialism that include, among other things, hegemony of the English Language in government and education systems.

"There may be many reasons for that, such as the convenient use of the English language to domestically unite multi-ethnic groups and playing a neutral role where certain linguistic decisions maybe emotive," Chief Inspector of Secondary schools Martha Shongwe said. The ministry also found that in their records of 1986, the then minister of education in his policy speech had expressed a dissenting view and called for SiSwati to be made a passing subject instead of English. The minister is quoted to have said: "We are considering making SiSwati a failing subject or a pass in SiSwati a must in our examinations. The idea of English being a must or failing subject in Swaziland is a matter of controversy. Time has come for SiSwati to be accorded the bread winning status. While it makes sense to insist in the ability to read, write and speak English for students proceeding with education to university and teacher training level, it is not clear why pupils who are leaving school at Junior Certificate and below should be failed because of English."

The minister's policy statement is said to have been made policy five years later. The Circular E21 of 1973



**Chief Inspector of Secondary Schools Martha Shongwe.**

states that: "If a candidate does not pass English but gets a credit in SiSwati, he or she must be considered for admission into tertiary institutions in the country in courses that do not require mastery of English Language.

Similarly, a selected circular of 2017 states that English and SiSwati should be treated equally at school levels. "All learners should take English and SiSwati as core subjects. SiSwati shall be taught at all levels and be passed by all learners," reads the circular.

### RESEARCH

Studies had been carried out in the country that challenges the relevance of English language as a passing subject and they point out to the inefficiencies and wastage.

"For instance, a PHD study by Dr C Dlamini challenging the relevance of English language to gifted children in Mathematics was also carried out and it supports the decision to remove English as a passing subject," the Chief Inspector of secondary schools revealed.

# Why govt removed English as passing subject

STORIES BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI Mbabane

THE contentious decision by government to remove English as a passing subject in schools was taken after thorough consultations, debates and research.

This is according to the ministry of education and training.

Chief Inspector of Secondary Schools Martha Shongwe stated that the ministry had for the past three years, been benchmarking, consulting, engaging in debates and doing research on the matter and it was concluded that it was best for the country to remove English as a passing/failing subject in schools.

She stated that several stakeholders who participated in the exercise reached a consensus that it was best that English be removed as a passing subject.

"It was recommended that in light of the trends, particularly in the region, English should not be hegemonised to pass or fail pupils from Grade One to Grade 12; neither should any subjects be given such powers.

"Since English remains a prerequisite in tertiary institutions locally, regionally and internationally, programmes and centres must be established to provide extra support to pupils - particularly those who would want to pursue careers that require English post the school system," she said.

It was also recommended that the Education Act must be reviewed to be in line with the 2005 Constitution.

Shongwe said benchmarking was done both locally and internationally.

"Scanning through what the SADC region does in respect of same, the trend is that English language remained hegemonised in the curriculum albeit in different ways.

To discuss what happens in the region reference was made to Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia, South Africa and Lesotho.

Reference was also made to Tanzania, Kenya in East Africa as well as Asian countries like Malaysia, Singapore and China for purposes of bringing into discussion global perspective," she said.

She revealed that in the benchmarking exercise; they found that in Botswana

### Grade Seven results

Year	Merit	1st class pass	2nd class pass	3rd class pass	Total	Total candidature
2014	0	3	359	975	1 337	2 4336
2015	0	1	392	1 017	1 410	2 6030
2016	0	0	413	1 087	1 524	2 7964

### JC results

Year	Merit	1st class pass	2nd class pass	3rd class pass	Total	Total candidature
2014	Data missing	-	-	-	-	-
2015	0	4	526	348	878	1 4404
2016	1	4	574	369	948	1 5757

there was normal progression from Grade One to Form Three, but when the pupils get to Form Three, English becomes a passing/failing subject.

"Failing Form Three in Botswana means the pupil repeats the grade level or leaves formal schooling. There is normal progression from Form Four to Form Five but failure to obtain a credit pass in English language means pupils cannot gain entry into college or university, where entrance is determined by passing the English language," she said.

The ministry found that in Zambia, English is core and compulsory at all levels of the school system.

In Grade Seven, English is among the six subjects that have to be passed to progress to Form One. She said in Grade Nine which is equivalent to Form Two, pupils sit for high stake examinations and English Language is used as a passing/failing subject; the same thing applies in Grade 12 and Advanced Level.

The scenario resembles what happens locally.

"In Zimbabwe, it is normal progression from Grade one to Ordinary Level. Pupils do sit external examinations in Grade Seven and O' Level merely as a checkpoint and two channels to the career paths that are of interest to them, not to fail or pass them.

At O' Level, however, pupils must pass English language to qualify for entry into A Level or tertiary education," she revealed.

Shongwe added that in Namibia, it was normal progression within the school system but to gain entry into the university students must get a 'C' grade or better in

English as a second language or 'D' grade or better in English as a first language.

On the other hand, in South Africa there is normal progression within the education system from Grade One to Matric.

In all the countries where the benchmarking was done, with the exception of South Africa, English has been accorded an important status that determines the academic pathways a pupil takes.

Three of the countries Zambia, Lesotho and Eswatini have used English as a determining factor on whether or not a pupil progresses to the next grade or level. Botswana allows for normal progression until Form Three, where the pupils must have passed English to progress to the upper grade-Form Four and Form Five. Zimbabwe applies normal progression rule until pupils reach Form Five.

At this level, pupils must obtain a credit to proceed to A Levels and tertiary. In all these countries, English language remains and entry requirement into university or colleges.

"An interesting observation has been made about East Africa, particularly Tanzania and Zanzibar. Post-independence Tanzania resorted to Kiswahili as a medium of instruction in the school system. This saw the emergence of international schools that used English as a medium of instruction.

Many of the elite families and those that could afford would send their children to such schools, most of them located on the island of Zanzibar.

"Countries like China, Malaysia and Singapore have a resurgent appetite in learning English lately despite earlier reluctance to do so," Shongwe added.

## Debate by various groups

THE ministry further revealed that apart from benchmarking, the removal of English as a passing subject has been motivated by robust debates from relevant stakeholders.

These questioned the status accorded to English Language in the Eswatini curriculum, especially the fact that English is a passing or failing subject.

The ministry's policy on English as a passing subject has been called to question lately by various groups and Parliament, particularly after the annual release of external examinations-Grade Seven, Junior Certificate and SGCSE.

### Contribute

Parties agreed that in terms of the system, the hegemonic powers wielded by the English language contribute immensely into inefficiency manifesting in the form of higher repetition rate and wastage.



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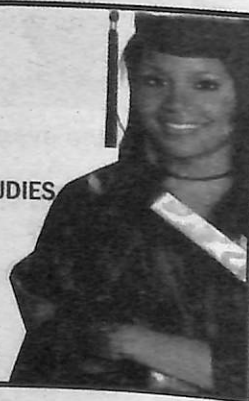
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# CLEANERS IMPORTANT IN HOSPITALS - MINISTER

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA TWHALA  
Ezulwini

**MINISTER of Health Lizzie Nkosi says cleaners are important in hospitals.**

Speaking at the ministry's annual health sector prayer day held at Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre, the minister was emphasising on the importance of role playing for every person.

She said it was important for every person to play their role with careful and persistent effort. The prayer was themed 'spiritual health the path to inner peace' with the theme scripture being **Philippians 4 verses 6 and 7**. "Sometimes we forget our roles. Whatever we do will bear minimum fruits unless a cleaner does their job thoroughly.

"People get better because someone makes sure that it is clean and bacteria doesn't infest. The Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the Mbabane Government Hospital has the latest equipment, best specialists and dedicated nurses to take care of what we refer to as scrap of humanity. However, if the ICU was not thoroughly cleaned the people would not be cured," she said.

Nkosi also emphasised on the importance of cooperation and joint effort. She said her most favourite scripture was **Nehemiah 3**, because it indicated the power collaborating towards the same desired result regardless of challenges that



**CONSULT GOD:**  
*The Health ministry's official Thembisile Ntshangase about to offer after a brief sermon on sacrificial giving.*

arise.

She advised the health sector employees not to remove their eyes from God to the challenges because that would be catastrophic. The minister also said as gatekeepers of health, it was important to note how patients were treated as it could either make or break them.

"People will remember how you treated them and how you made them feel. There is a group from Harvard University in the country currently; in the three weeks they have been here they have learnt death in pregnant women was a result of ill treatment from health care workers.

"We don't have the authority over life. I am here to thank you that we are work-

ing hand in hand as a ministry. God has kept us thus far, not because we are better or clever but because of His love," she said. Meanwhile, another speaker Dr. Vusi Mashabane said the health sector could not be divorced from God because He was the initial healer.

He said God and science could not be separated. He said not one could confidently explain the healing properties; how blood clots and skin self-healed after a cut as the DNA was created by God. "Human beings are created to automatically heal, which explained why some diseases didn't even need to be attended medically because God designed the immune system to heal by itself," he said.

## Have compassion - Pastor Thwala

AME Ludzeludze's leader **Zweli Thwala emphasised on compassion; he said professionals who were called had compassion.**

He said it was pleasing to note that professionals under the ministry of health acknowledged God as the one before everything.

Thwala said it was easy to work with people who were called into a profession then people who joined the profession just to earn salaries.

"I am here to inject you with penicillin to last you the whole year. Every profession needs people who are called and are compassionate.

"Compassion allows a person to

shift their programmes for the sake of others. It will also interrupt your budget sometimes," he said.

The pastor also urged unity because when they did that each other's strengths and weaknesses would not be exposed.

He said working in one accord commanded and attracted the Heavens to come down and intervene. He said they will then have peace that surpassed all understanding.

"You should abide so that you float above all the challenges. Always rejoice in the Lord, pray and praise escalating issues to God," he concluded.



**OFFERING TIME:** People moving up and down the after Thembisile Ntshangase's encouraging sermon on the importance of sacrificial offering.

## Consult God always - Thembisile

**PRAYING for the offering, Thembisile Ntshangase, an employee at the ministry, advised the attendees to always consult God before any action.**

Reading from the book of **2 Samuel 24** to emphasise her perspective, she said not doing so would have adverse consequences. She said 70 000 people died because King David implemented programmes without consulting God.

"We pray that we do things according to God's will in the ministry. We should pray for restoration of healing whilst we worship God in spirit and in truth, health, purity, forgiveness and unity.

I urge you to offer sacrificially so that our prayers are answered. *Kubi kwenta umhlatjelo ngemnikelo longakawukhiphi*," she emphasised.

Ntshangase said offering will help restore and raise spiritual health, inner peace and rising of what was dead before. In addition, the Cancer Programme department's Xolisile Dlamini also encouraged giving. She said in last year's services, a total of E3 250 was collected from offering during the service and they added E1 500 in order to cater for accommodation, food for the worship team. It also catered for paying those playing instruments.



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**PLANNING:** DPM Themba Masuku sharing a light moment with MP Mamba and Project Manager Ngcebo Mbuli.



**SHARING TIME:** After a long day of hard work there was lunch.



**ASSISTING:** The youth of the area came through to assist in the construction.

# 50 BAGS OF CEMENT TOWARDS MKHULU'S HOUSE

*...Bible Society, PS Stewart made the donation*

BY SIMON SHABANGU  
New Haven

MINISTRY of Education and Training Principal Secretary Bertram Stewart's family and the Bible Society Eswatini have contributed 50 bags of cement towards Mkhulu Mathobela's house, DPM Themba Masuku has disclosed.

Masuku said a number of other people and companies had come on board to help in the construction of the house for the elderly man of New Haven. He said they included Minister Jabulani Mabuza, well known as 'Buy Cash,' who owns a hardware shop in the area.

Masuku, speaking at the construction site on Saturday, said Emaswati displayed a true spirit of *Ubuntu*, stating that a number of people had called him and offered to help.

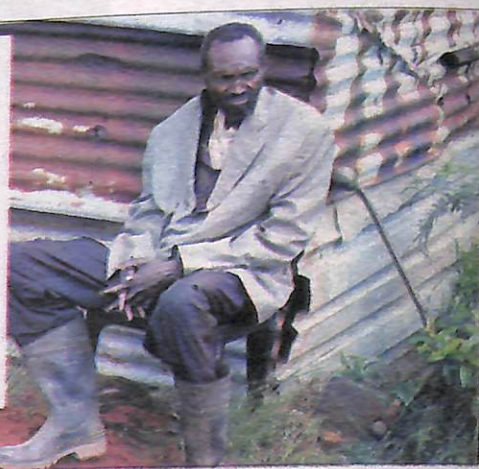
He said the first person who contacted him was Bible Society Eswatini CEO Ngcebo Mbuli, who offered to oversee the delivery of the project at the shortest time possible.

"He indeed jumped to action after realising the urgency of the situation and drew a programme of action. We already have the unveiling dates of the project we are launching today.

"As you can see, he motivated and coordinated the basics in collaboration with the area's MP and bucofho with assistance from other stakeholders.

"Now we are launching the project

**EMOTIONAL:** Mkhulu Maphishi Mathobela watching in disbelief as Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku led in the digging of the foundation for the construction of his house. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**DIGGING UP:** The DPM hard at work.

and the support we got is amazing," he said.

Masuku also revealed that there was someone who bought a soccer kit for a local team, which would in turn assist in the construction to ensure the house

is completed in time. He thanked the youth of the area for coming through to add manpower, stating that if Emaswati could revive the culture of working as a collective and assisting one another a lot could be achieved.



**LIKE THIS:** Bible Society CEO Ngcebo Mbuli showing Mkhulu Mathobela how to operate the audio Bible is operated while the DPM looks on.



**PATHETIC:** MP Bomber Mamba taking a tour of the 'hovel' where Mathobela sleeps.

## Bible Society presents mkhulu with audio Bible

In a quest to ensure that the word of God reaches all people, Bible Society Eswatini has presented Mkhulu Mathobela with an audio Bible.

The CEO of the organisation, Ngcebo Mbuli, presented the gift to Mathobela through Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku who encouraged Mathobela to take time and listen to the word of God. He also urged Mathobela to attend church, stating that the reason they all

came was to show him that God cared for His people.


Mbuli said an audio Bible allows one to listen to the word of God on their favourite format such as MP3, DVD, CD or cassette.

Mbuli said they presented the elderly man with a radio kind of gadget that has all the scriptures in the new-testament.

It comes with a charger which could

be used even if there was no electricity. The batteries are rechargeable and they last long.

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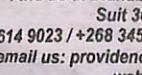
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**LET'S MEAT:** The DPM with member of the USA Peace Corps Nokuthula Methula as well as Inkhundla MP Derrick Masuku and Sharon Nerves who is HIV/AIDS Shiselweni regional coordinator NERCHA enjoying lunch.



**IN SUPPORT:** Matsanjeni MP Bomber Mamba with the youth.



**THE CHAIN OF THINGS:** Community members lending a helping hand.

## TOYOTA RECALLING NEARLY 700 000 VEHICLES BECAUSE OF FUEL PUMPS

TOYOTA is recalling nearly 700 000 Toyota and Lexus vehicles in the US because of issues with the fuel pumps.

Approximately 696 000 vehicles are involved in this recall.

The subject vehicles are equipped with a fuel pump which may stop operating. If this were to occur, warning lights and messages may be displayed on the instrument panel and the engine may run rough.

This can result in a vehicle stall, and the vehicle may be unable to be restarted. If a vehicle stall occurs while driving at higher speeds, this could increase the risk of a crash.

Toyota is currently investigating this issue and will be developing a remedy. When the remedy is available, there will be no cost to vehicle owners. All known owners of the affected vehicles will be notified by first class mail by mid-March.

### Recalls

Information about automotive recalls, including but not limited to the list of involved vehicles, is current as of today's filing date and is subject to change thereafter. To see if your vehicle is involved in a safety recall visit



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Toyota.com/recall or nhtsa.gov/recalls and enter your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or licence plate information.

For the most up to date information surrounding recalls visit [nhtsa.gov/recalls](https://nhtsa.gov/recalls). For any additional questions, customer support is also available by calling the Toyota Customer Experience Centre at 1.800.331.4331 or the Lexus Guest Experience Centre at 1.800.255.3987.

The vehicles under the recall are:

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# FOCUS on DD cases

## Labour ministry finalises migration policy

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

**THE ministry of labour and social security is currently in the process of finalising the National Labour Migration Policy (NLMP).**

The policy is effective in dealing with migrant workers, inclusive of internal and cross-border migration, and it is in line with international norms and standards.

Acting Commissioner of Labour Mthunzi Shabangu said the policy provided a clear description of the patterns of labour migration that took place within, into, out of, and through the Kingdom of Eswatini.

He said the ministry had drafted the implementation plan for the NLMP. He said the NLMP was currently awaiting Cabinet approval after it was validated by relevant stakeholders in July 2019.

He mentioned the policy also addresses issues of skills retention, development and transfer, migrants' rights and labour market information system to name a few.

He said specific provisions of the policy included return and reintegration of Emaswati who have been working abroad and increased efficiency for registration of labour migrants within the Kingdom of Eswatini.

He also stated that the policy

addressed issues of regulation and monitoring mechanisms of private employment agencies, protection of rights of migrant workers and their dependents, portability of social security benefits for migrant workers and their dependents.

He added the policy also addressed health concerns of migrant workers in the context of fitness to work and access to health services, establishment of mechanisms which can contribute to regional integration and international cooperation vis-à-vis labour migration and the development of coordination mechanisms to regulate labour migration and combat human trafficking as well as the establishment and maintenance of a comprehensive data management system.

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## First session of Supreme Court starts February 17

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

**THE first session of the Supreme Court is scheduled to take place next month.**

In a notice issued by the Registrar of the Supreme Court Lungile Msimango yesterday, the Chief Justice has directed that the first session of the Supreme Court was scheduled to take place from February 17, 2020 to

June 5, 2020.

She said applicants and respondents were directed to file and serve heads of argument and bundle of authorities to be quoted in support of each head in terms of Rule 31.

She added the attention of practicing attorneys was drawn to Rule 30 with regards to the timeous lodging and certification of proceedings. She further urged attorneys to further comply with time limits set in the notice.

## 97 MOTORISTS ARRESTED FOR DRINK-DRIVING

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

**A total of 97 motorists were arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol over the past weekend.**

The ever-increasing number of motorists arrested for drink-driving indicates defiance to police warnings to refrain from driving after ingesting alcohol.

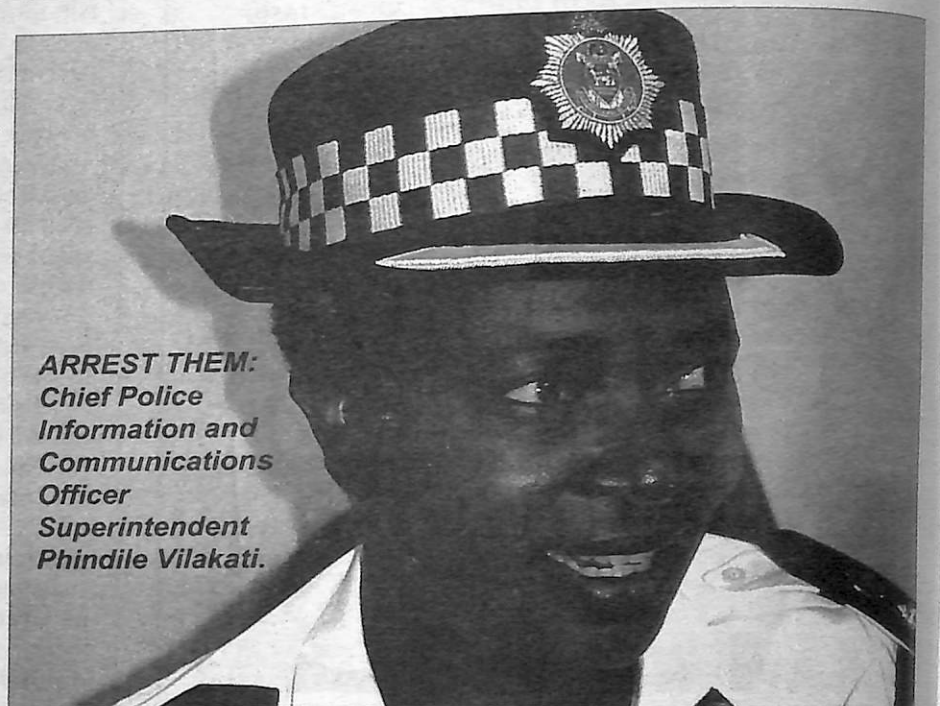
With the year only in its third week, 264 motorists have been arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol around the country.

### Increase

These figures indicate an increase in the number of people arrested driving while intoxicated, as there were 60 people brought to book last weekend.

In the first weekend of 2020, 107 motorists were nabbed for contravening Section 91 as read with Section 122 of the 2007 Road Traffic Act.

The act stipulates that the amount of alcohol that should be in a motorist's blood system must not exceed 0.38 mg/l. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said all the 97 motorists who were arrest-



**ARREST THEM:**  
Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

ed had more than the legalised amount of alcohol content in the blood.

A majority of the motorists have appeared before Magistrate Courts in the country. Worth noting is that the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) officers are all over the country's roads ensuring that Emaswati are safe as they use the roads.

Vilakati said police do not only look for drunk drivers but also ensure that vehicles that ferry Emaswati to their destinations are road worthy to ensure safety.

The police mouthpiece condemned motorists who fight police as they carry out their duties and urged that the public cooperate with the police to minimise road accidents.

## Scholar (20) arrested from driving without licence

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

**AN unlicensed 20-year-old scholar stunned the court when he revealed that he was sent to the shops by the car's drunk owner.**

Bonginkhosi Simelane of Ludzeludze area was arrested on Saturday and he appeared before Magistrate Philisiwe Simelane at the Manzini Magistrate's Court yesterday on two traffic road charges.

Bonginkhosi faced a charge of driving a motor vehicle, a Toyota sedan with registration number KSD 774 DM, while he was duly unlicensed to drive any type of motor vehicle.

For the second count, the scholar was charged for driving the aforementioned vehicle without the consent of its owner, one Mthokozisi Mhlanga of Eteni.

### Story

When stating his story in court, Bonginkhosi said he and other members of his traditional dance group were on camp in Matsapha when a fellow colleague fell ill.

The scholar said Mthokozisi, who was drunk, asked him to drive to the nearest filling station to buy some milk for the sick colleague. For this reason, Bonginkhosi asked that the court penalised him for the first charge; driving a motor vehicle while unlicensed to do so.

Magistrate Simelane asked why the court should believe him when the owner of the vehicle had not admitted that he had indeed permitted him to drive the car. In response,

## 56 MONTHS IN JAIL FOR DRIVING CAR WITH FAKE LICENCE DISK

**THE quote, 'Fake it till you make it' did not help a 35-year-old man as he was arrested for driving a car with an counterfeited clearance certificate.**

Nhlanhla Bandile Ngwenya of Mhlaleni appeared before Magistrate Philisiwe Simelane yesterday on four traffic charges.

He was arrested on Saturday at Mhlaleni near Ludzeludze. The second charge faced by Ngwenya was for displaying a registration number belonging to another vehicle with the intent to falsify or deceive. The registration number TSD 852 CM was displayed on a VW Polo sedan.

As if that was not enough, Ngwenya also drove this car while he was also unlicensed to drive any class of a vehicle, and also drove the sedan while it was unlicensed itself.

"Kahle kahle bohamba ngani ye Ngwenya?" asked Magistrate Simelane. In response, the 35-year-old said he had bought the car from someone else and he only found out about it having

no registration number and being unlicensed when he went to pay for its licence disc. "Nami ngitfole kutsi ayikho emtsetfweni ngesikhatsi ngiyoyitselela Nkhosi yenkantolo," he told the court.

Subsequently, Ngwenya said he had hoped to rectify this problem but unfortunately he was arrested before he could do it. In mitigation, the 35-year-old told the court that he was responsible for five children, one of whom was to start Form One when schools open on Tuesday. He said two of these children no longer had a mother as she had died recently.

"I am unemployed yet responsible for these children. May the court grant me permission to pay the fine in instalments," he pleaded.

He was sentenced to 56 months imprisonment with an option of E5 600 fine.

### Other offenders

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| 15 months imprisonment/ E1 500 fine |           |
| 3. Sikhumbuzo                       | Matsebula |
| 10 months imprisonment/ E2000 fine  |           |

agreed to this because he was drunk," said Bonginkhosi. The scholar was sentenced to a year imprisonment with an option of E1 600 fine.





# FOCUS on DD cases



## PLEASE, DON'T TAKE ME BACK TO THE POLICE 'HOTEL' - DD ACCUSED

STORIES BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

ONE motorist's description of the police holding cells caused much laughter in the court room yesterday, after he made his appearance on drink-driving charges.

When asked if he had spent the whole night in the holding cells after his arrest on Saturday evening, Mohammed Abdullah stated that he would have if the cells were a five star rated hotel.

"I wish that I had instead, spent a night in a five star hotel than the police 'hotel'. It was freezing in there and I do not want to ever have to go back there," Abdullah stated. Abdullah was arrested and

charged with having been found driving his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol on Saturday.

When a breathalyser test was conducted on him, he was found to have a blood alcohol content reading of 0.47 mg/l.

"Your Worship, I take full responsibility for my actions when I decided to get behind the wheel, knowing fully well that I was under the influence of alcohol. I apologise wholeheartedly for breaking the country's laws," Abdullah pleaded.

Presiding Magistrate Lenhle Zulu subsequently warned Abdullah that if he wanted to avoid spending a night in the police 'hotel', he would have to adhere to the laws of the country.

"To avoid spending time behind



WARN: Presiding Magistrate Lenhle Zulu.

bars, please make sure that you do not get behind the wheel when you are fully aware that you have exceeded the legal alcohol limit," the judicial officer warned.

After hearing Abdullah's mitigation, the court sentenced him to serve 10 months in a correctional facility, with the option to pay a fine of E1 000.

## I do not even have electricity units - drunken motorist

EVERY Sunday, the court hears a myriad of weird excuses from motorists who have been arrested for having been found driving while under the influence of alcohol.

However, Senzo Gama's statement qualifies to get the best excuse after he told the court that he would have come to court wearing an ironed shirt, if it wasn't for the fact that he did not even have electricity units at his house. When Gama was arrested by police officers at Qobonga on Saturday he was said to have been wearing a wrinkled vest and shorts. This was also the attire he donned when he made his appearance before the court yesterday morning.

Gama was said to have been nabbed after he was found to have been driving his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. When a breathalyser test was conducted on Gama, he was found to have a blood alcohol content reading of 0.47 mg/l.

In his appearance before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu, Gama apologised for his dishevelled appearance. "Your Worship, if I had known that I would be making an appearance before the court, I would have made an effort to wear an ironed shirt in order to look presentable. I was nabbed while wearing my vest and shorts, as I do not have electricity units, let alone the money to buy them, otherwise I would have ironed my clothing," Gama stated, much to the amusement of the court. After finding him guilty as per his own plea, Gama was sentenced to serve 10 months in prison with the option to pay a fine of E1 000.

## Drunk motorist bumps into woman (40), flees

A 40-year-old woman is lucky to live another day after she survived a hit and run accident, from which will see the culprit spend almost 17 months in prison.

Patrick Nxumalo was said to have been driving his Toyota Corolla sedan at Lobamba, when he bumped into Phindile Simelane, who was walking next to the road.

After seeing that he bumped Simelane with one of his side mirrors, Nxumalo was said to have fled the scene in haste only to be

nabbed by police officers on Sunday.

When a breathalyser test was conducted on Nxumalo, he was said to have exceeded the legal alcohol limit of 0.38 mg/l, thus recording a blood alcohol content of 0.74 mg/l. He was further slapped with three counts contravening the Road Traffic Act.

### Mitigation

In his mitigation before Magistrate Zulu yesterday, Nxumalo claimed that he did not think that Simelane was severely injured as he had

'only' bumped her with his side mirrors.

"I apologise for having fled the scene after the accident happened, however I did come back to ascertain her injuries only to find that she was no longer at the scene.

"I then deduced that she may have only sustained minor injuries, as I had bumped her with only the side mirror," Nxumalo said.

Magistrate Zulu strongly condemned Nxumalo's actions, stating that if it was an animal he

bumped he would have stopped his vehicle.

"If you had bumped an animal, you would have alighted from your vehicle to check the damage it had done to your car. You have absolutely no regard for human life," the judicial officer warned.

Nxumalo was then sentenced to pay a fine of E1 700 or serve 17 months in prison for driving while under the influence of alcohol. For failing to stop after the accident, he was sentenced to 15 months, with the option to pay a fine of E1 500.

## 11 MOTORISTS NABBED IN LOBAMBA, MBABANE

EVEN with numerous lives lost due to motorists driving while under the influence of alcohol, police officers work overtime to nab the ones who fail to adhere to the country's road laws.

A total of 11 motorists appeared before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu yesterday, some of whom were nabbed

in Lobamba and Mbabane on Saturday evening and yesterday morning. One such motorist, Mduduzi Gwebu stated that he had just found out that his mother was sick, when he was nabbed by police officers at Lozitha. "I just got the call that my mother was sick, so I decided to drive my brother and I home to check on her. My brother

Name	Alcohol Content	Sentence
1. Mathokoza Simelane	1.25 mg/l	E2 000/ two years
2. Mduduzi Gwebu	1.11 mg/l	E2 000/ two years
3. Wayne Brown	0.98 mg/l	E1 800/ 18 months
4. Sifiso Zwane	0.85 mg/l	E1 800/ 18 months
5. Patrick Nxumalo	0.74 mg/l	E1 700/ 17 months

was also quite inebriated so we decided that I would be the better one to drive us home, that was of course,

until I was nabbed for drink-driving," Gwebu stated. Gwebu was said to have been driving a Mazda sedan yes-

terday morning when he was nabbed by police officers.

When a breathalyser test was administered on him, he was found to have a blood alcohol content reading of 1.11 mg/l. After warning him to desist from getting behind the wheel while drunk, the court sentenced Gwebu to serve two years in prison, with the option to pay a fine of E2 000. Here are some of those who appeared in court yesterday:

## I went to relieve frustration at drinking hole - DD accused

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI  
Siteki

A drunk driver asked the court to be lenient and understand his situation, saying he imbibed in alcohol in an effort to get rid of frustration.

Nhlanhla Tsabedze (37) appeared before the Magistrate's Court after he was nabbed driving a motor vehicle while under influence of intoxicating liquor. He faced a charge of contravening the road traffic Act of 2007, in that he wrongfully and unlawfully drove a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Particulars of the offence included that the accused person had

a strong smell of alcohol, and was talkative. A breathalyser test confirmed that the accused person had alcohol in his system, and the content read as 0.59 mg/l.

When the charge sheet was read to him, the accused person pleaded guilty to the charge. His plea was accepted by the crown without leading evidence to prove commission of the offence.

In mitigation, the accused person asked the court to be lenient when passing sentence, adding that he did not have much money to pay for his bail. The accused person said he was faced with frustration which emanated from domestic problems. He said on the day of his arrest, he went to have a few bottles of beer with his

friends at a drinking hall within Siteki town. He was nabbed by traffic officers while driving back home just after midnight.

The accused was eventually found guilty by the court. He was sentenced to three months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E1 000 fine.

Meanwhile, Maxwell Da Silver also faced a similar charge of contravening the road traffic act. He was said to have driven a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

The content of alcohol in his system is said to have read as 0.62 mg/l. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge. He was accordingly found guilty by the court and was fined E1 000.

## Man assaults lady, pulls wig off

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

WHEN a young woman met a man near Royal Villas in Ezulwini, she had no idea that she would join thousands of women who have suffered at the hands of an abuser.

Calvin Mabhena is nursing his ego as he languishes in prison after he allegedly assaulted and further pulled Thembekile Magongo's wig off her head. Mabhena has since been charged with the offence of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, when he was said to have assaulted Magongo with fists and kicks all over her body, and further pulled her wig from her head with intent to injure her. Appearing before Magistrate

Temantimandze Shongwe, Mabhena stated that he assaulted Magongo because she had provoked him by disrespecting him.

"I am not sure why I am before this court because Magongo provoked me and what I did was for my own self-defence. I am pleading for the court to grant me bail so that I can prepare for the trial, as I know that I am innocent," Mabhena stated.

Mabhena added that he did not understand why he was standing before the court, answering for an assault he did not start in the first place. "Your Worship, please be lenient with me as I am currently self-employed and have a number of dependants to take care of," he pleaded. Magistrate Shongwe reminded the accused to save his mitigation for the trial, which due to his plea of not guilty, was set for a later date.



# POLICE, TEACHERS' BATTLE

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

THE Freedom of Association Commission

of Enquiry conducted an inspection in loco on the matter between the police and teachers.

The commission, as led by Manzini Principal Magistrate David Khumalo, last Wednesday

visited the scene where the action took place.

This is the road between the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) Centre and William Pitcher College, where a teacher Maxwell Myeni and former Manzini Police Station Commander Raphael 'Skheshekheshe' Maseko wrestled.

The incident happened in August 2018 during a meeting that was convened by SNAT to deliberate on CoLA talks.

This followed government's zero per cent offer for civil servants' cost of living adjustment (CoLA), and they heard none of it.

On the same day, another teacher Willie 'Mawillies' Dlamini was rushed to the nearest hospital after he suffered a piercing gunshot wound on his left arm during the clash with the men in blue.

The inspection in loco was meant to determine whether the police were justified to use excessive force; using live rounds of ammunition to be exact, to disperse the teachers during the encounter.

This follows that the teachers blamed the police for denying them the right to convene and discuss issues that directly affected them by disturbing the teachers' meeting.

On the other hand, the police had informed the commission that they had a right to shoot on the ground to scare away the rowdy teachers who were propelled to 'finish off' the station commander, who was at loggerheads with Myeni.

On the day of the incident back in 2018, when Maseko and his team arrived at the scene they alighted from their cars and headed straight in the direction of the teachers who had already stacked some stones next to them, while demanding the police officers not to come closer to them.

It is also alleged that stones were flying in the direction of the police officers while bullets were also flying the opposite direction.

The teachers started running towards the SNAT Centre gate, while others continued to pelt the police officers with stones.

As the hard to believe scuffle was still unfolding, the teacher Mawillies was seen bleeding on his left arm with some of his colleagues assisting him with cleaning the wound with water. It was clear that a bullet had pierced through his arm and first aid was administered to him before an ambulance was called to rush him to the nearest hospital.

While the incident of the teacher being shot was the talk of the fracas, one of the teachers, Maxwell Myeni, in a moment of madness, was seen wrestling with Maseko who had pointed a gun at him.

Myeni managed to wrestle Maseko to the ground before landing on top of him in a scene that appeared like he was throttling him.

However, the senior police officer eventually managed to wrestle the teacher to the side, before other police officers and teachers came forward to separate them.

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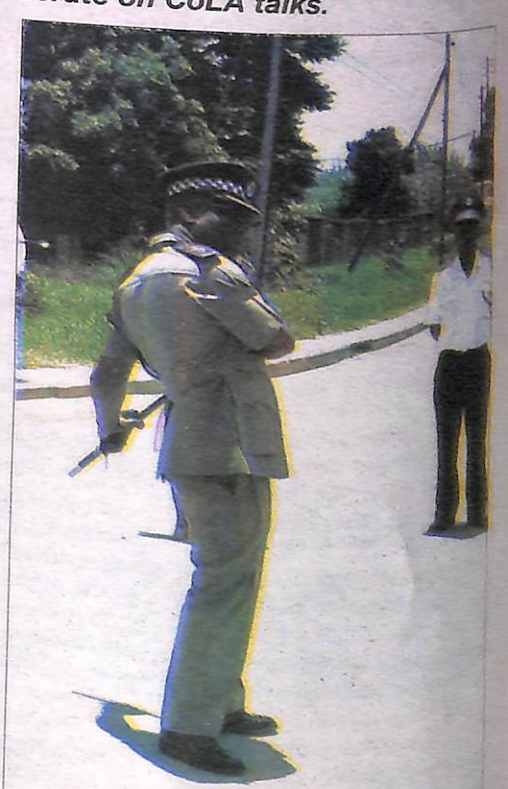


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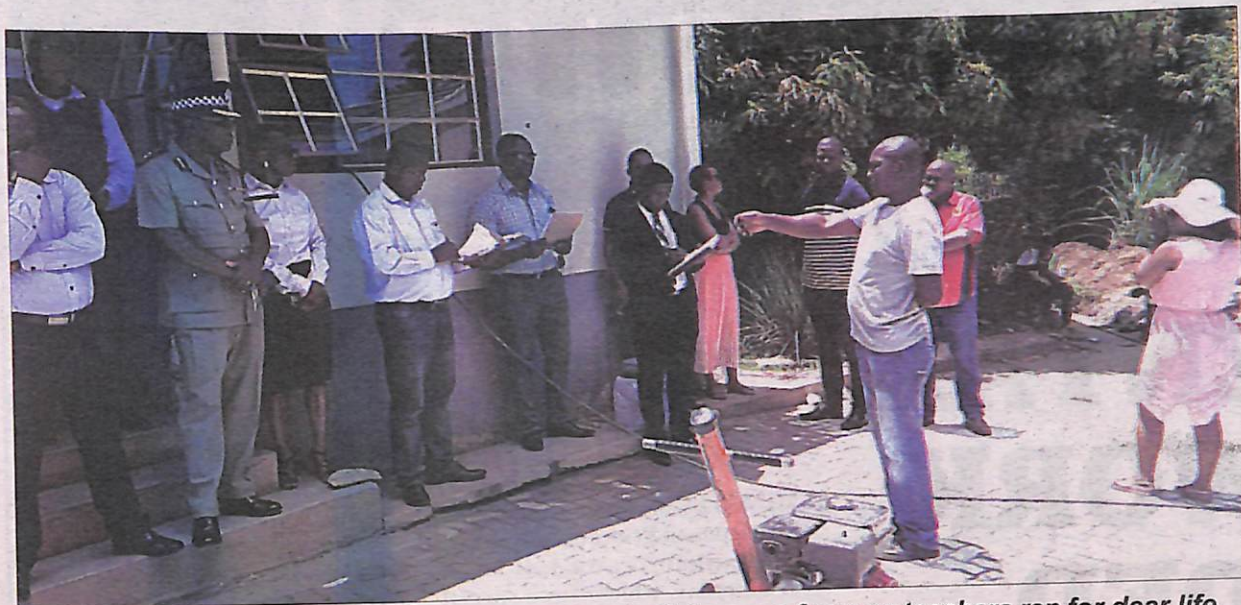
**ORIGINAL SCENE:** The incident as it happened in August 2018 during a meeting that was convened by SNAT to deliberate on CoLA talks.



**EPISODES:** Former Manzini Police Station Commander Raphael 'Skheshekheshe' Maseko demonstrating the attack by the teacher.



# SCENE RE-VISITED



THIS WAY: Myeni showing the direction where bullets came from as teachers ran for dear life.

## COMMEMORATION SERVICE FOR LATE DR MKHWANAZI AT SALESIAN CHAPEL

BY MBONGENI MBINGO  
Managing Editor

EMASWATI will get an opportunity to pay their last respects for the late Dr Xolani Mkhwanazi, the Salesian old boy who grew up at Mbekelweni before going on to become one of the most respected business leaders and scientists in South Africa.

Former pupils of Salesian high school, his friends and colleagues as well as his family in Eswatini have been invited to a commemoration service of the late Chairperson of EOH, to be held at the Salesian Chapel, starting at 2pm.

It will be held on Wednesday, confirmed Max Dlamini of the Salesian Past Pupils Association (SAPPAS).

According to Dlamini, Dr Mkhwanazi's friends and relatives as well as colleagues are putting together the commemoration service, in part to allow for his Eswatini family the opportunity to celebrate his life.

Dr Mkhwanazi passed away peacefully on 4 January 2020 at the Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre in Parktown Johannesburg, having been admitted on 14 December 2019.

It is known that he battled with cancer. His funeral service was held on Saturday at the University of Zululand, followed by the burial at Esikhaleni Cemetery.

Dr X, as he was popularly known, lived in Eswatini for a long time, was the first son born to Nimrod Khukhwini Mkhwanazi, of kwaDlangezwa - KwaZulu-Natal; and Mkhohlwe Dlamini of Mbekelweni.

He attended primary schools at Mbekelweni and Kwaluseni before proceeding to the Salesian High School where he completed his O' Level in 1973.

He enrolled at the then

University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland (UBLS), taught at Salesian before going on to be a lecturer at the University.

Dr Mkhwanazi, who touched a lot of lives of those who encountered him, pursued a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and physics. After graduating, he was appointed as a lecturer (and later head of department) in the Physics department at the University of Botswana and Swaziland.

He was popular but demanding lecturer, who inspired and urged his students to enjoy science and to strive to be the best.

"In all his journey, he touched many people's lives positively," said Dlamini of the man who was also served as an independent non-executive director of mining company South32, as well as at the Public Investment Corporation, having held roles of deputy and acting chairperson at the latter. He was also chancellor of the Vaal University of Technology.

With significant experience in mining and metals and expertise in science, Dr Mkhwanazi was also previously the CEO of the National Energy Regulator of South Africa.

Between 2010 and 2012, Mkhwanazi was also the president of the Chamber of Mines, which is now known as the Minerals Council South Africa.

Mkhwanazi held a PhD in applied Physics from Lancaster University. He was awarded an honorary degree from Lancaster in July 2019.

He started his career as a scientist at the Atomic Energy Corporation, and also worked at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) before becoming CEO of the National Energy Regulator.

COMMEMORATION: The late Dr Xolani Mkhwanazi.



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# ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S WORK COMMENDED

**RATING and grading businesses by the Nhlangano Town Council has assisted a number of businesses to improve in terms of adhering to the hygienic standards.**

The officer employed to grade and rate these businesses has received accolades from a number of stakeholders.

Jabulani Seyama makes many business owners and operators to shiver each time he enters their premises to do his work, which includes inspecting if everything is in order or is up to standard as required by the law in terms of health standards.

It is said businesses such as eateries whenever they hear of the name Seyama become terrified that the official may decide to close their operations.

"It's hard to get an 'A' as you need to convince him why he should give you that grade.

"He is strict, which something good as this has also helped in see-

ing cleanliness in some of these businesses unlike in the past when filthiness was the order of the day.

With Seyama's arrival, things have changed and there are improvements. Butcheries, restaurants, supermarkets, you find them sparkling clean these days as they know the consequences of being found in a mess. What is good with the officer (Seyama) is that he applies the law fairly and equally regardless of who you are," said one of the managers at an unnamed eatery. Others said what was good with Seyama was that he made it a point that he first gave advice on what each business needed to do before cracking the whip.

He organises meetings in the form of workshops, where he details to the business operators what each should do in order to get good grades or face closure.

Nhlangano Mayor Deon Anderson also commended the good work done by the officer and stated that they were proud of him.

"We do get feedback from members of the public, some of who are customers of some of these businesses and others even call to inform us of how some of these businesses, especially eateries have improved in terms of cleanliness. What he (Seyama) is doing is part of the route to Vision 2022," Anderson explained to Shiselweni News.

**"It's hard to get an 'A' as you need to convince him why he should give you that grade"**

## Minister Prince Simelane visits Hlatikulu Town again

**MINISTER of Housing and Urban Development Prince Simelane was in Hlatikulu Town last week Wednesday, which was a special visit where he met stakeholders on the 'burning' issue of how some establishments have 'mushroomed' in boundaries believed to be within a local school.**

It is understood that the minister's visit was as a result of a request made by authorities of KaGwegwe *umphakatsi* who wanted to know how some of the establishments got to be within Hlatikulu Central Primary school boundaries. KaGwegwe is a stronghold of KoNtshingila acting Chief Inkhosatana Gelane Simelane. The minister's first visit to Hlatikulu was late last year, which was part of the familiarisation tour of the towns and cities.

Last week's visit was specifically for the minister to get facts with regards to the boundaries of the school. It is said elders of KaGwegwe were keen to know how the establishments were located within the school boundaries without consideration of the future expansion of the school. The elders of KaGwegwe, led by Inkhosatana Gelane, the town board and the Shiselweni Regional Education Officer (REO) Siboniso Gumbi were part of the stakeholders who made presentations to the minister and his delegation regarding the boundaries. Hlatikulu

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Bongani Dlamini confirmed that Prince Simelane visited the town for the second time after his first visit towards the end of last year. "He had come to hear presentations from three stakeholders in relation to some structures being questioned by elders of KaGwegwe regarding how they got to be there. In short, it was the town board, office of the REO and the leadership of Ka-Gwegwe that were to make presentations to him (minister) regarding the boundaries. After having listened to the stakeholders, the minister will return to give feedback or verdict on the matter," said Dlamini, who further told Shiselweni News that from his own observation, the meeting progressed well.

On the other hand, Inkhosatana Gelane also confirmed to Shiselweni News that the minister's visit was after she had made a special request that he should come and see how structures had since mushroomed within the boundaries of the school.

"I approached the prince after realising that there were structures that have mushroomed within land reserved for the school's future expansion.

"I am thankful to him for honouring the invitation as there is a crucial matter to do with the structures that have mushroomed without our blessings. There is a certain individual who has to explain how these structures got to be there," said the Inkhosatana.

## Weeding of Royal fields at Mbangweni nears completion

**TODAY marks the sixth day of the weeding of Royal fields at Mbangweni Royal Residence, Indvuna Yemajaha Thami 'Mkhokheli' Thikazi announced.**

The weeding of the fields started last week Monday and will resume today after the 'libutfo' had been given a weekend off in respect of the Ingwenyama Cup, where the cultural dance was expected to take place at the Mbangweni Barracks sports field. According to Thikazi, since the first day, all has been progressing well. He said the number of 'Emajaha participating kept increasing. "We had an impressive number on the first day, but as the week progressed, the numbers were overwhelming. More kept joining us and this is something commendable as it shows how Emaswati respect activities that have been sanctioned by the country's authorities. As I speak, we are about to finish weeding the fields. Today (Friday), as you are calling I am on my way to report KaNgwane how the work is progressing. They (country's authorities) are the ones to decide when we can disperse," Thikazi told Shiselweni News.

## We played soccer for the love of it - ex-player

**MLUNGISI 'TDK' Mbingo, who played for over 10 years at different premier league teams, believes these days football is business unlike during his time when they were playing just for the love of the sport.**

Mbingo, who was popular by the name 'TDK' played for Ubombo Flyers in 1995 and then joined Mbabane Highlanders in 1998 before moving to Denver Sundowns in 2001, where he retired due to injuries in 2005.

He said during those days, soccer players were not paid what the current players were getting. He said even when one had won a 'Man of the Match' award, there was no prize money for that but only recognition for the performance, which he said he used to win.

"These days soccer is business and many players are earning a living through it. In our days, it was just for the love of the game and getting something was a bonus.

"There were also not many sponsors, with the main sponsor for the premier league being Castle Lager.

"These days apart from the sponsored (MTN) League, there are sponsors of knockout (KO) tournaments, some of which are to the tune of millions Emalangeni, something which never happened during our time but there used to be the Trade Fair Tournament," said Mbingo.



**FOR THE LOVE: Mlungisi 'TDK' Mbingo speaks with Shiselweni News.**

"TDK" told Shiselweni News that despite those challenges, the football they played was great and the players were popular, which was what made them feel great.

He said the players were celebrated and idolised. "The only thing that made some of us enjoy

being soccer players was the popularity and being idolised. That made one to feel special, especially when playing for some of the big teams, which also boasted of a huge following.

Ubombo Flyers, which was the first premier league team I played for, was a popular team in those years. That's where I made a name for myself before 'graduating' to play for Highlanders and later Denver Sundowns, which in those days was popular with the name 'Basop Ikapakapa'. Those were the days and most of us used to be respected even when walked around," said Mbingo.

Sharing words of wisdom, Mbingo advised today's soccer players to make use of the opportunities being availed these days and also to take care of themselves. He said chances were now there to see local players plying their trade beyond the country's borders to make money.

"They should, however not forget to also plan for the future as playing football, is not lifetime career as anything can happen. It's a short career and after retiring, you still have to live.

"My advice to them is that the money that they are making, should be put to good use, including investing it for lifetime projects to benefit them after retiring or when something else happens," Mbingo, who is employed at Value Auto Parts in Nhlangano said.



# DOMESTIC WORKER BLACKMAILS FORMER EMPLOYER

...demands E15 000 to keep secret

BY SIZWE DLAMINI  
Pigg's Peak

A domestic worker who witnessed her former employer having sexual intercourse with a minor (17) is demanding E15 000 to keep her mouth shut.

This is the second time the domestic worker is demanding money from her former employer of Endzingeni, who is a bank manager in northern Hhohho.

In late 2017, the domestic worker and her family demanded E6 000 from the manager and he paid the money with the hope that his employee would leave him, his wife and two daughters alone.

However, three years later, the

former domestic worker who relocated to Buhleni, re-appeared with her brother at the manager's home demanding E15 000 cash. The name of the bank manager has been withheld because the matter has not been reported to the police.

Interviewed yesterday, the distraught bank manager said he was even contemplating telling his family about the incident before handing himself over to the police.

"I am living in fear because this former domestic worker keeps returning to me for more money. Initially, I paid her E6 000 and she swore to leave me and my family alone. She moved to Buhleni. However, last week she returned to my homestead with her brother and demanded more money.

"I know that the relationship I had with the minor was illegal hence I ended it. As we speak the girl is now at the University of Eswatini pursuing her studies. The domestic worker is now demanding E15 000 from me.

## Scared

"Initially, I was scared of losing my job because of the incident, but now my feelings have changed," he said.

The manager added that he told the domestic worker to come back tomorrow for the money. "I lied to the domestic worker and told her to come on Tuesday. I don't intend paying her. I want to expose her and her family," he added.

When contacted, the domestic worker denied the whole story, saying that newspapers were filled with lies.

"I have not done such an evil thing; I have no idea what you are talking about and even if I knew anything, I would not speak to you because newspapers are filled with lies," she said.

Meanwhile, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati advised the manager to hand himself to the police.

"The incident is very complicated, however, the manager should face the police and report the incident so that it can come to pass. After doing this, the manager should report the domestic worker for blackmail. However, he should have proof that she is in contact with him," she said.

## Moza man steals from employer to buy food

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A hungry man with the wrong type of entrepreneurial spirit was arrested for stealing several hardware items from his employer.

George Maungwana stole water pipes, horse pipes, copper taps and an aluminum three-legged pot.

According to the charge sheet, Maungwana, on January 7, 2020, wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally stole items valued at E1 315. These items were in the lawful possession of his employer Gcebile Dlamini.

Maungwana was then arrested and charged with theft.

When Maungwana appeared before Magistrate Temantimandze Shongwe on Thursday, he pleaded guilty to the charge.

"Your Worship, I apologise profusely for committing this offence. I also would like to apologise to Dlamini as she trusted me to be an upstanding citizen.

"I intended to sell the items to buy for food. I had not eaten anything that day hence I was so hungry that's why I could not think straight," Maungwana pleaded.

The items were recovered. The court found him guilty as per his own plea.

He was fined E2 000 and in default of payment, serve two years in a correctional facility.

His sentence was suspended for a period of one year on condition that he is not found to have committed a similar offence during that time.



**MASHIYWA: Imbali from Buseleni dashing jubilantly to collect their prize after they were named winners of the Ingadla category. This was during the Ingwenyama Cup Culture regional eliminations for Shiselweni on Saturday. The group pocketed E1 000 for their achievement and a ticket to represent the region in the finals. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)**

## Man damages property at Good Rite Supermarket, arrested

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**SHOPPERS at Good Rite Supermarket were left stunned when a man threw a tantrum and damaged the supermarket's glass door.**

Velile Shongwe was arrested and charged with malicious damage to property. The glass door was valued at E1 500.

Shongwe was ordered by the court to compensate the supermarket, after it was ascertained that he committed the offence with the intention to injure one of its employees. When asked why he committed the offence, Shongwe said he was only trying to speak to one of the employees Nomvula Dlamini when he accidentally pushed the door. "I did not intend to break the glass door. I was trying to speak to Dlamini and I happened to lean too hard on the

glass, only for it to break. I am relieved that she was not injured when the incident occurred," Shongwe stated. The prosecution made an application for Shongwe to compensate the supermarket for the glass door. However, Shongwe pleaded that he had intended to use the money to buy school uniform for his two children.

"I had planned to buy school uniform for my children on Saturday, only for the incident to occur. I real-

ly did not intend to damage the door. I am now in a dilemma as to how I am going to buy my children's school uniforms," Shongwe pleaded. Subsequently, Magistrate Lenhle Zulu ordered Shongwe to pay a fine of E1 500 and in default of payment serve 15 months in prison.

His sentence was wholly suspended on condition that he compensates Good Rite supermarket the E1 500 for the damage of the glass door.



## Woman stabbed with beer bottle by intoxicated love rival

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A woman had to relive the chilling tale of how she survived an attack by an intoxicated rival during a drinking spree.**

Relaying her version of events before the court, Temalangi Dlamini recalled that she was standing in front of the shops at kaBhelinah in the evening when an intoxicated Nolwazi Sihlongonyane approached her.

"Nolwazi came to me visibly drunk, and she was carrying a bottle of Redds' cider in her hand. She told me that she wanted to speak to me and asked me to accompany her to a nearby bush as she wanted to respond to a call of nature. We walked down to a place below a mill, we stopped and she started assaulting me with open hands several times. I fell as I was taken by surprise by her attack," Dlamini recalled.

According to Dlamini, Nolwazi then took the bottle of Redds' and assaulted the victim with it in the head.

"I tried shielding my head with my hands, but she continued to assault me with the bottle until it broke.

"Nolwazi then took one of the broken pieces and stabbed me in my arms and hands three times. Her friends arrived, and she told them that I disrespected her. While I was being carried to an ambulance, I could still hear her hurling insults at me," a broken Dlamini said. Sihlongonyane was arrested and charged with assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

The matter continues in court.

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**Equipment of Technical and Vocational Education and Training Enhancement Project**  
**&**  
**Republic of China (Taiwan) Scholarship to ECOT Students**

**HANDOVER CEREMONY**



**DESERVING:** The Republic of China (Taiwan) Ambassador Jeremy Liang flanked by Technical Mission Chief Chang Ching Yeh, Ministry of Education and Training Principal Secretary Betram Sterwart as well as other dignitaries posing with the Taiwan scholarship beneficiaries. This was during the handover ceremony at ECOT on Friday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**TRUE FRIEND:** Ambassador Liang making his remarks.



**HUMBLED:** Sterwart addressing the gathering.



**THANK YOU:** ICT Head of Department Phezulu Dlamini briefing updating the entourage about the technology sponsored by the Taiwan Embassy.



**GRATEFUL:** Philile Nkambule speaking on behalf of the students who received the sponsorship.



**EXPLAINING:** Computer Lecturer Ellias Dladla briefing the entourage on the new technology they use to teach students.



**1&2:** Guests and students following the proceedings of the event.

**WELCOME:** ECOT Principal Nomcebo Nhlengethwa making her remarks.



**TOUR:** Computer Programming Year Two students hard at work.

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**NOT JUST A CHURCH:** The Jesus Calls Worship Centre members are occupying prominent political positions in government.

## CHRISTIANS AND POLITICS

LAST week in this column I looked into what seems to have caused Sive Siyinqaba Sibahle Sinje Movement's latest outburst, which has been accompanied by some veneer of frustration in the country's political landscape.

Without being exhaustive, I alluded to the point that their frustrations seem to emanate from the growing number of Christians, especially from the Jesus Calls Worship Centre (JC) who are occupying prominent political positions in government.

The number of Christians in our politics has not been an accident or coincidence.

His Majesty King Mswati III, in the annual church services held at Lozitha in 2013 and 2018 emphasized on the need to have Christians or people who feared God within our government structures.

He in fact stated that it would be best that even when we elect later in both years, we elect people who feared and know God as their Lord and Saviour.

His motivation was that if we had such people in government, surely we would not worry of corruption, theft and many other ills that affect our society, because God's principles would always direct such people to do the right thing for the good of the country.

### Proclaimed

In fact, after His Majesty the King had made that call, a number of people, some of whom ended up in Senate, proclaimed how much they understood the King's clarion call and that they feared God and King.

His Majesty the King repeated the same message even in 2018, but this time with some more emphasis on not just knowing, but stated that they must fear God and also walking by the dictates of God's principles.

All what His Majesty the King was saying was that it is good to confess your knowledge of God, but he needed people whose walking demonstrated that they are children of God.

This call and further definition may have been informed by his disappointments at people who claimed to have been born again, but their ways and conduct fail to project God.

So in short, the swelling number of Christians in government has not been a mistake, but a calculated move to have God-fearing people in leadership positions.

*... There are many church leaders who envy Bishop Robert Kasaro and many other political opportunists, who think the shortest way to power goes via JC*

The question is; can Christians live-up to their Godly principles in the world of corrupt people who always target politicians to achieve their own selfish ends?

It is often said that politics is a dirty game and politicians tell lies with a straight face. The challenge facing our Christian brothers and sisters in leadership positions today is to prove the King that he appointed worthy people into such positions.

It would be travesty of the Christian faith if all those who have been appointed to lead can be associated with all the wrong things that trouble the world today; corruption, theft; abuse of authority (power), mismanagement of resources at their disposal and many other worst things.

The bible talks of Christians as being salt of the world, meaning they bring order where there is none.

So the rise of those who are Christians into the high office should not worry the nation, provided those people don't shame the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are many church leaders who envy Bishop Robert Kasaro and many other political opportunists, who think the shortest way to power goes via JC.

Bishop Kasaro understands the huge task facing his church, that whilst it is envied, but the biggest challenge is to show and represent how a God-fearing politician ought to lead and conduct himself or herself in public.

If the current spell they are enjoying, of even having the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Eswatini, Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini, and a number of other cabinet ministers being their members goes well, it would really show what

good Christians does for politics.

However, if a number of them, prove to fail, it will not reflect on the entire church family, but more on JC as the church.

So the church may be viewed in many angles, others even suggesting that the State may have been captured by the church, but the responsibility weighs heavily on the body of Christ and JC as led by Bishop Kasaro.

If the church fails to bring the salt that Jesus spoke about in the Bible, then we would have failed the King and country.

Ours is not even the issue of Church and State. As a country, we have pronounced ourselves as a Christian

country and therefore there is no question about Christians being involved in politics.

The issue is that do they show that they are Christians once they are in power. Why should political groups like Sibahle Sinje worry about Christians or a number of church members occupying leadership positions?

In the previous government led by late former Prime Minister Dr. Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini, his was not about members of a certain church dominating government.

He was a staunch Church of the Nazarene member, from his time his father served as the pastor.

During Dlamini's tenure as Prime Minister, we saw a lot of collaboration between government institutions with that of the church.

Government financially supported both the education and health facilities of the church without having total control.

### Benefit

In fact, I would say, given another person serving as PM, the relationship between the Church of the Nazarene and government would have been crafted a bit differently for the mutual benefit of both parties.

An example of this relationship was that government continued to support the RFM Hospital financially without having a say in controlling expenditure, which has been a cause of great concern to government officials.

Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini, as head of cabinet's duty would be to ensure that members from his church mainly are seen to be delivering on the King's mandate of fighting corruption, good governance and creating jobs.

Anything to the contrary will reflect on him and his Bishop negatively, hence they need to be careful on how they manage their public disposition.



**ENVY TO MANY:**  
Bishop Robert Kasaro.



## ON THIS DAY

...JANUARY 20

**2007** - Many parts of Australia are suffering the worst drought in 100 years, in addition to crop failure, dairy farming issues and wildfires a new threat has emerged as tens of thousands of snakes seeking water move into urban areas, the number of serious cases of snake bites since September has increased including reports of fatalities from Eastern Brown's, one of the world's deadliest snakes.

**2009** - Barack Obama is inaugurated as the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama becomes the first African American President and ends 8 years of Republican Leadership under George W Bush following a landslide victory in 2008, The Vice President is Joe Biden.

**2010** - Chinese authorities have banned the movie Avatar from Chinese cinemas claiming the plot mirrors forced land evictions in China.

**2010** - The Republican Scott Brown has won a shock victory in the race for the US Senate seat in Massachusetts left vacant by Ted Kennedy's death. Prior to his death in August Last Year Ted Kennedy ( Democrat ) had represented Massachusetts for 47 years.

**2010** - An aftershock has rocked Haiti, eight days after the original quake. The extent of the damage is not yet known, and the magnitude 6.1 tremor struck west of Port-au-Prince at 0603 local time. An estimated 200 000 people have died from the previous Tuesday's quake, and another 1.5 million have been made homeless. Supplies have been slow in reaching survivors. The US Geological Survey has said that today's tremor was centered 35 miles north-west of the capital, and struck at a depth of 6.2 miles.

**2011** - Hong Kong customs officials discovered 639 pounds of cocaine being transported from Bolivia to China and seized the drugs. The shipment was reportedly worth over thirty-three million dollars and was the second largest bust in the territory's history

**2014** - Iran has begun to place curbs on uranium enrichment as part of a deal between the country and the United States, China, Russia and other European countries. Iran agreed to lessen their efforts at uranium enrichment in exchange for the easing of some international sanctions.

**2012** - Soul Singer Etta James Dies in California Celebrated soul singer Etta James died at the age of seventy three after being diagnosed with Leukemia. The talented singer gained recognition as a young artist in the 60s Music until her career was hindered by drug abuse. The singer eventually rebuilt her career and won her first Grammy award in 1994.

**2013** - US President Barack Obama was sworn in for his second-term in office. There was a small ceremony in the Blue room of the White House in which President Obama took the oath of office.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Sophie Helen Rhys-Jones 20th January 1965, age 55.



Will Wright 20th January 1960, age 60.



## WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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## THE POCA 2018 IN ACTION

THE Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs in 2018 passed the Prevention of Organised Crimes Act and unlike the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006, it has been successful in implementing the law as more assets have been attached. In the coming days, starting today, we will be publishing some of the court orders granted by the High court under this Act.

### In the High Court of Eswatini Case No. 1311/2018

**Applicant:** Director of Public Prosecutions  
In re: Four hundred and two thousand six hundred and fifty three Emalangeni and twenty six cents (402 653.26), Three hundred and forty thousand nine hundred and twenty six Emalangeni ten cents (E340 926.10).

### Court Order:

Before Justice Mabuza

### It is hereby ordered that:

1. Declaring forfeited to the state in terms of Section 50 of the Prevention of Organised Crimes Act 2018 (POCA) certain property (the property), which is presently the subject a preservation of property order granted by his honourable court under the above number on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018, namely:

a) Toyota Hilux motor vehicle  
Registration no. - FP 29 HH GP  
Chassis frame -  
AHTEW6CB600990854  
Engine no. - 1TRA053707  
Colour - White  
Model - 2016

b) An amount of two thousand three hundred and twenty Rands (R2 320.00).

2. the officer appointed by his court in terms of the order granted on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018 is directed to continue to act as such with authority to perform all the function specified in the POCA

3. the officer shall have such powers, duties and authority as provided for in the POCA and in this order, including such powers, duties and authority reasonably incidental thereto. The expenditure reasonably incurred in the execution of the duties by the officer shall be paid from the proceeds of the forfeited property.

4. That in terms of Sections 58 (2) of the POCA, the property shall vest in the officer appointed as its custodian in terms of the preservation of property order on behalf of the state upon the granting of the order.

5. That the appointed officer is authorised to:

5.1 Dispose of the property by private sale or other means

5.2 Subject to any order of this court, to deduct fees to cover for expenditure incurred in respect of the property.

5.3 Deposit the balance of the proceeds into the Criminal Assets Recovery Account established under Section 65 of the POCA, held at Eswatini Central Bank Mbabane.

5.4 Perform any ancillary acts which, in the opinion of the officer but subject to any directions of the Criminal Assets Recovery Committee established under Section 68 of



the POCA, are necessary.

6. That any person whose interest in the property concerned is affected by the forfeited order, may within 15 days after he or she has acquired knowledge of such order, set the matter down for variation or rescission by the Court.

BY ORDER OF COURT:

REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT:  
DATE:

### In the High Court of Eswatini Case No. 248/2019

**Applicant:** Director of Public Prosecutions  
In re: Certain Toyota Alteeza sedan (blue) registered BSD 339 CH: BMW 325 (blue) sedan registered ASD 025 DM: Honda Civic Sedan (silver grey) NSD 176 CM: Money in cash E24 051.60 Samsung Galaxy cellular phone IMEI 353107094873342: Sony Xperia cellular phone IMEI 358009081793704: Cell C cellular phone IMEI Black Hush puppies shoes Size 9: Blue and black scotched shirt: Purple and black scotched shirt: red and grey scotched shirt: Blue and grey scotched shirt.

### Court Order:

Before Justice Titues Mlangeni in chambers.

### It is hereby ordered that:

Having read the notice of motion and its related affidavits and annexures, and having heard counsel for the applicant it is hereby ordered that:

Declaring forfeited to the state in terms of Section 50 of the Prevention of Organised Crimes Act 2018 (POCA) certain property (the property), which is presently the subject of a preservation of property order granted by this Honourable Court under the above case number on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019, namely:

i) Motor vehicle with the following details:  
NAME : BMW  
MAKE : Sedan  
COLOUR : Blue  
REGISTRATION NO : ASD 025 DM  
CHASSIS NO : AAPV0349950223824  
ENGINE NO : V0340223824

ii) Motor vehicle with the following details:  
NAME : Honda  
MAKE : Sedan  
COLOUR : SILVER  
REGISTRATION NO. : NSD 176 CM  
CHASSIS NO. : JHMED15206S201441  
ENGINE NO. : R18A11008941

iii) Motor vehicle with the following details:  
NAME : TOYOTA  
MAKE : SEDAN  
COLOUR : BLUE  
REGISTRATION NO. : BSD 339 CH  
CHASSIS NO. : SXE100051240  
ENGINE NO. : 3S9445869

iv) Money in cash amounting to E24 051.60  
v) Pair of black hush puppies shoes size 9  
vi) Pair of black Barker shoes size 9  
vii) Pair of black Polo shoes size 9  
viii) Pair of Gian Luca trouser  
ix) Pair of Maroon Polo Classic Chino trouser size 32  
x) Blue and black scotched  
xi) Purple and black scotched shirt Medium  
xii) Red and grey scotched shirt size Medium  
xiii) Blue and white scotched shirt size Medium  
xiv) Samsung Galaxy cellular phone  
xv) Sony Xperia cellular phone  
xvi) Cell C cellular phone

2. That the officer appointed by this court in terms of the order granted on the said 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 is directed to continue to act as such with authority to perform all the functions specified in the POCA.

3. That the officer shall have such powers, duties and authority as provided for the POCA and in this order, including such powers, duties and authority reasonably incidental thereto. The expenditure reasonably incurred in the execution of the duties by the officer shall be paid from the proceeds of the forfeited property.

4. That the terms of Sections 58 (2) of the POCA, the property shall vest in the officer appointed as its custodian in terms of the preservation of property order on behalf of the state upon the granting of the order.

5. That the appointed officer is authorised to:  
a) Dispose of the property by private sale or other means.

b) Subject to any order of this court, to deduct fees to cover for expenditure incurred in respect of the property.

c) Deposit the balance of the proceeds into the Criminal Assets Recovery Account established under Section 65 of the POCA, held at the Eswatini Central Bank Mbabane.

d) Perform any ancillary acts which, in the opinion of the officer but subject to any directions of the Criminal Assets Recovery Committee established under Section 68 of the POCA, are necessary

6. That any person whose interest in the property concerned is affected by the forfeiture order may within 15 days after he or she has acquired knowledge of such order, set the matter down for variation or rescission by the court.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT  
REGISTRAR OF THE COURT  
DATE

08<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2019.



# POWER AND MISRULE: IT'S TIME TO SEPARATE TRUTH FROM LIES

**IN the US, the Trump presidency may well see a second term.**

Climate change and government inertia are catching up with Australia's denialist government as Armageddon-like scenes unfold on our screens. In Britain, Boris Johnson continues his rocky road to Brexit. And then there is South Africa.

*Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'it will be happier...'*

Alfred Lord Tennyson

You cannot help but be drawn to these two lines from Tennyson's *The Foresters*, especially if you're a hopeless optimist.

As we start 2020, we can only hope it will be happier than 2019 though all indications are to the contrary. The world is grappling with the complexity of inequality, but also with what seems to be an ever-increasing inability to determine what truth is, where 'alternative facts' have become part of our common lexicon.

The Trump presidency is perhaps the most graphic illustration of such a lack of commitment to truth. The chaotic nature of that presidency is built on a daily dose of falsehoods and a lack of impulse control.

There is a powerlessness borne out of self-preservation among elected representatives in the US and Trump will in all likelihood gain a second term. Climate change and government inertia are catching up with Australia's denialist government as we watch Armageddon-like scenes of burning unfold before us on our screens. In Britain, Prime Minister Boris Johnson continues his rocky road to Brexit. That Leave campaign was built almost entirely on falsehoods.

And then there is South Africa.

Nothing signifies meltdown more vividly than a country being plunged into darkness.

Load shedding occurred in early January thus putting paid to the president's promise to the country that there would be no load shedding until January 13.

## Curious

It was a curious promise to make given the instability at Eskom, and was met with predictable scepticism. Deputy President David Mabuza seemed to play his hand in a typically cunning way when he said Ramaphosa had been 'misled' and called for increased 'maintenance' of power stations.

Whether the comment was meant to show up Ramaphosa, show himself as the man for a crisis and then push for Minister of Public Enterprises Pravin Gordhan's resignation — or all three — we cannot be sure.

What we do know is that Mabuza was a late convert to Ramaphosa's 'cause' at the ANC's NASREC conference in 2017 and that he cannot be trusted. Known as 'The Cat', his tenure as premier in Mpumalanga was marked by controversy and criminal allegations are constantly swirling around him.

The latest iteration of load shedding took place against the backdrop of the ANC's annual birthday bash

and the President's January 8th statement. The "celebrations" seemed to go on for days as the people of Kimberley watched the passing show.

Located within the Sol Plaatje municipality which suffers from the same deep degradation and high unemployment as most places in South Africa, Plaatje would have hung his head in shame at what Kimberley and indeed what the ANC has become.

As ANC members marched in, parading a large ANC birthday cake and as the top six of the party sipped bubbly, Marie Antoinette sprang so obviously to mind.

How anachronistic that each year men in military fatigues enter a stadium carrying a large cake and how shamelessly those on stage partake of the cake for all to see.

It's as if the ANC simply cannot help itself. The excess is evident everywhere even as citizens languish in squalor. But the cake ceremony symbolises the reality of a party that has lost its moorings.

Ramaphosa's speech emphasised unity within his fractured party. He declared 2020 the year of "unity, socio-economic renewal and nation building". We've certainly heard those lines before.

## Matter

And so like Nero, the ANC continues to fiddle despite our Herculean challenges. No matter what Ramaphosa said, it has begun to feel as if we are in a moment of distinct political crisis. In the days that followed the party's party, the likes of Bathabile Dlamini and an array of Twitter trolls (including the disgraced Carl Niehaus) were calling for Gordhan to resign, given the state of Eskom.

If ever there was a time to separate truth from lies, it is in this political milieu. Bathabile Dlamini is the same person who nearly brought the social security agency, Sassa to its knees and was found to have lied to court. Then, Dlamini was ordered to pay 20% of the costs in the Sassa matter relating to the further extension of the invalid Cash Paymaster contract when she was minister of Social Development.

The unanimous judgment of the highest court delivered by Justice Froneman was scathing. The Constitutional Court held that:

*"Some of Minister Dlamini's evidence under oath in affidavits before the court and orally in the inquiry was false. The registrar of the court must be directed to forward a copy of the inquiry report and this judgment to the director of public prosecutions to consider whether Minister Dlamini lied under oath and if so, must be prosecuted for perjury."*

And so in a party where shame is in short supply, the likes of Dlamini feel confident to raise their voices and call for Eskom to be placed under Minerals and Energy Minister Gwede Mantashe's watch.

The obsession with Gordhan seems an obvious distraction. He has long been a convenient target for the corrupt cronies of former President Zuma and the ethically compromised oppo-

sition EFF.

The interests of these two noxious factions coincide when it comes to Gordhan and one can easily guess why.

Adding to the feeling of crisis, Eskom board chair, Jabu Mabuza resigned, apologising for the premature load shedding.

## Entire

Within days the entire Nuclear Energy Corporation of SA (NECSA) board resigned, citing a lack of faith in Mantashe whom they say 'frustrated and undermined' their ability to carry out their fiduciary duties.

For those who wish to wrest the state from Ramaphosa and return us to Zuma-like years, creating a sense of crisis and chaos serves them well. Think, Donald Trump.

His constant tweeting and rambling creates so much chaos that it becomes hard to separate truth from lies. If some of the lies stick, all the better. Amid the chaos Trump creates, focusing on truth and the daily reality of governing becomes very difficult.

And so, for the ANC cadres such as Dlamini, the aim of the noise is to increase the sense of pending crisis specifically around Ramaphosa's leadership.

The aim is not ethical governance that serves the poorest of the poor. The aim is to remove Ramaphosa and to find a way back in to loot the state. It is also payback for those who lost their positions of influence in Cabinet or elsewhere in the state. The noise doubtless serves to distract Ramaphosa and place Gordhan under even greater pressure.

Complicating matters for Ramaphosa, of course, is that he is met with the perfect storm. The looting of the Zuma years left the kitty bare and the dysfunction within state-owned enterprises will be with us for years to come.

It is simply not realistic to think that a turnaround will happen overnight. The rot is too deep.

Ramaphosa has also not been clear about Eskom and how it will suddenly become functional. In Kimberley he said, "...I want to say to you, we are not going to privatise Eskom, we are going to strengthen Eskom, so that it can deliver energy as it should".

The obvious follow-up question is: 'How?' And what happened to the plan to divide Eskom into a Gaul-like three parts? Jabu Mabuza's resignation can only slow whatever momentum there was.

## Problem

But Eskom is not the only problem on Ramaphosa's plate. He presides over a stagnant economy forecast to grow at a miserable 0.9%, an unemployment crisis and a society whose social fabric is all but breaking.

So it is no surprise the feeling of crisis is all around even among Ramaphosa's backers.

He heads a party which is basically unfit for purpose and it is hard to see how the ANC can be the vehicle for change the country needs.

All the while, he will need to watch his back ahead of the National General

Council meeting of the ANC later in 2020.

It is not an elective conference, rather one about policy, but generally one is able to judge the president's strength of support within the party over those few days. Between now and then Ramaphosa has several opportunities to assert his authority over his Cabinet and the country, however.

As much as Ramaphosa is hemmed in by the divisions within his party, the problem for the faction within the ANC that wants to be shot of Ramaphosa is that they themselves are a motley crew, whose strategy is noise, chaos and creating a sense of crisis. Who is their leader?

DD Mabuza simply doesn't seem like a convincing option for them. Therefore, Ramaphosa should seize the only moment he now has to try to shape our political future with a sense of clarity.

As maverick Finance Minister Tito Mboweni tweeted (not an ideal mode of communication, but nevertheless) the time for "deep structural economic reforms" is now.

His tweet has a tone of desperation about it and who can blame him? Ramaphosa exhorted us all to join him in this task in his "Thuma mina!" State of the Nation address at the beginning of his term of office.

The people are all still here, waiting, though restive with a pending sense of gloom.

The goodwill is fast dissipating and the only way Ramaphosa can take on those within his party who wish to see his downfall, is to build broad-based alliances across society.

In shoring up such support within the business community and across civil society, he has a chance at building a bulwark against his corrupt cronies. His legitimacy as leader of the country derives from the people, after all.

For some reason, Ramaphosa has seemed reluctant to build these alliances and when he has, the attempts have seemed either half-hearted or he has seemed unable to commit to action.

Ramaphosa has to play the hand he has been dealt and put convincing building blocks in place to ensure that the prevailing notion of crisis is contained.

## Paralysis

The paralysis within the state cannot continue, yet it is so hollowed out and drained of capacity that the rebuilding will take years. Ramaphosa's window of opportunity to provide an honest rendering of our challenges and a clear roadmap of what will be done to deal with them is narrowing.

This is aggravated by the wretched economy and increasing inequality.

He risks squandering the goodwill of broader society as he continues to feed us arcane ANC double-speak. There's been enough talk and pandering to an ANC interested only in navel-gazing about itself and decidedly uninterested in Ramaphosa's notion of unity. It's time for Ramaphosa to assert the modern statesman in him and expend his political capital with intent. **DM**



● "Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."

— Roy T. Bennett

● "Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create."

— Roy T. Bennett

● "No matter how much suffering you went through, you never wanted to let go of those memories."

— haruki murakami

● "Though nobody can go back and make a new beginning... Anyone can start over and make a new ending."

— Chico Xavier

● "Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness in people."

— Roy T. Bennett

● "Only the dead have seen the end of war."

— Plato

● "The trouble is if you don't spend your life yourself, other people spend it for you."

— Peter Shaffer

● "We are addicted to our thoughts. We cannot change anything if we cannot change our thinking."

— Santosh Kalwar

● "You cannot control the behavior of others, but you can always choose how you respond to it."

— Roy T. Bennett

● "People tend to complicate their own lives, as if living weren't already complicated enough."

— Carlos Ruiz Zafón

● "And then I felt sad because I realized that once people are broken in certain ways, they can't ever be fixed, and this is something nobody ever tells you when you are young and it never fails to surprise you as you grow older as you see the people in your life break one by one. You wonder when your turn is going to be, or if it's already happened."

— Douglas Coupland

● "Stop comparing yourself to other people, just choose to be happy and live your own life."

— Roy T. Bennett

● "Happiness is not the absence of problems, it's the ability to deal with them."

— Steve Maraboli, *Life, the Truth, and Being Free*

● "Instructions for living a life.

Pay attention.

Be astonished.

Tell about it."

— Mary Oliver

● "Do Not Lie to Yourself

We have to be honest about what we want and take risks rather than lie to ourselves and make excuses to stay in our comfort zone."

— Roy T. Bennett



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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10%
<b>First National Bank</b>	
Inflation Rate	1.6%
<b>Central Statistical Office</b>	
Mortgage Rate	10%
<b>Swaziland Building Society</b>	
Bank Rate	6.5%
<b>Central Bank</b>	
Petrol (u)	E13.65 per litre
Replacement	E13.70 per litre
Diesel	E13.65 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.15 per litre
<b>Engen Garage</b>	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 17 JAN 2020

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.3702	14.4202
British Pound/SZL	18.7883	18.8537
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.6441	7.6686
Swiss France/SZL	14.8914	14.9339
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3350	1.3468
Australian Dollar/SZL	9.9083	9.9456
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.0108	11.0483
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.0019	16.0576
Gold	1,554.9532	
Oil	64.92	

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Standard Bank

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) is in the process of constructing a new head office.

The Bank will use one of its properties at the corner of the main road (coming into the Mbabane City) and Lusutfu Road.

The property is next to the Engen Filling Station in Mbabane.

CBE Head Strategy and Communications Zithulele Gina said the reason for the construction of the new head office was that the current head office was in an old building that was constructed when the bank started working in April 1, 1974 as Monetary Authority of Swaziland.

He said they had many needs that the current building cannot accommodate hence the need for a new one.

Gina also mentioned that the in current building there was a lot that needed be fixed and upon calculating, they discovered that the expenses would be equivalent to constructing a new building.

"As CBE we have a lot of needs that our current building cannot meet and it will cost a lot to fix. Probably even more than constructing a new building would cost us," he said.

In terms of budget costs, Gina mentioned that at the moment the Bank was still looking for professional consultants like architects

## NEW HEAD OFFICES FOR CENTRAL BANK OF ESWATINI

among others, to develop the concept designs. It can only be after the finalisation of the designs that the Bank can start discussing figures.

He added that the service provider should meet the technical and financial requirements as stated in the request for proposals

(RFP) advert.

The RFP advert stated that the CBE reserves the right, after receipt of the tender submissions, to invite the tenderer(s) for clarification, presentation or negotiation of its tender. Any such clarifications, presentations or supplements shall be considered to form part of the tender submission.

Any such discussion, issue of

supplements or addenda or invitation to clarify or negotiate, should not be construed as an acceptance, award or allocation of the tender to that particular tenderer. No amendments to the provisions contained in this RFP will be binding on the CBE. Written addenda will however be issued by CBE when amendments and/or clarifications to the RFP are deemed necessary.

The CBE reserves the right to make whatever amendments or clarifications that in its view are reasonably necessary at any time. The CBE shall, provide a written notice of any addenda issued to all known recipients of the RFP. CBE shall however, not be responsible for any prospective tenderers failure to receive any addenda.

The prospective Tenderer shall be solely responsible for ascertaining, prior to submission of its proposal, that any addenda issued have been received.

**PROJECT: Central Bank of Eswatini building.**



## SA's live animal export to Eswatini at over E450 million

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

SOUTH Africa's live animal exports to Eswatini totalled to over E450 million between January and September 2019.

Information sourced from a South African publication, the Business Day is that according to Statistics SA, the live animal exports totalled an exact E458.9m.

Eswatini suspended animal imports from neighbouring SA for a second time in 2019 after another outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, the kingdom's agricultural ministry said on Tuesday.

In January, the kingdom joined Botswana and Zimbabwe in suspending meat imports from SA over an outbreak of the highly con-

...according to SA statistics the live animal export totalled to E458.9 million in a space of nine months



tagious viral disease that affects cloven-footed animals, those with divided hooves such as cows, pigs and sheep.

Sought for comment Ministry of Agriculture Communications Officer Nomvuselelo Dlamini said

they were not in a position to confirm these figures.

"As a ministry we don't deal with money but only issue out permits for the animals hence the difficulty to know the monetary value," she said.

Asked on the latest update on the foot and mouth disease (FMD), Dlamini said nothing had changed regarding the ban.

"Everything is still the same as we issued in our last statement on the FMD issue," she said.

In their statement released early this month, the ministry stated that partial lifting of import restrictions on processed products of animal origin was still intact.

Dlamini stated then that the outbreak of the FMD in the Molemole district, Limpopo Province was still active and being handled.

"Our ministry is in communication with South Africa and they have specifically stated that the event is continuing. This means the risk of further spread of the disease within RSA and its introduction into Eswatini territory remains very high," she stated.



# FINANCED SECTORS CREATE 322 JOBS - IDCE

BY BAHLE GAMA

**FINANCED** sectors in Eswatini have resulted in 332 jobs.

These are agriculture whereby E2.4 million was injected, resulting to 117 jobs and animal husbandry being the most popular. In service industry, E1.5 million was injected, resulting to 85 jobs, retail industry received E1 million and created 46 jobs and other industries collectively amount to an investment of E1.7m from which 84 jobs were created.

Industrial Development Company of Eswatini (IDCE) acting CEO Khetsiwe Dube believes most loan applicants are pushed into business due to the lack of employment rather than passion.

She said this resulted in changing of business plans during the project appraisal stage.

Dube said this during the youth



**JOBS: IDCE acting CEO Khetsiwe Dube making her remarks during the youth fund loan beneficiaries announcement. (Pic: Bahle Gama)**

fund loan beneficiaries announcement on Thursday.

"This also leads to lack of creativ-

ity and innovation amongst the youth. We encourage the youth to bring innovative ideas which will solve

existing problems faced by to the Eswatini economy while we support them to be successful entrepreneurs," she said.

She further noted that the ICT industry came fifth in the currently financed sectors, adding that it should be the leading industry in the country.

## Highlight

"We would like to highlight that this is the industry that should be leading, especially because this fund is targeted at the youth who are tech-savvy and should lead as we usher in the 4IR.

"Linkages to sustainable markets are crucial to the success of these new businesses. All stakeholders, including government, should take this issue seriously as it will ensure the survival of these new businesses," she said.

Dube also encouraged experienced entrepreneurs to mentor the young people as this would be a part of their

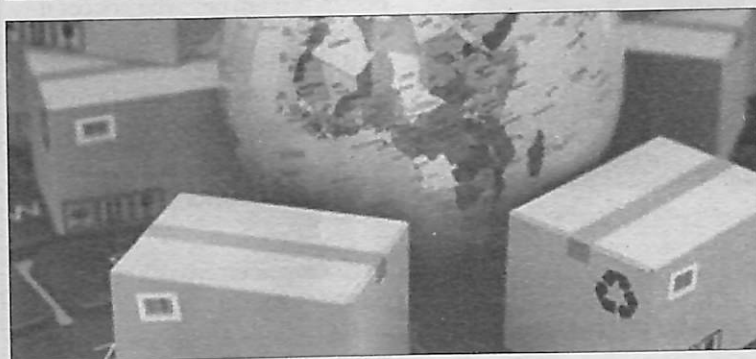
legacy.

She further disclosed that IDCE's mandate was to promote and facilitate economic development in the Kingdom of Eswatini and to identify opportunities of new and existing industrial, commercial and agricultural business undertakings.

"As a development financier, we are currently assisting YERF as an intermediary in the project appraisal, implementation and monitoring," she added.

**The overall current position with regards to the YERF applications is as follows:**

- IDCE has participated in three cycles since the relaunch of the Youth funding Programme
  - 320 applications were processed
  - 126 applications have been approved under cycle two
  - Cycle three is still under review and on-going
  - The 126 approved applications translate to a total investment of E6.7m and a total of E3.1m has been disbursed.
- This has resulted in the creation of 332 jobs.



## Eswatini trade surplus at E623.4 million in December 2019

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**IN December 2019, Eswatini recorded a trade surplus amounting to E623.4 million, which marks a 144.1 per cent increase from the E255.3 million trade surplus recorded in the previous month in line with imports declining faster than exports.**

The trade surplus is the amount by which the value of a country's exports exceeds the cost of its imports.

Information sourced from the Recent Economic Development (RED) released by the Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE), month-on-month export earnings depicted a marginal decline of 1.4 per cent from E2.719 billion to E2.682 billion. An analysis of export earnings for the month under review indicates that month-on-month sugar and sugar confectionery products exported declined by 50.4 per cent from E804.0 million to E398.5 million. Miscellaneous edible products exported increased significantly by 58.7 per cent, from E1.135 billion to E1.801 billion in December 2019, while wood and wood articles declined significantly by 33.2 per cent, from E140.7 million to E94.0 million in December 2019. Textile and textile apparel products exported declined significantly by 46.6 per cent in December 2019 relative to the pre-

vious month, from E362.8 million to E193.8 million.

Meanwhile, the import bill underwent a month-on-month dip of 16.5 per cent from E2.464 billion to settle at E2.058 billion in December 2019. The significant month-on-month dip in the import bill can be largely attributed to a significant decline in vehicles imported by 58.7 per cent, from E244.6 million to E101.0 million.

It is worth noting that vehicle imports accounted for 4.9 per cent of the total import bill for December 2019. Electrical machinery and equipment accounted for 5.7 per cent of the total import bill - declined significantly on a month-on-month basis by 26.3 per cent from E160.0 million to E118.0 million.

Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances imported for the month of December 2019 surged by 18.9 per cent from E127.3 million to E103.3 million. This class of imports accounted for 5.0 per cent of the total import bill for the month. On the other hand, energy products remained the country's leading import for the month under review since it accounted for 18.3 per cent of total import bill, whilst increasing by 5.6 per cent on a month-on-month basis, from E356.3 million to E376.4 million.



**READY: Part of the On Track Eswatini (OTE) deliveries' fleet.**

## OTE brings solutions to companies without cars, messengers

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**FAST** growing company On Track Eswatini (OTE) is now looking to partner with companies including medium, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) with no messengers or company cars.

Interviewed on the new service, one of the company directors, Xolani Shongwe, said its main purpose was to become partners with firms and the ordinary person as their local courier and errand runner service.

He said this was aimed at providing relief with regard to documents or parcels that need to be addressed to their different stakeholders and wide range branches.

"On Track Eswatini is committed to providing efficient services in terms of delivery, to try and combat time constraints in the daily lives of the ordinary person and firm. It ensures that parcels on transit remain in protective gear, which guarantees that they remain in their original state. "Moreover, this service will provide a huge relief to firms, as it anchors on time sensitive parcels and day to day deliveries. The company has motor-cycles, which makes the delivery of



**SOLUTIONS: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries Madze Bulunga with On Track Eswatini (OTE) Directors Mkhululi Mthethwa and Xolani Shongwe during the launch of the company.**

time sensitive documents a possibility, as this mode of transportation can manoeuvre within traffic and they also have sedans which assist in rainy days and a van for the larger parcels," he said.

## Establishment

He added that the service is available to most parts of the country, as the company had expanded its horizons in Manzini, Matsapha and Mbabane.

"Companies interested in this service can email us for an invite so we can come and make presentation on

what it is that we have to offer. The email is [ot.eswatini@gmail.com](mailto:ot.eswatini@gmail.com)," he said.

OTE is an establishment that has been operating since the beginning of July last year and is entirely 100 per cent youth own, under the guidance and directorship of Shongwe who is the financial manager and Mkhululi Mthethwa as operations manager.

Their services include express and manager services, food and parcel deliveries and errand running deliveries.



**INTERNATIONAL** - Against the lapping waves of the Persian Gulf, four chief executive officers greeted a gathering of journalists, retailers, and collectors, welcoming them to the first-ever LVMH Watch Week.

Stephane Bianchi of TAG Heuer (and the head of LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE's watch group) was joined by Ricardo Guadalupe of Hublot, Julien Tornare of Zenith, and Bulgari's Jean-Christophe Babin last Monday as the four spoke of friendship among the brands and a group identity apart from the mass of watchmakers that will muster together to show new timepieces at the Baselworld watch expo later in the year.

It was both a show of independence and a flex of luxury muscle, with guests treated to dinners in the desert under the stars, performances by fire dancers, fireworks, and lavish accommodations at the Bulgari resort in Dubai. "We wanted to showcase our novelties. We wanted to drive business in the first quarter," Bianchi said. "Then we decided to do it in Dubai, because Dubai at this time of the year—it's a warm place! And it's a bit in the middle of the world, so quite accessible for many journalists and many retailers."

**Below are the most exciting watches shown at the event:**

#### Bulgari Serpenti Seduttori



Bulgari, ever more ambitious with its watchmaking, created a special tear-shaped movement to fit perfectly into the rounded cases of the new Serpenti Seduttori line. (Often, simply round movements are sandwiched into square or oval cases.) They also inserted the smallest tourbillon on the market into some Seduttori, filling a market gap in serious horology aimed at women. There are several versions, but the most fun is the one that's slathered in diamonds, from the pave face (which features contrast hour numer-

## THE BEST NEW WATCHES FROM THE LVMH WATCH WEEK IN DUBAI



Zenith Elite Classic



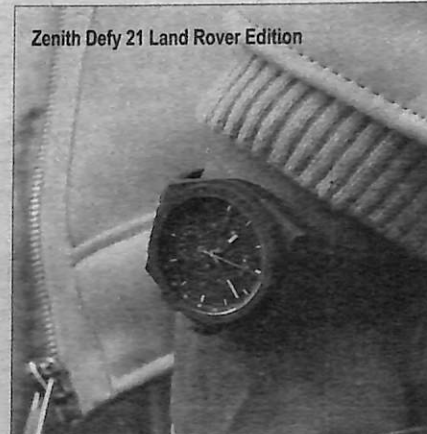
Hublot Classic Fusion Gold Crystal



Bulgari Octo Finissimo



Hublot Big Bang MP-11 Red Magic



Zenith Defy 21 Land Rover Edition

als in blue steel) to the glittery bracelet. US\$151,000

#### Zenith Elite Classic

The Elite Classic is known as a watch that keeps faithful to the Zenith legacy. Impeccably built, stringently tested, and subtly beautiful.

This collection of timepieces stood out for its simplicity and refinement among a wash of rare materials and diamond adornment. Sometimes the classics are the strongest! With an 18-karat rose gold case and gold-plated hands and hour markers, the Zenith Elite looks like a watch your dad would be proud to pass down to you. 12,900 Swiss francs (US\$13,366)

#### Hublot Classic Fusion Crystal

All eyes on splendor. Our Classic Fusion's dial glorified with a rarity: gold crystal. New #ClassicFusion #GoldCrystal, made from flakes of

gold, now also available in 38mm. #TheArtOfFusion #LVMHWatchWeek #LVMHwatches

Like a snowflake, each of these watches features a unique face, created in Hublot's research and development lab by heating 24-karat gold until it's basically a gas. Once the gold encounters a cold surface, it accumulates in crystal form. Hublot applies the crystals to a black watch face for a textured visual effect, then covers them with 20 layers of a transparent lacquer so they lie perfectly flat.

The black ceramic case further highlights the drama of the gold; it's definitely a watch that everyone will ask you about no matter where you wear it. And if you're in Times Square, don't be surprised if people ask you whether it's a promotion for the popular new Tina Turner Musical. US\$21,000

#### Zenith Defy 21 Land Rover Edition

In Zenith's continuing partnership with British carmaker Land Rover, the Swiss brand has developed a matte gray timepiece in honor of the Defender, which returns to the roads this year. The watch's automatic El Primero movement comes with 50 hours of power reserve ticking away inside, and its ceramic case makes it ultralight. It was one of the event's most elegantly designed pieces. 3,900 Swiss francs

#### Bulgari Diva's Dream Minute repeater

This little jewel looks like a straightforward fashion watch—the kind Bulgari has been making for years with quartz movements. But once again, its clean malachite dial conceals some bold complexity. It's a minute repeater, meaning it has a very advanced mechanism that chimes

the time. Just pull on the little malachite tassel on the side, which is designed to evoke the famous tiles in the Caracalla baths in Bulgari's home of Rome, and you'll hear a series of dings and rings. €197,600 (US\$220,000)

#### Hublot Big Bang Unico Integral

A sweeping trend in the industry is to build a new metal bracelet that integrates directly into the watch. It's a minor feat of engineering that helps communicate what kind of timepiece one is wearing—dressy, sporty, formal, funky. Watches like the Audemars Piguet Royal Oak, Rolex Datejust, and Patek Philippe Nautilus are iconic in no small part because of their bracelets. This year, Hublot developed one for its flagship Big Bang line. The all-black, ceramic version is satin-finished with black-plated titanium screws. US\$23,100

#### Bulgari Octo Finissimo

This superslim watch continues to be a stealth favorite, slipping perfectly under the cuff in a subtle manner, but showcasing a unique-enough design that anyone who notices it will guess it's something special. This year, Bulgari is releasing the Octo Finissimo in a lower-priced stainless steel. US\$12,000

#### Hublot Big Bang MP-11 Red Magic

This ceramic timepiece's bright red color is so hard to create, it's patented by Hublot. The seven barrels across the bottom half of the dial can host up to a whopping 14 days of power reserve after manual winding, and the days count down on a wheel at the far left of the barrel system. The small dial is sapphire, with crimson hands and numerals to match the case. It will be limited to 100 pieces, so collectors who admire Hublot's beefy watchmaking and bold colors should put in their requests now. US\$86,000. With a new 36-millimeter case size surrounding an Elite movement, the Defy Midnight collection is aimed at women who want a serious watch that's still a bit of a lark. The diamonds around the bezel in this version highlight the blue gradient dial and the 11 tiny, twinkly diamonds embedded therein. The watch also comes with two extra straps in addition to the metal bracelet, so you can mix it up for a variety of occasions. 10,900 Swiss francs. *Bloomberg*

## Don't rule out another rate cut in 2020 - economists

**JOHANNESBURG** - The Reserve Bank last week unexpectedly cut the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.25 per cent, and some economists have noted that another rate cut later in the year cannot be ruled out entirely.

The SA Reserve Bank's (SARB) monetary policy committee (MPC) met last week and unanimously agreed to cut the repo rate, which is the benchmark interest rate at which the SARB lends money to other banks. The cut was justified by

the moderation in the inflation outlook and an improved inflation risk profile.

The medium-term forecasts for consumer inflation were revised lower to average 4.1 per cent for 2019 (down from 4.2 per cent) and 4.7 per cent for 2020 (down from 5.1 per cent) and 4.6 per cent in 2021 (down from 4.7 per cent). Economic growth projections were also lowered – down from 0.5 per cent for 2019 to 0.4 per cent and down from 1.4 per cent for 2020 to 1.2 per cent.

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"The SARB's decision to cut the policy rate came earlier than initially anticipated," Senior FNB Economist Siphamandla Mkhwanazi commented. He explained that the bank determined that domestic risk events such as the upcoming National Budget speech in February and Moody's ratings decision, as well as global risks such as US-Iran tensions, were outweighed by the lower domestic inflation and weak economic growth. The economist expects the

Reserve Bank to keep near-term interest rates "relatively steady", given the fiscal challenges of the country.

The Reserve Bank's quarterly projection model (QPM) signals two repo rate cuts of 25 basis points in 2020. However, this is a "broad policy which could change in either direction" between MPC meetings, Investec economist Lara Hodes noted. Momentum Investments economists – Herman van Papendorp, Sanisha Packirisamy and Roberta Noise – reiterated these views in an analysis report they authored on the latest MPC decision. "The January 2020 QPM sug-

gests one more cut of 25 basis points in the fourth quarter of 2020, following January's cut. The MPC suggested it would continue to assess data and risk changes and use the QPM as a guiding tool for future monetary policy decisions," the economists said.

"While Moody's March ratings review is likely to dissuade the committee from cutting interest rates again at the March 2020 interest rate-setting meeting, further expected downgrades to the SARB's inflation and growth forecasts prevent us from ruling out an additional cut later in the year," they added. *Fin24*



# Focus on SA Scene

Your Daily Mzansi News

## GORDHAN A DISASTER FOR SOES - ANC NEC MEMBERS

**JOHANNESBURG** - Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan was the prime target for several ANC members at the party's National Executive Committee meeting on Saturday morning.

Ten vocal members wanted what they called "reflection on Gordhan's performance as minister", arguing that he was a disaster for the nation's state-owned enterprises.

Although the agenda item was initially contested by party chairperson Gwede Mantashe, the opposing faction didn't let go.

Leading the charge against Gordhan was NEC member Mosebenzi Zwane, who wanted to know why the ANC treated Finance Minister Tito Mboweni and Gordhan as 'super-ministers'.

Ramaphosa is expected to respond to the grievances against Gordhan later over the weekend.

NEC member Bongani Bongo who had accused Gordhan of choreographing his arrest, revealed that President Cyril



**UNDER FIRE:** Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan.

Ramaphosa sought to facilitate a 'unity meeting' between himself and Gordhan but the latter declined.

Gordhan was a strong Ramaphosa backer ahead of the party's elective conference in 2017. It is unlikely that Ramaphosa will act against Gordhan.

The team also wanted the resolutions of the 54th national conference to be protected, this after Mboweni took to Twitter to slam the ANC's policy on the nationalisation of the South African Reserve Bank.

**Political Bureau**

## The EFF rejects ANC veterans' defence of Pravin Gordhan

**JOHANNESBURG** - The red berets accuse the minister of intentionally wanting to collapse SOEs so they could be taken over by 'the white capitalist establishment'.

The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) have said they reject the defence of Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan by the governing African National Congress (ANC) veterans.

"The (EFF) rejects, with contempt, the lousy defence of Pravin Gordhan by the so-called struggle veterans; who have thrown out principle on the altar of self-enrichment for convenience," the red berets said in a statement on Saturday.

This after the governing party's stalwarts, veterans and its strategic dialogue group said they were appalled by the "political assault" on Gordhan.

"The so-called veterans have

reduced themselves into a defence force of Pravin Gordhan, even in the face of his spectacular incompetence in the oversight and guidance of state-owned companies," the EFF said.

The red berets accused Gordhan of bringing about 'unprecedented levels of destabilisation, chaos through incompetent interferences and banishment of African leadership' in all state-owned companies (SOCs) under the minister's portfolio.

The red berets alleged that "Gordhan's interferences" have resulted in the following:

Eskom is in a huge debt of more than R400 billion and losing the capacity to provide dependable electricity

SAA is in a debt of more than R25 billion, has been handed over to a white-only team of business rescue and there is no foreseeable recovery

**The Citizen**

## Speaker will rule 'soon' on removal of Public Protector

**CAPE TOWN** - Speaker Thandi Modise is to make her decision soon on the request by the official opposition to begin the process for the removal of Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane.

The DA has been pushing for the past two years to have Mkhwebane removed.

After Parliament concluded its process on the new rules to remove heads of Chapter 9 institutions, the DA made a request to Modise to start the process on Mkhwebane's removal.

Parliament's Spokesperson Moloto Mothapo said on Saturday the speaker would make a decision soon.

"She is looking into the matter and will announce her decision soon," said Mothapo. However, Mothapo would not say when this would be.

The DA has said this needed to happen as soon as possible when Parliament resumes its business in the next few weeks.

It said the matter had been delayed during the drafting of the new rules, but that was now over and Parliament would need to get on with its business.

Mkhwebane has been under attack for some time from some within the ANC and opposition parties. They have also slammed her on some of the judgments

against her. But Mkhwebane has defended herself, saying she is fit for office.

The process to remove her was halted last year after she warned she would take Parliament to court because there was no process in place for this.

This forced the National Legislature to draw up its rules on removal of a head of a Chapter 9 institution.

DA interim leader John Steenhuisen has since November 2018 been trying to get Mkhwebane out of office.

In the first attempt the ANC members in the justice committee were divided and the matter fell through.

**Political Bureau**



**THINK ABOUT IT:** General Secretary of the SA Federation of Trade Unions Zwelinzima Vavi.

## 'ANC was captured before 1994'

**DURBAN** - General Secretary of the SA Federation of Trade Unions Zwelinzima Vavi says 'white monopoly capital captured' the ANC before 1994 and "nobody wants to talk about it".

In a television interview, Vavi claimed the pre-1994 'capture' resulted in the abandonment of the Freedom Charter and, in particular, the economic demands in it such as 'the national wealth of our country shall be restored to the people'.

"In our view, the ANC, the movement, got captured ahead of 1994 and that's the capture that nobody wants to talk about. Capture meant abandon the Freedom Charter and abandon the economic demands, in particular that which says the country's wealth shall be shared by all who work it and that the mineral wealth shall be owned by everybody.

"This also meant the abandonment of the demand that says the land shall be distributed to all those who work it. Once the capital achieved that, they grew more confident, and that's why they

lobbied strongly that the first (in the democratic era) minister of Finance must be Derek Keys," said Vavi.

He claimed that when capitalists saw that Keys, who was Finance minister from 1992 to September 1994, 'was their man' to continue with the "old agenda", they became arrogant and were now beginning to call for the privatisation of state-owned enterprises, which they wanted to run, as they believed that the government was not capable of running them.

### Failures

"Unfortunately, the failures of the government have meant that even the progressive solutions to the crisis get so discredited," he said. "One of the demands we have been championing as the left is for the nationalisation of the mines, but that is so hard to argue and win a discussion on among the affluent middle-class people, who will retort that 'you can't run Eskom, you have just run down the SABC - now you want mines to do the same to them.'"

**Political Bureau**

## Stormy weather uproots trees, damages roofs

**CAPE TOWN** - Stormy weather in Cape Town has uprooted trees, damaged roofs and disrupted electricity in places, the city's Disaster Risk Management spokesperson Charlotte Powell said yesterday.

Roofs were damaged by strong winds in Fresnaye, Bo-Kaap, Bonteheuwel, Macassar, Philippi and Sea Point.

Electricity disruptions related to the storm happened in Pinelands, Bridgetown, Wynberg, Parow, Richmond Estate, Bellville, Sea Point, Strand, Claremont, Heideveld and Three Anchor Bay.

Large trees had been uprooted in Gordon's Bay, Newlands, Mowbray, Rylands and Bonteheuwel.

"No deaths or injuries have been reported," said Powell. This comes after extremely strong wind started on Friday. **News24**

## SISULU UNDER ATTACK OVER SHAIK, SIMELANE'S APPOINTMENTS

**JOHANNESBURG** - Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation Lindiwe Sisulu has come under attack from the official opposition for hiring two top officials as her special advisers.

DA deputy spokesperson on Human Settlements, Water And Sanitation Emma Powell said on Friday Sisulu needed to come clean on the appointments of former spy boss Mo Shaik and ex-National Prosecuting Authority boss Menzi Simelane in her department.

Simelane has worked for Sisulu for several years.

She also demanded that the minister disclose their salaries.

Powell said she would apply for the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA) to force Sisulu to disclose this information to her.

In her written reply, Sisulu defended the appointments in her office, saying

they were above board.

"Conditions of employment such as salaries and qualifications of staff are confidential. "Laws such as the Promotion of Access to Information Act and the Basic Conditions of Employment Act, among others, protect the confidentiality of such information.

"I, however, wish to indicate to the honourable member that posts in the ministry have been filled as outlined in the Guide for Members of the Executive, otherwise commonly referred to as the ministerial handbook," said Sisulu.

Powell said some of those appointed had questionable pasts.

Shaik recently appeared before the Zondo Commission of Inquiry into State Capture. He said members of the intelligence agency at the time had clashed with former intelligence minister Siyabonga Cwele in respect of their investigations into the Guptas.

**Political Bureau**



## MEGXIT SAGA: THE MEGHAN, PRINCE HARRY STORY

## What do the bombshell statements mean?

LONDON - Buckingham Palace has issued its latest statement concerning the crisis surrounding the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

## What does it say?

Harry and Meghan are no longer going to be working Royals, will not be carrying out royal duties and they will not use their HRH styles.

## What does this mean?

The couple have effectively stepped down, not just as senior royals, but as working royals in general.

The dual role they suggested in their bombshell statement - of earning their own money and carrying out Royal duties - is not going to happen.

## How will they be funded?

Buckingham Palace said they will no longer receive public funds for Royal duties, because they will not be carrying out any.

## When will the changes take place?

In the spring of 2020.

## Will they be financially independent?

Not completely. They will earn their own money, but the Prince of Wales will also continue to offer private financial support to the couple.

This is expected to come from his £21 million a year Duchy of Cornwall income.

## Will they still get round the clock protection officers paid for by the taxpayers?

Buckingham Palace said it does not comment on security matters.

But it added: "There are well established independent processes to determine the need for publicly funded security."

## And what about Frogmore cottage?

Harry and Meghan will pay back £2.4 million in taxpayers' money spent on renovating their Berkshire home.

## Will they still use it as their base when in the UK?

Yes. And they will pay rent at a commercial rate on the property.

## Where will they spend most time?

They will spend the majority of their time in North America.

## What about their patronages?

They will keep their Royal patronages as private patronages and associations.

But Harry will be stepping down from his military appointments.

He will no longer be Captain General of the Royal Marines, Honorary Air Force Commandant of the Royal Air Force Base Honington, and Honorary Commodore-in-Chief of the Royal Naval Commands' Small Ships and Diving.

Daily Mail

# PRINCE HARRY, MEGHAN MARKLE OFFICIALLY QUIT ROYAL LIFE, DROP TITLES

LONDON - The Duke and Duchess of Sussex will no longer use their HRH titles and will repay millions of pounds of taxpayers' money spent refurbishing Frogmore Cottage as the price of a 'Hard Megxit' deal, it was dramatically announced last night.

Under the terms of the historic deal thrashed out at Sandringham yesterday, the pair, who will be known as Harry, Duke of Sussex and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, will cease to be working members of the Royal Family from this spring and will not perform any official duties on behalf of the Queen - effectively leaving 'The Firm' completely.

The move will see Harry drop all of his official military positions and the couple will also spend the majority of their time in North America, a source told ITV.

The shock statement was



MEGXIT: Meghan Markle and Prince Harry.

announced by the Queen - but minutes later the couple sparked confusion when they updated their own website and signed off as

'Their Royal Highnesses'.

The announcement by Kensington Palace marks the conclusion of talks about their future after days

of wrangling with senior members of the family and Royal aides to thrash out a deal.

But Harry and Meghan, who sources say intend to spend 'the majority' of their time in North America, will pay a heavy financial and emotional cost.

As well as returning the £2.4 million spent on a lavish refurbishment of Frogmore Cottage, they will pay a commercial rent - estimated at up to £360 000 a year - to retain it as their British home.

Prince Charles will continue to 'offer private financial support' and, crucially, the couple will have free rein to negotiate lucrative commercial deals that experts believe could net them hundreds of millions of pounds, although they have pledged 'to uphold the values of Her Majesty'.

A number of unresolved issues remain, including whether Harry and Meghan will be required to

## 'I'm surprised it took Meghan this long to get Harry to ditch family'

LONDON - Piers Morgan responded to Buckingham Palace's historic announcement on Saturday that Prince Harry and Meghan Markle will be retiring from Royal life by suggesting the Queen had told them to 'sling their part-time Royal hook'.

The TV presenter, who has made no secret of his dislike for the Duchess of Sussex's behaviour since she ghosted him, tweeted his thoughts immediately after the Megxit deal was revealed.

He wrote: 'BREAKING: The Queen's told Megan/Harry to sling their part-time Royal hook.'

"Well done, Your Majesty - right decision. Only surprised it took her so long to get Harry to ditch his family, the Monarchy, the mil-

itary and his country."

The enraged Good Morning Britain host continued to vent his outrage by saying: "Bottom line: Meghan/Harry wanted to have their cake and eat it, but the Queen just took the cake back to the royal kitchens."

Morgan then began replying to other Twitter users with his opinion on certain aspects of the couple's new role.

In response to ITV News's Royal Editor Chris Ship, who tweeted a quote from the former Head of the Navy on the topic of Harry stepping down, Morgan wrote: "Staggering that Harry would turn his back on the military like this."

Due to Harry giving up his mil-

itary ranks, he will pass on the position of Captain General to the Royal Marines which he took on from his grandfather, Prince Philip, who had held it from 1953 to 2017.

Piers Morgan said: "Philip must be devastated."

However he took some solace in the situation and said: "On a positive note, this spells the death on arrival of Meghan and Harry's plan for a 'progressive' new Monarchy."

"So they thankfully won't be 'woking' the Windsors after all."

As a teaser to his next MailOnline column, the TV presenter replied to a tweet from a fan which read: "Am I the only one waiting for Piers Morgan to publish an article?!" Morgan responded omi-

nously to say: '36 hours...'

Alastair Bruce, a commentator on the royals, told Sky News: 'I think the queen has dealt with this crisis because she has absolutely drawn the line: you can be private people, but you cannot be royal at the same time'

Meanwhile, the decision by the Duke and Duchess of Sussex to walk away from the monarchy will 'avoid catastrophe', royal commentator Penny Junor said.

After days of crisis talks following Harry and Meghan's announcement that they would be stepping back as senior royals, Buckingham Palace announced the pair will stop carrying out royal duties from the spring.

Daily Mail

## Prince Harry, Meghan will still get cash from The Bank Of Dad

LONDON - Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are expected to continue received £2.3million-a-year from the Duchy of Cornwall via Prince Charles.

Buckingham Palace's bombshell announcement on Saturday revealed that the couple will give up their Sovereign Grant money - which equates to about £100 000-a-year.

They will also be repaying the £2.4million Sovereign Grant cash that was used for their Frogmore Cottage revamp.

However, it is believed Prince Charles will continue to fund their lifestyles and the Palace's statement made no mention of it.

Royal Correspondent Rebecca



English said: "Harry and Meghan will not receive any further public funding but will continue to

receive funds from the Prince of Wales privately."

According to a former aide,

Prince Charles's attitude is always just pay what needs to be paid and move on. It's usually the path of least resistance when it's to do with the boys."

But those familiar with some of the eye-watering numbers which have crossed the Royal desk at Clarence House say there is another side to the story.

One figure went so far as to say that the money he spends, not just on Harry and Meghan but also on financing William and Kate, was 'draining him'.

Officially, the brothers and their households are funded out of Charles's Duchy of Cornwall estate, but, in fact, the Prince has at times had to dip into his own private reserves. Daily Mail



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strip the word 'Royal' from their SussexRoyal website, and who will pick up the multi-million pound bill for their continuing security requirements.

The Queen, who took control of the crisis that threatened to permanently damage the monarchy, praised Meghan for swiftly becoming a part of the family and thanked the couple for the work they had done, saying she was pleased they had found a constructive way to move forward.

Last night's bombshell announcement comes as:

Meghan's father Thomas Markle will break his silence in a Channel 5 documentary in which he will accuse her of cheapening the Royal Family and throwing away 'every girl's dream' for money;

Footage showed Meghan joking that she and Prince Harry attended the premiere of The Lion King in London in order to 'pitch' for work;

At a women's hostel in Canada last week visited by the Duchess a trans woman paraded naked in front of female residents and posted a series of lewd comments on Facebook;

Sources said Harry may make a surprise appearance at a vital African investment summit which begins today.

In her statement, the Queen said: "Following many months of conversations and more recent discussions, I am pleased that together we have found a constructive and supportive way forward for my grandson and his family." *Daily Mail*

## Meghan's dad launches an extraordinary TV attack on Megxit

**TORONTO - The Duchess of Sussex's estranged father has spoken in depth for the first time about the Megxit crisis - and accused his daughter of 'cheapening' the Royal Family and throwing away 'every girl's dream' for money.**

In a TV documentary, Thomas Markle describes Meghan and Harry's behaviour as embarrassing, saying they are 'turning into lost souls' and, in a reference to a discount American supermarket giant, adds: "They are turning it [the Royal Family] into a Walmart with a crown on."

He added: "This is not the girl I raised."

Markle's intervention in the monarchy's worst crisis for a generation came as the Queen's top aides finalised a deal for the couple, who are quitting as front-line Royals and leaving Britain to seek financial independence.

He told the Channel 5 documentary: "When they got married they took on an obligation, and the obligation is to be part of the Royals and to represent the Royals. And it would be foolish for them not to. "This is one of the greatest long-living institutions ever. They are destroying it, they are cheapening it, making it shabby... they shouldn't be doing this."

The 90-minute documentary, Thomas Markle: My Story, explores the background to what it calls his 'complicated' relationship with his daughter and their dramatic fallout in the run-up to her wedding to Prince Harry in May 2018.

In addition, it charts Meghan's formative years - she lived with Markle between the ages 11 and 18. *Daily Mail*

## Canadian press reacts to 'Megxit'

**TORONTO - Canada has reacted to the shock announcement the Duke and Duchess of Sussex will quit Royal life completely, with Harry expected to join Meghan and baby Archie in the North American country.**

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau declined to comment on the bombshell news, but newspapers were quick to weigh in.

In an opinion piece for the Toronto Sun, Christina Blizzard wrote: "Yes, we're flattered to have you come stay. No, we don't want to pay for security."

She added: "You sense a great deal of pain and sadness in the Queen's statement. She deserved better. She tried so hard to welcome Meghan."

Critics have said the couple are not welcome to settle in Canada, suggesting they would cost taxpayers £5million [US\$10million] and would cause a constitutional

crisis.

This is because no British Royal has ever settled there and the nation prides itself on not having any aristocracy, with anyone offered a peerage in the UK expected to renounce their Canadian citizenship first.

And the Globe and Mail touched on the cost of the couple, saying: "The statement also didn't clarify who will cover the cost of their security, which has been estimated at around £600 000 annually."

"Saturday's statement didn't comment on security other than to say: 'There are well established independent processes to determine the need for publicly-funded security.'"

It added: "The Canadian government has not said if it will cover the cost of the couple's security if they decide to live in the country."

"Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said this week that security costs were 'part of the reflection that



**REACTIONS: Reporters doing a peice on the Megxit coverage.**

needs to be had and there are discussions going on."

Respected broadsheet the National Post also covered the story in a news article.

It comes after a new poll in Toronto, a city Meghan lived for seven years, found her husband is, after the Queen, regarded as their favourite Windsor. But nearly three-quar-

ters of people were opposed to paying towards the Sussexes' costs.

While support for his grandmother the Queen is 'deep, broad and strong', two thirds said the Royal family is losing or has lost its relevance and 45 per cent said Canada should not continue as a constitutional monarchy.

*Daily Mail*

## Netflix 'interested' in Harry, Meghan deal

**LONDON - Netflix has confirmed its interest in working with Prince Harry and Meghan Markle after they sensationally quit the Royal family.**

Following a period of intense negotiations, it was announced yesterday that the couple would be giving up their HRH titles and would be known as Harry, Duke of Sussex and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex going forward. This means they are free to strike lucrative contracts and Netflix's chief

content officer Ted Sarandos has now admitted that the streaming giant would be 'interested' in a production with the Sussexes. Speaking at an event in Los Angeles and asked about Harry and Meghan, he replied: "Who wouldn't be interested? Yes, sure." The couple would be following in the footsteps of their friends Barack and Michelle Obama, who agreed a production deal with Netflix to make film and TV projects.

*Daily Mail*

## THE MILITARY RANKS THAT PRINCE HARRY WILL GIVE UP

**LONDON - The Duke of Sussex has been the Honorary Air Commandant of Royal Air Force Honington since 2008. He succeeded his grandfather, the Duke of Edinburgh, in the role.**

He has also been the Captain General of the Royal Marines since December 2017.

The Afghan war veteran was made Captain General of the elite Corps last year, replacing Prince Philip.

Prince Harry is currently the Commodore-in-Chief of Small Ships and Diving for the Royal Naval Command. He has held this title since 2006.

*Daily Mail*

## Megxit result of 'many months of conversations' - Queen Elizabeth

**LONDON - The Queen has expressed how she is 'particularly proud' of Meghan as she reveals the couple's announcement to step down as senior royals is the result of 'many months of conversations'.**

Her Majesty praised how Meghan has swiftly become part of the family and thanked the couple for the work they had done, saying she was pleased they had found a constructive way to move forward.

She expressed her desire for the family to create a 'happy and peaceful life' which the couple intend to pursue in North America where they can set their own agenda and make money how they choose.

Buckingham Palace announced on Saturday the Duke and Duchess of Sussex will no longer use their HRH titles and will repay £2.4million of taxpayers' money spent on renovating their Frogmore Cottage home.

The couple, who will be known as Harry, Duke of Sussex and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, will also stop carrying out Royal duties from the spring.

In her statement, the Queen said: "Following many months of conversations and more recent discussions, I am pleased that together we have found a constructive and supportive way forward for my grandson and his family."

What the Queen said and what she



**CONVERSATIONS: Queen Elizabeth with Meghan Markle and Prince Harry.**

meant in her statement

**1. "Following many months of conversations":** The opening line begins with a bombshell, revealing that Harry and Meghan have been discussing their exit from royal life with the Queen and other senior royals for longer than the public expected. The couple announced their intention to step back as senior royals on January 8. In a statement the Duke and Duchess said: "After many months of reflection and internal discussions."

**2. "My grandson and his family":** The Queen highlights her personal bond with Harry and refers to him as her 'grandson' emphasising

her role as not just the monarch but also his grandmother.

The word 'family' appears four times in the statement which relates to the Royal Family and the family unit of Harry, Meghan and Archie.

**3. "Much-loved members of my family":** The Queen hits a personal note by emphasising how Meghan, Harry and Archie will always remain 'much-loved' members of her family.

The statement has a deeply personal tone with the use of three 'I's' and three 'my's' throughout its five paragraphs.

**4. "The Commonwealth":** The Queen expresses her gratitude for

the work Meghan and Harry have contributed to 'the Commonwealth and beyond'. Meghan and Harry wish to pursue an independent life in Canada, another Commonwealth country.

**5. "Particularly proud":** The Queen pays tribute to Meghan and praises how quickly she has become part of the family. This is in light of how many feel the Queen has every right to be unhappy with the way the Duchess has behaved.

**6. "My whole family's hope":** Here the monarch speaks as a head of the Royal Family as a whole, putting aside her personal feelings for the greater good.

"Harry, Meghan and Archie will always be much loved members of my family. 'I recognise the challenges they have experienced as a result of intense scrutiny over the last two years and support their wish for a more independent life.'"

"I want to thank them all for their dedicated work across this country; the Commonwealth and beyond, and am particularly proud of how Meghan has so quickly become one of the family. 'It is my whole family's hope that today's agreement allows them to start building a happy and peaceful new life.'"

*Daily Mail*



# Focus on Africa News

## Continental News

### WARRANT OF ARREST FOR MNANGAGWA

**HARARE** - There is a long standing warrant of arrest for ZANU PF leader, Emmerson Mnangagwa in a development bound to see him and emerging military figures outstaging each other using state tools of prosecution.

Senior government officials and multiple sources have alleged Mnangagwa has lost real control of the country to the military, and if things go according to plan, "the only person now in power is Maj Gen John Chris Mupande, whose allegiance is to Vice President Constantino Chiwenga."

The military is disintegrating in a way which might turn out calamitous, reflected in how Mnangagwa ended up 'violating' his own annual leave (December 2019 to January 2020).

But how does such a person (Gen Mupande) who is junior to the Zimbabwe Defence Forces Commander, Valerio Sibanda become more powerful. The coup to remove former President Robert Mugabe was done by the Zipra wing of the military, the January 2019 operation to save Mnangagwa was also done by ZIPRA, as narrated by Mnangagwa's inlaw



**WARRANT: Emmerson Mnangagwa.**

Terence Mukepe in a year old in door meeting video clip.

The ZIPRA element of the military comes from Mberengwa, Shurugwi and Matebeleland (Gen Sibusiso Moyo, Isaac Moyo (CIO Director General), this is the element that wanted Mugabe removed or even killed.

They are the ones who run the Korokozas (artisanal miners), the Mashurugwi militia who form a civilian army. Two soldiers caught so far raiding mines in the Concession area, were from Shurugwi. It was an oper-

ation run by the Defence Intelligence.

Mnangagwa had a warrant of arrest over the murder of his girlfriend in a flat. That docket is still there. The whole November military coup was a way to sway away the criminal charges. Sources told ZimEye, Mnangagwa knew he was going to be arrested for the murder of the girlfriend (a church member of Tudor Bismark's organisation) killed in a flat in Harare who was a discovered a week later. *ZimEye*



**PETITION: Malawians during a election protest.**

### Malawi judges offered election petition bribes - chief justice

**LILONGWE** - Tens of thousands of Malawians took part in protests at alleged attempts to bribe judges overseeing a legal challenge to the re-election last year of President Peter Mutharika.

People took to the streets after the country's chief justice charged that the five judges presiding over the case had been offered kickbacks. The complaint, which was filed to the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Monday, prompted a call for demonstrations in Malawi's three main cities.

Around 50,000 people gathered in the capital, Lilongwe, with smaller rallies in Blantyre and Mzuzu. They braved the rain and stood vigil outside parliament. Many wore white T-shirts printed with 'ACB name and arrest the bribers now.'

Opposition leaders say the May 21 poll, which saw Mutharika narrowly beat runner-up candidate Lazarus Chakwera, was marred by fraud. In August, they petitioned Malawi's top court to annul the results — the first time presidential election results have been legally challenged since the country gained independence from Britain in 1964.

Gift Trapence, head of a watchdog group called the Human Rights Defenders Coalition (HRDC), said his organization was pressuring ACB head Reyneck Matemba to seek 'justice.'

"We met Mr Matemba yesterday and we told him that the taxpayers want the culprits exposed and arrested," Trapence, whose group organized the protests, told the rally in Lilongwe. "We told him that if they sue the ACB, we, the taxpayers, will pay. The ACB will act in a few days," Matemba told reporters, promising Malawians would not be 'let down.'

He said the body was investigating individuals named by the chief justice rather than political parties.

"This is our chance as the ACB to demonstrate to the people of Malawi that we can do better," Matemba added.

A court ruling on the election challenge is expected by the end of January. The ACB aims to complete its probe before then.

Sporadic demonstrations have broken out across Malawi since the election, with protesters demanding the ouster of the electoral commission's head over her handling of the vote. Many rallies have been met with violence by security forces.

But the demonstrations unfolded peacefully and no incidents were reported at any of the venues, according to police spokesman James Kadadzera. Mutharika has brushed off all doubts on the official results, which show he won just 159,000 votes more than Chakwera, a margin of around three percentage points. *The Observer*

### MOZAMBIQUE: NYUSI ANNOUNCES NEW GOVERNMENT

**MAPUTO** - Mozambican President Filipe Nyusi announced his new government on Friday evening, and reappointed Carlos Agostinho do Rosario as Prime Minister.

Under the Mozambican system, the Prime Minister is not the head of the government, a position occupied by the President. He coordinates the Council of Ministers (Cabinet), and represents the government in its dealings with the country's Parliament, the Assembly of the Republic. Over the past five years, Rosario has been a steady hand on the tiller of government, and often stands in for Nyusi in the latter's absences.

Also reappointed is Adriano Maleiane, as Minister of Economy and Finance,

even though, at the age of 70, he was the oldest member of the outgoing government. Maleiane has been handling the fallout from the scandal of Mozambique's "hidden debts" - the over two billion dollars in loans obtained by three fraudulent security-related companies from the banks Credit Suisse and VTB of Russia. Maleiane's team has been negotiating with the creditors, and no doubt Nyusi wanted to ensure continuity.

#### Reappointed

Nyusi reappointed Max Tonela as Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy. An economist by profession, Tonela is now a key figure in the development of Mozambique's massive reserves of natural gas. During the lifespan of the new

government, the first project producing and exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) will come on stream. This is the floating LNG unit, currently under construction in a South Korean shipyard.

At the same time, a least two onshore LNG plants are expected to be built on the Afungi Peninsula, in Palma district, in the northern province of Cabo Delgado.

Joao Machatane stays on as Minister of Public Works. Trained as a civil engineer, Machatane has a reputation for dynamism, and has been criss-crossing the country, dealing with crises such as the collapse of a bridge over the Montepuez river, which cut off the northern districts of Cabo Delgado from the rest of the country.

*All Africa*

### BRIEFS

#### 60 killed as Houthi attack camp

**CAIRO** - Iran-aligned Houthis attacked a military training camp in the Yemeni city of Marib on Saturday, killing 60 military personnel and wounding dozens others, Saudi state television said on Saturday evening. Al Ekhbariya television quoted sources as saying the attack was carried out with ballistic missiles and drones. A proxy war has been playing out in Yemen between Iran and Saudi Arabia. The Saudi-led coalition intervened in 2015 to restore the government of President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, which the Houthis ousted from power in the capital Sanaa and is now based in the southern port city of Aden.

AFP

#### 17 linked to 'get-rich-quick' schemes arrested

**JOHANNESBURG** - At least 17 people have been arrested in Burundi's largest city Bujumbura over a Ponzi scheme, online publication RegionWeek reported. It quoted the spokesman for the public security and disasters management ministry, Pierre Nkurikiye, as saying a probe into the company behind the scheme, Crowd1, was underway. Crowd1 hit the headlines in Burundi recently when it launched a scheme which offered participants dividends for recruiting new investors. Nkurikiye expressed concern that Burundi nationals kept flocking to such schemes which made false "get-rich-quick" promises, despite regular warnings from the government. *Reuters*

#### Kenya-Iran under great strain over war

**NAIROBI** - In early 1978, Kenyan-Iranian relations came under great strain over the Ogaden war between Ethiopia and Somalia. Kenya suspected that Iran was actively supporting Somalia and also arming it with weapons supplied by Britain and America. While Iran and Kenya's Western allies leaned towards Somalia in the conflict, Nairobi was sympathetic to the Soviet-backed Ethiopia, mainly because of Somalia's claims to the north-eastern part of Kenya. Further annoying Kenya was a statement by the Iranian monarch, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, that his country would not stand and watch if Somalia were invaded. *Nation.co.ke*

#### Woman forced in prostitution by couple

**BLOEMFONTEIN** - A 19-year-old suspect has been arrested in Bloemfontein for human trafficking and sexual exploitation and police are looking for two more suspects, the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks) in the Free State said. A 34-year-old woman travelling from Botshabelo to Johannesburg via Bloemfontein was waiting for a train in Bloemfontein at 8.40pm on January 8 when an 'African female and her Nigerian husband approached her and told her to accompany them to their flat, as they are selling jeans', Warrant Officer Lynda Steyn said in a statement. She accompanied them to the flat in Zastron Street. *IOL*



# Focus on World News

Global News

## HOW ROWLAND HATCHED PLOT TO BECOME KIM JONG UN'S PRIVATE BANKER

**PYONGYANG** - A controversial property tycoon and former business partner of Prince Andrew who has donated £6 million to the Conservative Party secretly flew to North Korea in a bid to become a private banker for the family of brutal dictator Kim Jong Un.

Millionaire financier David Rowland held talks with North Korean leaders in the capital Pyongyang about managing the personal fortunes of the rogue state's ruling family and helping the Communist regime set up companies abroad, according to documents seen by *The Mail* on Sunday.

It has long been believed the Kim family has stashed billions of pounds abroad in a network of secret accounts.

Experts say such accounts are used to fund their luxury lifestyle and as a way of dodging sanctions, although there is no evidence Rowland was ever aware of this.

Rowland's close links to Prince Andrew were revealed by the MoS last month. We exposed how the pair co-owned a company in a tax haven and how, in the years before the North Korean trip, the Duke of York had been using his position as Britain's trade envoy to plug a private Luxembourg-based bank for the super-



**PRIVATE BANKER:** Millionaire financier David Rowland (right with Andrew in 2006) held talks with North Korean leaders in the capital Pyongyang about managing the personal fortunes of the rogue state's ruling family and helping the Communist regime set up companies abroad, according to documents seen by *The Mail* yesterday.

rich owned by Rowland and his family.

The MoS can also reveal that wealthy Hong Kong socialite Dr Johnny Hon, who paid Sarah Ferguson and Zara Tindall hundreds of thousands of pounds for introducing contacts and giving advice, was the key fixer behind the controversial discussions.

In an email seen by this newspaper, Hon promised that Rowland's trip to North Korea would be kept under the radar.

Rowland and Hon's involvement with one of the world's most repressive states is likely to horrify both senior Tories and Buckingham Palace officials. Rowland, who owns a sprawling estate in Guernsey, donated thousands to the party as recently as last year. The mysterious talks are detailed in a report posted online by David Rowland's son Jonathan, who also took part in the visit, and in a series of documents attached to an email that he sent to an MoS journalist. *The Sun*

## IRAN TO SEND BLACK BOX RECORDERS TO UKRAINE

**TEHRAN** - Iranian officials have said that they will send black box recorders to Ukraine for further analysis after killing 176 people when they accidentally shot down a plane.

Hassan Rezaeifer, the head of accident investigations for the civil aviation department, said it was not possible to read the jet's black boxes in Iran - but he did not elaborate further. He said that instead French, American and Canadian experts would help analyse them in the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv.

Mr Rezaeifer added that if that was unsuccessful then the black box recorders would be sent to France. Iran's Revolutionary Guard accidentally shot the plane down just two minutes after it took off from Tehran on January 8, killing all 176 people on board.

The Guard had launched ballistic missiles at American troops in Iraq just hours earlier in response to the US airstrike that killed Iran's top commander, General Qassem Soleimani. Officials say lower-level officers mistook the plane for an American cruise missile.

Iran had initially said the crash was caused by a technical problem and invited countries that lost citizens to help investigate.

But three days later, it admitted responsibility after Western leaders said there was strong evidence



the plane was hit by a surface-to-air missile.

The victims included 57 Canadian citizens as well as 11 Ukrainians, 17 Swedes, four Afghans and four British citizens.

Most of those killed were Iranians. The other five nations have demanded Iran accept full responsibility and pay compensation to the victims' families.

The plane, which was a Boeing 737-800, was designed and built in America.

Its engine was designed by CFM International - a joint company between French group Safran and US group GE Aviation.

Investigators from both countries have been invited to take part in the probe.

*Daily Mail*

## Abortion rates fall by a fifth after Pope's visit

**VATICAN CITY** - The Pope reduces the number of abortions when he visits a town because his presence makes people have less unprotected sex, a study found.

Scientists, led by a team from the University of Brighton, found that couples have less unprotected sex when the Pope is in town to avoid having an abortion and breaking Catholic doctrine.

Even after the pope leaves the area, his influence remains as researchers found abortions plummeted by up to a fifth for as long as 14 months after a papal visit. While the number of abor-

tions dropped, the birth rate remains the same. Because fewer abortions did not increase the birth rate, scientists believe the Pope's words must either increase the use of contraception to prevent pregnancy or inspire chastity.

Whenever the Pope referenced the 'unholy' procedure in his speeches, abortions fell by twice as much.

Study co-author Dr Egidio Farina, an economist at Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, said: "The research finds a decrease in the number of abortions starting from the third month until the 14th month after the visit of a Pope."

*Daily Mail*

## Trump team trades sharp views on impeachment with House managers

**WASHINGTON** - President Donald Trump's legal team issued a fiery response ahead of opening arguments in his impeachment trial, while House Democrats laid out their case in forceful fashion, saying the president betrayed public trust with behaviour that was the 'worst nightmare' of the founding fathers.

The dueling filings previewed arguments both sides intend to make once Trump's impeachment trial begins in earnest tomorrow in the Senate. Their challenge will be to make a case that appeals to the 100 senators

who will render the verdict and for an American public bracing for a presidential election in 10 months.

"President Donald J. Trump used his official powers to pressure a foreign government to interfere in a United States election for his personal political gain," the House prosecutors wrote, "and then attempted to cover up his scheme by obstructing Congress's investigation into his misconduct."

Trump's legal team, responding to the Senate's official summons for the trial, said the president 'categorically and unequivocally' denies the

charges of abuse and obstruction against him.

"This is a brazen and unlawful attempt to overturn the results of the 2016 election and interfere with the 2020 election, now just months away," the president's filing states.

Stripped of legalese and structured in plain English, the documents underscored the extent to which the impeachment proceedings are a political rather than conventional legal process.

They are the first of several filings expected in coming days as senators prepare to take their seats for the rare impeachment court. *AP*

## BRIEFS

### 17 new cases of coronavirus in Wuhan

**BEIJING** - Seventeen more people in central China have been diagnosed with a new form of viral pneumonia that has killed two patients and placed other countries on alert as millions of Chinese travel for Lunar New Year holidays. In total, 62 cases of the novel coronavirus have been identified in the central city of Wuhan, where the virus appears to have originated. The Wuhan Municipal Health Commission reported the new cases in a statement yesterday. Nineteen of those individuals have been discharged from the hospital, while two men in their 60s - one with severe pre-existing conditions - have died from the illness. *Daily Mail*

### Commander faces up to 75 years in jail

**GUANTANAMO BAY** - A former commander of the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay was convicted on Friday of interfering with an investigation into the death of a civilian with whom the commander had fought and argued over his affair with the man's wife. A federal jury in Jacksonville, Florida, convicted Navy Captain John R. Nettleton on charges of obstruction of justice, concealing material facts, falsifying records and making false statements. Nettleton was removed from command shortly after civilian Christopher Tur was found floating in the waters off the base on the southeastern coast of Cuba in January 2015. *AFP*

### Docs proving Iran built nuclear weapon

**TEHRAN** - A never-seen-before secret Iranian government document proves the regime was trying to build a nuclear weapon as far back as 2002. It shows scientists outlining their proposals for a 'warhead', which are given the green-light by Tehran's top nuclear official. The document was seized as part of a raid by Israeli intelligence agents on a compound in Tehran in 2018, and is now being exclusively revealed to the world by MailOnline. The damning nuclear blueprint forms the centrepiece of a soon-to-be published report by the Friends of Israel Initiative (FOII), a group of foreign policy experts including several former presidents and prime ministers. *The Sun*

### Putin opposes idea of unlimited term

**MOSCOW** - Russian President Vladimir Putin has said he opposed the idea of an unlimited term in office for the country's leader, like the system that existed in the former Soviet Union. Putin's comment at a meeting with Second World War veterans in St Petersburg came days after he called for constitutional changes that could help him remain in power once his presidential term ends in 2024. When a veteran at the meeting proposed not having term limits for Russia's president, Putin responded that 'it would be very disturbing to return to the situation of the mid-1980s, with the leaders of the state, one by one, staying in power until the end of their days'. *Daily Mail*



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ITS ON: Images from the 2019 MTN Bushfire Festival.



## SUBMISSION CRITERIA

- Films must have been made after 2016
- Only short films under 30 minutes will be accepted
- At least 50 percent of the core film team (director, producer) must be from Africa
- Films must focus on category themes
- Films should have a message that upholds the values of MTN Bushfire: inclusion, diversity and tolerance.

impact in order to promote African filmmakers, social justice advocates and musicians alike," said Lara Utian- Preston.

MTN Bushfire Festival Director Jiggs Thorne said they were looking for new ways to activate their themes and social mandate as expressed through Bring Your Fire. "In the last few years, we have added a visual arts zone and included live theatre and dance within the festival. It makes absolute sense for us to also start supporting and promoting the burgeoning African film industry. We are excited to host our first film festival and expect the event to grow over time," said Thorne.

The MTN Bushfire Short Film Celebration is being curated by Lara Utian- Preston and Edima Otuokon both of whom have extensive film festival and industry experience.

Lara and Edima were both involved over many years with the Zanzibar International Film Festival.

Additionally, through their work with the Ladima Foundation, a Pan-African organisation non-profit that supports women in film, they work closely with a host of film festivals filmmakers, and film-related events across Africa.

## MTN BUSHFIRE TO HOST SHORT FILM FESTIVAL 2020

BY AYANDA DLAMINI

*...applications for film submissions are now open*

MTN Bushfire, in partnership with Red Flag Media, will this year host a Short Film Festival.

The MTN Bushfire Short Film Celebration will take place at The Barn on the mornings of Saturday May 30 and Sunday May 31.

This was revealed by the brains behind this partnership, Lara Utian- Preston, yesterday.

The Saturday screenings will be

of short films that focus on African music, musicians or similar topics while the Sunday screenings will focus on short films that reflect the values of MTN Bushfire's social mandate; diversity, inclusion and tolerance.

These films will highlight uplifting and impactful stories from across Africa in the areas of gender rights (LGBTQ), environ-

mentalism and sustainability, social development and justice.

### Diverse

These engaging African films will be the ideal accompaniment to the diverse and exciting live performances that take place across the various MTN Bushfire stages throughout the three-day festival.

Applications for film submissions are now open via Film Freeway.

"We are so excited to bring the film medium into the MTN Bushfire space in 2020. The film festival categories focusing on music and social justice have been designed to complement the vision and mission of MTN Bushfire. While this year the festival will take place over just two morning sessions, we hope to grow it in scope and



MORE DONATIONS: Kids In Motion Academy dancers.

## Sponsorship galore for KIM Croatia trip

BY ANDILE DLAMINI

**BUSINESSMAN** and chief creative director of clothing brand 'Sgonian Republic' Philani Mpanza has donated clothing to Kids In Motion (KIM) Dance Academy for their trip to Croatia.

This was revealed by Mpanza yesterday.

The endorsement package comprises 10 sets of track-suits for the main team and technical staff. Mpanza said he felt the need to help KIM because he supported the arts industry. "Our relationship with Eswatini's arts space dates back to 2008. This relationship is inspired by the confidence in the excellence of our artists,

hence the need to support this industry.

Time has seen this relationship mature to where it is now," said Mpanza.

He said this endorsement of Kids in Motion was a well deserved continuation of this spirit and relationship. "The management of Kids In Motion approached us, asking for assistance with their trip to Croatia and being genuine fans of not the local arts, but their work and what they are doing for many children and families of Eswatini, we had no choice but to come on board," he said.

The Kids In Motion dancers consists of seven girls who will be competing at the international competition.

## Illa Penboy's Amapiano Cooler Box Party slated for March

BY SETSABLE NKAMBULE

**ILLA** Penboy will be hosting the second edition of Amapiano Cooler Box Party at the Malkens Country Club on March 28.

Illa said this time around, the event would be different as it would feature a number of international artists who would be chosen by fans.

"I took it upon myself to include my fans into planning the event. The public has been engaged on social media to choose international artists of their choice. We will then take it from there and give the people what they want by bringing the most nominated ones," he said.

### Exciting

He said the event would be much bigger and more exciting.

However, Illa could not reveal the local artists he had lined-up for the event.

He said people should expect good performances and good music from all the acts at the

event.

"I can confirm that local artists will be given the platform to entertain their own people. International artists will also be there and they will be revealed in due course," he said.

"Stalls will also be available. Information will be communicated via social media and contact details will be shared accordingly.

"Talking of stalls makes me realise how this show will benefit Emaswati – bringing people together to enjoy themselves and also do business," he said. Tickets to the event are now available at Shoprite Computicket and through Illa at E100 General and E300 VIP.

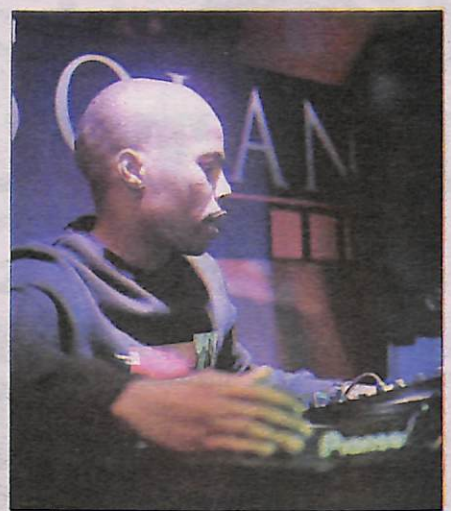
SHONA PHANSI:  
Illa Penboy







**NO JAN-WORRY:** Fun lovers vibing like they are still in the festive mood on Friday at Solani's Shisanyama. People dancing to DJ Sgitha while playing his set.



**MR DJ:** Sgitha on the decks.

# NO JAN-WORRY BLUES AT SOLANI'S

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

**SOLANI'S Shisanyama is clearly not part of the Jan-worry blue predicaments that have taken over the country's hangout spots.**

This was witnessed at the Hangover event on Friday. Every table was filled with fun

lovers and resident deejays were dishing out quality music to the crowd.

Fun lovers were still in the festive mood. The atmosphere was filled with joy as you could see people happy and enjoying themselves.

Good music was dished by resident DJs Yung Yas, Sgitha and Bloss. They played hip pop and

amapiano music for fun-lovers.

According to Solani's Shisanyama entertainment PRO Thandukwazi Hadebe, the spot has been getting more support this month.

"Our fans are not going through the Jan-worry. All they want is to have fun, and as Solani's Shisanyama, we are all about delivering the best for our cus-

tomers. Speaking to one of the fun-lovers Thobeko Dlamini, she said people tend to make December as the only month to have fun and make January look like it's a month of worries.

"We are lucky we have spots like Solani's Shisanyama. They make sure we have the time of our lives through the entertainment they give out," Dlamini said.



**PEACE:** Solani's DJ Bloss, Thandukwazi and a friend pose.

## Narix back with a bang

BY ANDILE DLAMINI

**HOUSE music artist Narix is back into the music industry as he has released a single titled 'Ntombenhle'.**

He will be dropping an Extend Play (EP) on February 20.

The EP is titled 'The Journey' and it was produced by the artist.

The EP has six tracks and is a combination of amapiano and house music. It features DJ Kayzotic, DJ Cutaz, Simpo Man (Botswana) Gass and Black Soul.

"The reason I decided to combine the two genres is because they are almost the same. Anyone who listens to amapiano possibly listens to afro deep and I want to reach a larger audience since amapiano are mostly listened to in the SADC region, yet Afro Deep music has got followers from all over the world," the musician said.

The song is a love song with the theme of a guy asking a girl out. "I have DJ cutaz as a co-producer and Glass the vocalist bringing a fancy acclaim to the mix," he said.

Narix is an artist and record producer, whose real name is Brito Mohammed. He began his music career around 2008 and has released one album as well as a number of singles.

Narix became focused on music after attending Alpha Records

Music Academy in Durban.

Apart from singles, Narix has also released an album under Powershot Music and Jiva Ngwane Entertainment titled First Impression last year in March.



## Sherpard Brothers drop Ncinci Bo'

BY ANDILE DLAMINI

**DYNAMIC trio Shepard Brothers have released a new single titled 'Ncinci Bo' which features poet and singer Beezae.**

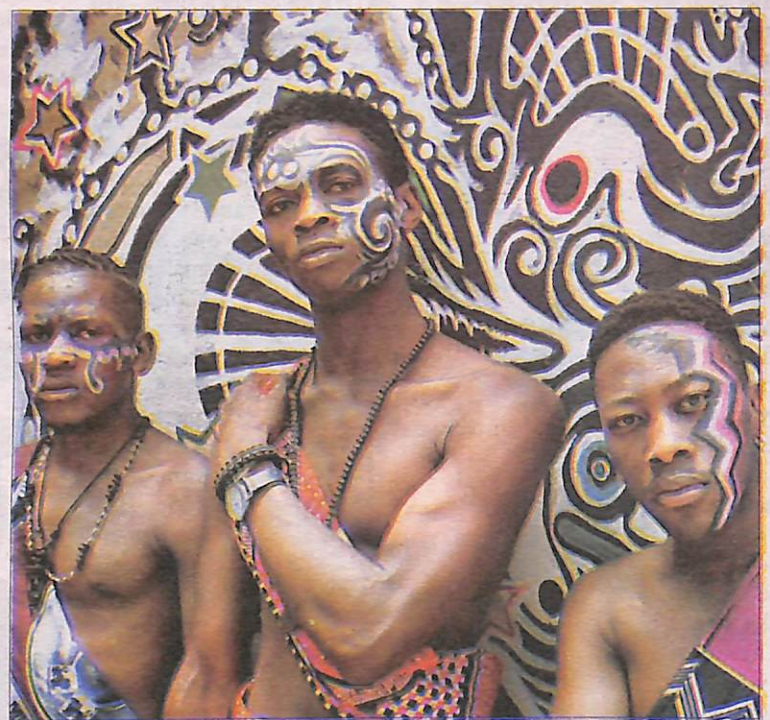
The single dropped last Friday and is available on YouTube and Sound cloud.

"After dropping a single early in November 'Deep in my soul' featuring Twins of a Kind and DJ Ayacity, we had to call it a year for music and concentrate on festive gigs in and out of the country, which really was hectic but we managed," said Mcebo Nkambule; one of the trio.

According to Nkambule, the song was a love song, hence the title 'Ncinci Bo' which meant happiness.

Nkambule said whenever they initiated a collaboration with any artist, they never proposed ideas at first because they always wanted to work with what originally the other artists was about.

"We make a great collaboration when we mix different ideas and sound that describes us, so from this song we tried making it tribal/Afro as that is the sound that best describes Shepard Brothers, then Beezae



**NEW SINGLE:** The Shepard Brothers.

sealed it with her beautiful smooth voice full of love lines through the lyrics," he said.

He said the collaboration was long overdue as they met Beezae two years ago. "Which is when we had agreed to make something together as we believed she has this talent and vocal touch we would have loved to have in our music," he said.

Nkambule said they were dedicating this year to develop their music

and getting it to the people.

"With that in mind, we have decided to pull through a music concept 'wenotyedoneTwenty20'," he said.

He said although a lot of people were expecting an album from them by now they think it would be great if they dropped the album in style.

"The plan is to drop 10 or more tracks throughout the year under one concept, so that each and every track is fully given attention," he said.





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## TBO TOUCH ACCUSED OF HIJACKING SOWETO TV

**SANDTON** - Tbo Touch is currently the director and acting CEO one of Gauteng's top community TV station Soweto TV.

The radio and television personality Tbo Touch is accused of hijacking one of Gauteng's top community television stations.

The former Metro FM DJ, whose real name is Thabo Molefe, last month suspended most of Soweto TV's producers in what some say is part of his "take-over bid" for the station.

Tbo Touch, who used to run his own online TV station called Touch HD, was appointed Soweto TV director about seven months ago. He has since been acting as CEO following the axing of Bridget Nkuna in September.



**ACCUSED:** Tbo Touch.

Now the popular DJ finds himself at the centre of a storm between

the station's founders and its current Board.

Tshepo Thafeng, the founder of Soweto TV, is alleging the station's Board was not democratically elected. Thafeng told Sowetan yesterday he has reported the matter to the complaints and compliance commission of the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (Icasa).

"It is also not clear where the AGM (annual general meeting) was held, who attended the meeting and who audited the financial statements. The AGM was also not advertised, as per the law," he said.

Thafeng said he was also concerned that Tbo Touch's position was never advertised.

"Even when you are acting CEO, the position needs to be advertised," he said. *Sowetan Live*

## Nambitha Ben-Mazwi digs deep for darkest role to date

**MIDRAND** - Nambitha Ben-Mazwi says her new role in *The Queen* is her darkest, most difficult and best work yet.

Says her new role in *The Queen* is her darkest, most difficult and best work yet.

While audiences have been hooked to her character Shaqueesha's American accent and showy personality, Nambitha warns that the storyline will soon take a dark twist.

The 31-year-old actress reveals that Shaqueesha is living with a serious mental illness.

"Preparing for a role is my favourite with every role that I unpack, when I go in for a role I go in. With this role I got the call at the end of business day and the following morning I had to audition. So it was overnight.

"In terms of the American accent, I had to get my accent and dialect on point within a few hours. When it came to the mental illness part, I needed to escape into the mind of Shaqueesha entirely. It's a very dark role, so I went into very uncomfortable places that I never knew

existed. I surprised myself a lot. "What particularly helped is I spoke to a friend of mine; her sister is currently in a mental asylum. That really helped me, because I go deep into it and try to unpack the human element. So that the audience can start to understand and not judge her actions - just try to educate the audience about mental illness."

Ben-Mazwi is renowned for her other roles in *Scandal*, *Doubt* and *Broken Vows*. She had a small role in international drama series *Black Mirror*. "I have a rule where I don't play the same role twice. I'm very strategic when it comes to typecasting - so I never take the same acting opportunity twice."

The Port Elizabeth-born starlet studied business science and worked in the corporate world as a strategist. In 2012, she quit her corporate job to pursue her acting dream in New York.

*Times Live*

**OPENS UP:** Actress Pearl Thusi.

## Nasty C hangs out with Post Malone in Japan

**AKASAKA** - While many of us still get stuck on blue tick by our besties, rapper Nasty C is out there making new famous friends on the other side of the world.

The rapper has BEEN making waves internationally and travelled to Japan last week where he rubbed shoulders with one of our favs, Post Malone.

Nasty took to Instagram to share

a series of photos of the pair clowning around together at a restaurant in Akasaka, Tokyo.

And can we be the first to say that this beautiful friendship, budding before our tear-filled eyes, is the best thing we've seen this year.

Nasty is totes in love with Japan and shared several snaps and videos of his journey back 'home'. *Sowetan Live*

## Pearl Thusi opens up about adopting

**CAPE TOWN** - Actress Pearl Thusi continues to not make a big deal about adopting her youngest child

Okuhlekonke and prefers that her daughter be the one to detail her adoption story, if she chooses to when she is older.

In a recent interview on SABC 1's *Real Goboza*, Pearl touched on being a mother to Okuhlekonke.

"I'm a mother to four-and-a-half-year-old Okuhlekonke and I have to wait for her to grow up and decide how she wants this story to be told.

"As much as I feel I'm a big part of this story, Thando is also a bigger part of this story in terms of the narrative right now. As much as I would like to say this is what happened and that happened, I have to protect so many people.

"In 15 years time if Okuhlekonke decides to tell you guys what happened and what's happening, then that's her choice to make."

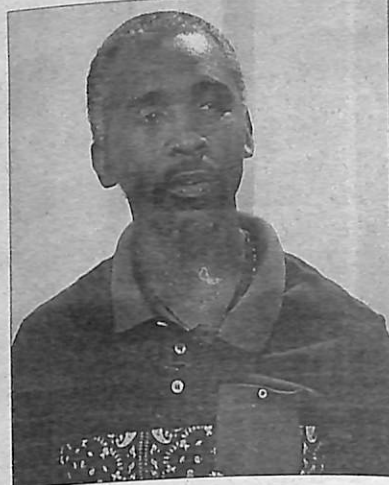
Pearl said Okuhlekonke has added a greater dynamic to the family.

"So, I feel like right now all that I can admit to is being her mother, and that I'm very proud of that, and that she's a very sweet, kind and loving child.

"She's amazing, Thando is the sweetest little big sister. *Sowetan Live*



## DAILY SOAPIE DIGEST



**CATCH:** Gatanga on *Isidingo*.



Beauty and Judas attempt a daring and dramatic escape. Nolwandle sees a potential future with Shadrack. Mandla confronts Jabu and Ntwenhle.



Roman suspects Mayekiso can't be trusted and sets out to prove his theory. Phindile collapses underground. Gatanga gloats to the guys about the awesome night he had with Morongwa.



Mulalo's feeling of betrayal pushes him to confront Azwindini. Tenda blatantly blackmails Vho-Masinindi for future endeavours. Rendani's plan seems to be in motion and its effective.



Things just can't seem to go smoothly for Crazy J. Luke's visit leaves Mrekza suspicious. The Captain has a plan to get rid of Jack's nemesis.



Kagiso digs for the truth about Siyanda's arrest and discovers some shocking details. Shaqueesha's need for medication drives her to employ desperate measures.



Nkunzi thwarts MaNgcobo's efforts, Khehla's win is shortlived, and Lilly comes back all guns blazing.



Layla and Dintle's plan backfires more spectacularly than they could have imagined. Yvonne returns to her comfort zone but her past is ever present. Phindile finds that being a leader brings with it many challenges.



MEME OF THE DAY

Whites: Excuse me, im waiting for my change.  
Blacks: So cabbage ke Hundred Ranta!???



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn Dec.ember 22 – January 19

Today you could enter a new romantic relationship, Capricorn, or you could experience a new sense of unity and commitment within an existing one. Whichever it is, the relationship might become very intense, so be sure that you and your partner make the effort to give each other plenty of space.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Today you're likely to be feeling especially fit and healthy and able to take on the most monumental of tasks, Aquarius. Therefore, you could well decide to clean out the basement or tear all the weeds out of the backyard. Take care to pace yourself! These things need to be done, but not all at once.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

An intense conversation with a close friend or romantic partner could bring you closer to this person. You probably share a number of goals, Pisces, and discussions could lead to how you could work together in order to make them happen for both of you. You're more likely to take the lead, however, since your communicative abilities are particularly high right now.



Aries March 21 – April 1

Discussions with others could result in new plans and opportunities for advancing yourself on any level you wish: career, financial, or social. Inner resources may come to light that you might not have been aware of before. You could also decide to make use of creative abilities that have lain fallow for a while. Give some careful thought to the next couple of months, Aries.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

Your life circumstances may have altered so much in the past few months that you could be in an entirely different space than ever before, Taurus. Success and good fortune have increased your self-image, and business and money matters should be going well. Today you should pause to take some time to assess your situation and decide in which direction you want to go.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

You may have preferred not to acknowledge your own psychic abilities in the past, Gemini, but today they could prove impossible to ignore. Visions, premonitions, and telepathic messages from others could pop into your mind all day.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

The recent completion of one or more long-term goals may cause you to pause today and consider what you're going to aim for next. Don't be afraid to be more ambitious than before, Cancer, because you've acquired an inner power that gives you more confidence and a stronger belief in yourself.



Leo July 23 – August 22

Recent career advances may have you wondering where to go next. You could be considering taking some time off to travel or perhaps advance your education. You aren't likely to want to rest on your laurels, Leo. Striving to reach new horizons is important to you, and today is the perfect day to consider what horizons are the most critical to you now.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

A new and highly compelling interest may have captured your imagination. You could find it difficult to think of much else, Virgo, and so it might be a good idea to try to find the most beneficial ways to pursue this subject. Your abilities for in-depth study are enhanced by intuition, so reading could well prove especially beneficial right now.



Libra September 23 – October 23

Today you might turn your attention toward discovering new ways to advance yourself financially, Libra. You're likely to be more aware than usual of your inner power. Reading about various possibilities could be enlightening, especially as you're feeling particularly capable today and therefore more likely to be able to zero in on whatever method is best for you.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Events both in your personal and public arenas could give you a new and unexpected sense of power over your own destiny, Scorpio. Perhaps hard work has paid off in career and financial advancement. Support and encouragement from friends and family are likely to spur you on to further accomplishments, particularly in areas requiring leadership.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Visitors in the home could share stories of strange experiences of some sort, perhaps intense and vivid dreams, visions, or maybe premonitions that have come true. This could spark some deep thought, Sagittarius, causing you to reflect on similar experiences of your own.



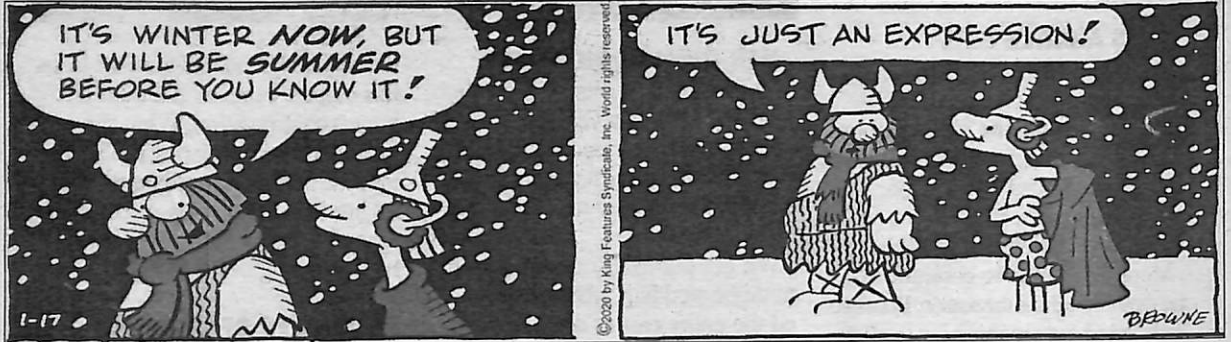
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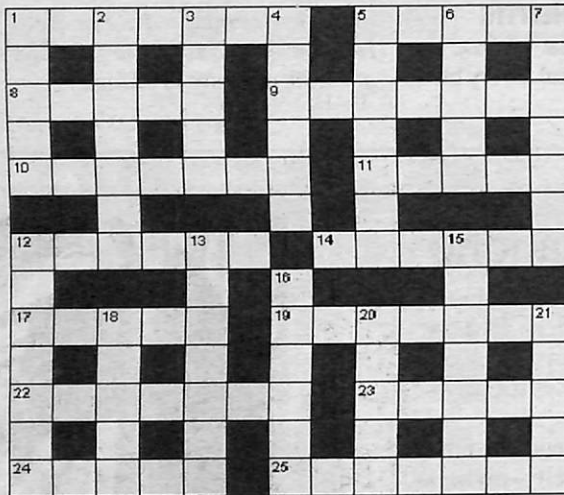
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PUZZLE CHOICE

CRYPTIC 36

Can you fit the words from the list correctly into the grid?



Across

1. Shop in Iona conceals view (7)
5. Fab lexicon contains story (5)
8. Sample some pasta steam (5)
9. Part of a book altered her pact (7)
10. Make several points and goads (7)
11. Neutral in finer types (5)
12. Insect with border song (6)
14. Mixed up rice oh very brave (6)
17. Some emu's iconic euphony (5)
19. Train as diversified skilled worker (7)
22. Responded to difference created (7)
23. Concur with some meagre estimate (5)
24. Walked and found enjoyable at first by replacing head start with tail end (5)
25. Scottish football team, wardens of the park (7)

Down

1. Frequently found in waterproof tent

(5)

2. Examine plain spectrum, essentially (7)
3. Paragon found in side alley (5)
4. Most pleasant unfinished pig pen (6)
5. Becomes delicate if large (7)
6. Clean some bat heaps (5)
7. Unpredictable stray, sounds like a garret (7)
12. Hidden commander admits corporal (7)
13. Agitated previous spouse mentioned (7)
15. Watch verbose ambiguity (7)
16. Food store located in popular derby (6)
18. Incisive pack leader replaced by keen beginner becomes predator (5)
20. Get fit, find extra input (5)
21. Dense, requires adjustment (5)

LOL Laughing Out Loud

STAY OFF MY WIFI

Trying to get online at my mother-in-law's, I scrolled through various Internet access names. One neighbour's Wi-Fi really stood out: "You Kids Get Off My LAN!"

DID YOU KNOW

1. Some Male Songbirds Sing More Than 2000 times Each Day.
2. Gorillas Can Catch Human Colds And Other Illnesses.
3. The Bat Is The Only Mammal That Can Fly
4. Killer Whales Are Not Whales At All, Rather a Species of Dolphin
5. Cats Have Lived With People For Only 7,000 Years

MOVIE QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The MOVIE QUIZ

YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

1. X-Men: Dark Phoenix is the sequel to which 2016 edition of the X-Men film series starring James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender?

Answers:  
A. Apocalypse

TODAY'S MOVIE QUIZ

1. How many Pixar animated films have been released?

Answers:  
A. 28  
B. 21





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## Things we love about Brinnette - RHOJ

**FOR one, she really knows how to not sweat the drama.**

Along with Christall, Brinnette Seopela was one of the two returning housewives who were part of the Real Housewives of Johannesburg season one.

Now an established OG, who's built a steady following of adoring fans who are constantly mesmerised by her beauty and cheerful personality, Brinnette has continued her ascension to becoming a household name! We list five things we loved the most about the good sis in this article.



### SHE'S A GIRL'S GIRL

There's no doubt that Brinnette loves the companies of the other ladies.

It's something she's made abundantly clear in her interactions with the rest of the cast this season, with whom she's had heartfelt one on one's. While her relationship with Mrs.

Mops and Lethabo continued taking dips throughout the season, Brinnette had started out reaching out to all the girls. She'd hung out with Mpumi for a golf wind down, and buddied up to Lethabo over a boxing sesh.

### THE FASHION SENSE IS SICKENING!

Some of the ladies may have tossed jibes for the dress she wore at her 40th birthday shindy, but for the most part, Brinnette always looks stellar! Remember that beautiful red outfit she rocked at the Durban July, complete with the dramatic red hat? We lived!

### HER OPEN BOOK POLICY

Not many of us are brave enough to lift the veil and reveal layers to our lived human experiences. During the first season, Brinnette invited viewers into her journey to marital journey.

We got glimpses of her beautiful tradition wedding, where she'd invited the entire cast to come celebrate with her. That's when Mercy threw a tantrum about the absence of vegan options, at a traditional African wedding! We closed the season with a beautiful western wedding.

During this season, Brinnette kept the cameras rolling as she dealt with the blows of her divorces, giving us access into how she'd been dealing with the emotions.

### SHE'S AUTHENTIC

She can do all of that because she insists on keeping it real. Every bit of

drama that she endured from the ladies this season, came with a moment of honest confrontation. What she says in the confessional diaries, she's afraid to say in person. And although it landed her in hot water on a few occasions in this circle, she constantly brought along her homies.

### A MASTER OF CONFLICT

We still can't get over she was able to keep her calm when Lethabo yelled at her at the Durban July.

Lethabo shaded her for moving in with her parents after her divorce, all because Brinnette had said she and Mrs. Mops have been acting like kids. She maintained her cool temperament when Mrs. Mops made the jibe about her having to sleep outside the air B n B.

Catch Brinnette on the Real Housewives of Johannesburg, Fridays at 19:00, exclusive to 1Magic!



## Fame after all American

**DANIEL Ezra and Taye Diggs talk about how things have changed since starring on All American.**

For All American lead actor Daniel Ezra, life has changed quite drastically since the growth in popularity of The CW's hit drama series.

Although not his first production, Ezra told E! News that he first realised that his fan base had grown when he tried walking alone to Target.

"I tried to walk down Times Square to go to Target because I had forgotten my earphones, and that was crazy!"

All American follows the story of Spencer (played by Daniel Ezra), a high school footballer, as he constantly has to choose between two worlds: life in Crenshaw South where he grew up and that in Beverly Hills where his football career is growing.

Before Ezra landed his role in a high school production, he played basketball and career, although he thought he would follow a career in physiotherapy.

However, theatre came knocking on his door, very unexpectedly.

"A drama teacher put me on

stage very reluctantly. It was the most fun I had in school, so I decided to take drama that year."

For Taye Diggs who has been in the limelight for years now, nothing much has changed.

However, the American actor expressed how he noticed more people had started coming up to him to talk about the show.

In Season 2 of All American, Spencer is caught up in the middle of making a very big decision – whether to stay in Beverly Hills High where he just led his team to victory during the championships or to follow in his father's footsteps he has become the head coach at South Crenshaw.

All American Season 2 airs Tuesdays at 21:30

**I tried to walk down Times Square to go to Target because I had forgotten my earphones, and that was crazy**

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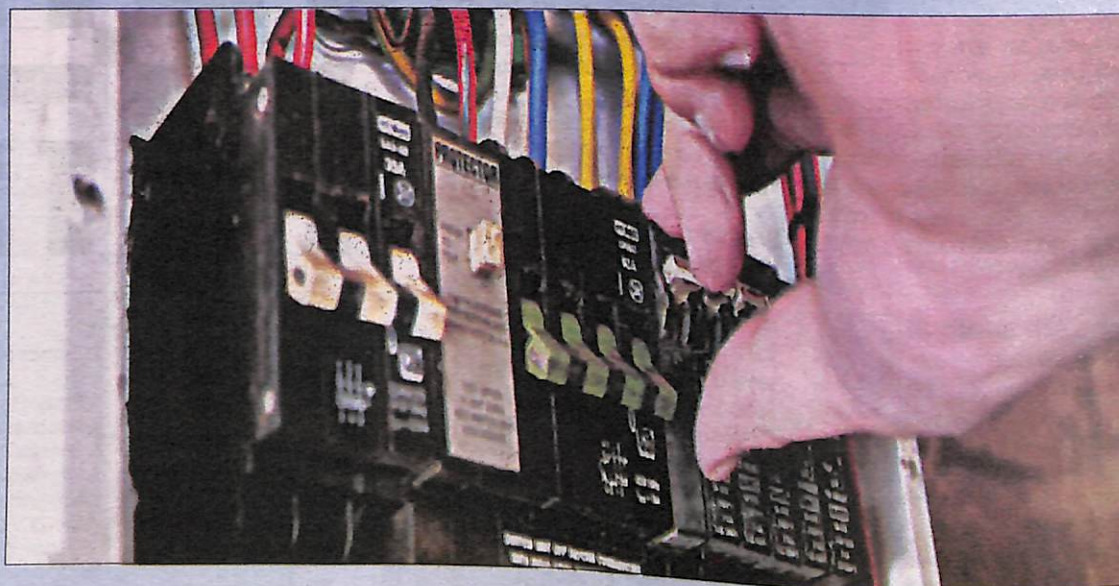
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# Arteta hopes Arsenal healing rift with fans

**LONDON** - Mikel Arteta believes Arsenal are finally healing their strained relationship with the club's frustrated fans.

When Arteta was appointed last month to succeed Unai Emery as Arsenal manager, the Spaniard arrived to find a club split by a damaging rift between the under-performing players and disillusioned supporters.

The root cause was years of poor results and the problem came to a head with the abuse of Gunners midfielder Granit Xhaka in a match against Crystal Palace, with the Swiss star responding by swearing at the crowd.

But former Arsenal midfielder Arteta has worked hard to repair the damage and the signs were promising in Saturday's 1-1 draw against Sheffield United.

The Gunners were pegged back as Gabriel Martinelli's opener on the stroke of halftime was cancelled out by John Fleck's late leveller, leaving Arsenal 10th in the Premier League and with just one win from their last seven games.

But, unlike the jeering and negativity which greeted the final whistle during the majority of Emery's last games at the helm, Arteta praised Arsenal's supporters for sticking with the team against the Blades.

"The fans were terrific," he told Arsenal Player. "They were right behind the team and they appreciated every action as we were pushing them."

"I'm so thankful to them because com-



HOPES: Mikel Arteta.

pared to how it was a month ago, I think it's completely different.

"We have to keep trying to convincing them and encouraging them to keep doing it, and hopefully they can deserve and enjoy more good results."

Arsenal defender Shkodran Mustafi, another player often criticised by fans, believes it is not just in the stands where unity is flourishing again.

"I feel that we are united. I think we stay together and the dressing room has

always been top during good and bad periods," he said.

"That's the only way to get out of it and I think if we want to be successful, we need to stick together, players, staff and everyone at the club."

"Obviously all the people that come to the games, we want them to be happy but it's always good when a game like this finishes and you go round and applaud and they are too, it shows that we are united." *Team Talk*

## 'Title is gone but Man City can still thrive'

**MANCHESTER** - Benjamin Mendy is adamant Manchester City can still enjoy a successful season despite their failure to defend the Premier League title.

The Pep Guardiola's side are trailing well behind Liverpool after Saturday's 2-2 draw with Crystal Palace dealt another blow to their faint hopes of catching the runaway leaders.

Hampered by injuries, City have been unable to match the consistency of their past two title-winning seasons.

Guardiola accepted last month his side could no longer catch Liverpool, but City defender Mendy knows there are still three other trophies to play for, including the Champions League, which his team have never won.

City hold a 3-1 League Cup semi-final first-leg lead against Manchester United, host Fulham in the FA Cup fourth round next weekend and are due to play Real Madrid in the Champions League last 16.

"When you start the league you try to win, to do your best and you have to say the truth, which is that Liverpool have done very, very well and are a good, strong team - everybody can see that," Mendy said.

"We deal well with it. When another team is doing well you can't be upset or angry. This is the truth, no one can complain. So in our dressing room we try to focus on us."

"All the people say Man City are finished. They can say what they want, we will just keep focusing on us, play our football, win the games, to fight until the league is finished."

"We have seen other teams who have won the title have not reached the Champions League the season after - they were in the Europa League."

"We won our first title, and then won again, and are now we are still second or third. We don't have the answer for what has happened but every player tries to give everything for the team."

*Daily Mail*

**"We deal well with it. When another team is doing well you can't be upset or angry. This is the truth, no one can complain. So in our dressing room we try to focus on us."**

## Bayern up to second with ruthless victory

**BERLIN** - Bayern Munich began the year in fine style after thrashing Hertha Berlin 4-0 to reclaim second spot in the Bundesliga last evening.

Roberto Lewandowski was joined in the attack by Thomas Muller, Ivan Perisic and Philippe Coutinho as star winger Serge Gnabry was surprisingly named on the bench.

The Bavarians had not enjoyed a good record at the Olympiastadion Berlin in recent prior to this encounter, having failed to win their last three league clashes.

Chances were few and far between in the first half, as Bayern had to wait until the 25th minute for an opening as Lewandowski's close-range effort sailed inches wide of the upright.

That proved to be the trend for the rest of the opening 45 minutes as the visitors were left frustrated on a few occasions while Berlin were happy too sit back and soak up the pressure.

However, Bayern eventually

got their breakthrough on the hour mark as Perisic's knock-down found an un-marked Muller, who volleyed home from close range.

The hosts were then awarded a penalty in the 73rd minute after Leon Goretzka was brought in down in the box. Lewandowski stepped up and slotted home his 20th league goal of the season.

The third goal arrived three minutes later as Goretzka turned provider to pick Thiago Alcantara who found the back of the net with a neat finish into the top corner.

There was enough time for a fourth goal as Perisic got in on the act with six minutes remaining after turning home Muller's cross to round off an emphatic victory to move up to second spot.

*Goal*



## NANTES TO PAY HOMAGE TO SALA

**RENNES** - Nantes announced yesterday that they will pay tribute to their former striker Emiliano Sala at the league match against his first French club, Bordeaux, on Sunday.

The 28-year-old player was killed on January 21, 2019, when the small plane taking him to join Cardiff City crashed off the British island of Guernsey.

The Argentine had been transferred to the Welsh club, in the Premier League at the time, after three-and-a-half seasons at Nantes.

Sala had arrived in France as a youngster to join Bordeaux, who loaned him out to Orleans, Niort and Caen. He then moved to Nantes where he was the club's top scorer for three straight seasons.

"Emiliano was a talented player, warm and human. We all miss him," Nantes said in a statement.

In homage to the player who "dreamt of playing for the Albiceleste", Nantes will don a jersey inspired by the colours of the Argentine national shirt. Proceeds from sales will go to the two Argentine clubs where Sala played as a youngster.

A canvas featuring Sala will be laid in the centre circle as the players warm-up and giant screens will display images of his best moments in yellow.

Groups of fans will spread a giant banner in the stands and sing the song with which they celebrated each of Sala's goals, before a minute of applause.

There are still unresolved issues surrounding the player's death, such as who



was responsible for the crash in which pilot David Ibbotson also died, and, above all, the payment of the 17-million-euro (\$18.85 million) fee agreed for his transfer.

In September, FIFA, the governing body of world football, ordered Cardiff,

relegated last summer to the Championship, to pay the first instalment of six million euros. But the Welsh club has taken the matter to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, whose decision is not expected until June.

*Daily Mail*



## Werner moves above Lewandowski

**BERLIN-Leipzig overcame more protests and a one-goal deficit to stretch its lead at the top with a 3-1 win at home over Union Berlin.**

Union fans held a mock funeral march and erected a shrine before the game, displaying crosses and a large banner saying 'Soccer is dying in Leipzig.'

The supporters stayed away from their seats before kick-off and remained silent for

the first 15 minutes of the game in protest against the home side, which has been unpopular since its formation in 2009 through energy drinks manufacturer Red Bull.

The Union fans couldn't help breaking their silence in the 10th when Marius Bulter fired the visitors into an unexpected lead.

But Timo Werner scored twice in the second half as Leipzig came from behind

to move five points clear of second-place Borussia Monchengladbach.

Werner's brace took him to 20 league goals for the season.

This meant he leapfrogged Robert Lewandowski who plays against Hertha Berlin with Bayern Munich on Sunday.

Hansi Flick's side are seven points off Leipzig with a game in hand.

*Daily Mail*



**GOAL:** RB Leipzig's Marcel Sabitzer scores their second goal as the league leaders moved five clear. (*Daily Mail*)

## Mayweather teasing McGregor, Nurmagomedov

**NEW YORK-Floyd Mayweather fueled speculation of a rematch with Conor McGregor after the Irishman recorded a 40-second thrashing of Donald Cerrone on his return at UFC 246.**

Shortly after the fight ended, Mayweather posted two images on Instagram, one declaring 'Mayweather McGregor 2 2020' and the other doing the same with fellow UFC star Khabib Nurmagomedov.

UFC boss Dana White confirmed he had spoken to Mayweather about the possibilities and although there was intent to do something nothing

had been confirmed.

'Floyd and I have been talking tonight,' White said. 'We're doing something with Floyd.'

'There's so much going on, but Floyd is in our plans and we are in Floyd's plans this year. We'll end up doing something.'

Mayweather beat McGregor in their first boxing match in 2017, but is keen to arrange a rematch with the 31-year-old.

For his part, McGregor has indicated a willingness to get back in the ring with the American for a rematch.

*Sport Mail*

## Griffiths' first goal propels holders to winning start

**GLASGOW-It's become terribly old-fashioned for a manager to deploy two strikers but by doubling up in attack, Neil Lennon was rewarded with cup progress.**

Under both Lennon and his predecessor Brendan Rodgers, Celtic have almost exclusively operated with a lone frontman. The signing of £3.5 million Polish under-21 cap Patryk Klimala had hinted at a change in approach from Lennon but it was Leigh Griffiths who benefited from a chance to partner the club's undisputed star turn Odsonne Edouard.

Griffiths endured a frustrating 2019 as he struggled to reboot his career after time out for personal reasons but he kicked off the new decade with a poacher's finish that was the highlight of a performance that offered some hope that he may yet have a meaningful part to play as the quest for this term's trophies intensifies.

After losing to Rangers on the eve

of the winter break, Celtic had three weeks to stew and this, the club's 32nd consecutive win in a domestic cup tie, was a firm if unspectacular response.

The task was made difficult by Thistle manager Ian McCall's own tactical diversion of fielding five at the back.

With Tom Rogic at the tip of Celtic's diamond-shaped midfield, the onus was on full-backs Jeremie Frimpong and Greg Taylor to provide width but the Championship side were not going to let the match become a formality.

McCall had a new forward of his own to show off, new signing Zak Rudden pitched straight in after completing his transfer from Rangers.

There to guide Rudden through the game was the veteran Kenny Miller, 21 years his senior and still capable of giving a Celtic defence a fright. The Thistle defence held firm for less than 12 minutes.

*Sports Mail*

## Simeone's men lose ground in title race

**MADRID-Atletico Madrid's hopes of getting back into the Spanish title race faded even further with a 2-0 defeat away by struggling Eibar in La Liga on Saturday.**

The tiny Basque side, who have the smallest stadium in La Liga, took the lead in the 10th minute when Esteban Burgos stabbed home from close range at the far post after Atletico failed to properly defend a corner.

Atletico, who lost last Sunday's Super Cup final to Real Madrid on penalties, were without captain Koke plus defenders Kieran Trippier and Jose Gimenez and never got a grip on the game on a rain-swept evening at Ipurua.

Edu Exposito's thumping shot from the edge of the area in the 90th minute sealed Eibar's first victory in 12 top-flight games against Atletico and took them seven points clear of the relegation zone.

Atleti, meanwhile, are third on 35 points, eight behind leaders Real Madrid and five behind champions Barcelona who play at home to Granada on Sunday.

Atletico midfielder Saul Niguez, who was asked to play at left back during the game, was scathing of his side's performance.

'We made a bad start yet again and it's been happening a lot recently. We really struggled to get going, we lacked hunger after being on a good run. This is a tough blow for us,' he told reporters.

'Ipurua is a small stadium and they know exactly how to play to their strengths here, they beat us in all the second balls and knew how to deal with our attacks. We needed to play with more intelligence.'

Atletico coach Diego Simeone added: 'We started very badly, we barely played in the first half and didn't do what we needed to do.'

*Daily Mail*

## NAPOLI CHIEF REGRETS FIRING ANCELOTTI

**NAPOLI - Napoli Chief Aurelio De Laurentiis has expressed his regret over sacking former boss Carlo Ancelotti and replacing him with Gennaro Gattuso, according to La Gazzetta dello Sport.**

Under former Milan boss Gattuso results have not improved, with Saturday's 2-0 loss at home to Fiorentina making it four losses from the last five Serie A games.

Such is the malaise that De Laurentiis wants new Everton boss Ancelotti to return with the club stranded in 12th in Serie A - although Gattuso is now set to take the squad away on a training retreat.

'I spoke to the squad and they made the decision to go into a training retreat from this evening,' Gattuso told Sky Sport Italia.

'It was their decision. We can't

underestimate any detail. We need to look each other in the eye, stay together and say what needs to be said. 'We have to find solutions, because what we're doing right now is not enough.'

Gattuso also told DAZN: 'We must first and foremost apologise to the fans and the whole city, because the

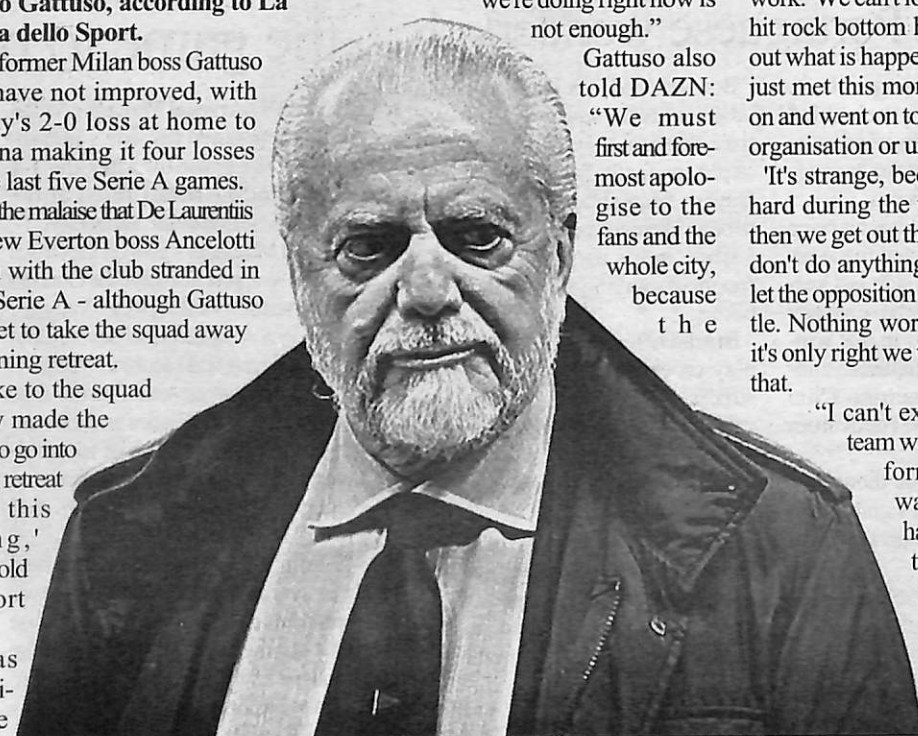
performance was embarrassing.

'In the past we had decent performances, but here other than the first 20-25 minutes, there was a lot that needed work. 'We can't look for alibis, we have hit rock bottom here and need to find out what is happening. It looks as if we just met this morning, put the jerseys on and went on to the pitch. There is no organisation or unity, we are all at sea.'

'It's strange, because the team trains hard during the week and does well, then we get out there on match day and don't do anything. We're sluggish, we let the opposition through, we create little. Nothing worked this evening and it's only right we take responsibility for that.'

'I can't explain it, as I felt the team would put in a great performance tonight and I was let down. The team has no soul. We thought that we were recovering from the earlier situation, but evidently we're still sick.'

*Sports Mail*



**TRIGGER-HAPPY:** Napoli Chief Aurelio De Laurentiis.





## Newcastle's move for Piatek appears off

**LONDON** - Krzysztof Piatek's switch to Newcastle from AC Milan now appears unlikely.

The Toon are the only club willing to buy the Polish striker, 24, outright

after Spurs pulled out of the running for his signature.

However, Piatek would only consider a move to a club in Champions League contention. He will stay in

Milan to fight for a place rather than gamble on a Premier League club outside the elite. Piatek's agents have been to England to check out the market, but his £35million fee is making

it hard. Steve Bruce wants another frontman to fire his side to Premier League safety and ease the burden on flop Joelinton. The big-money £40m signing has scored just once this season and Andy Carroll is also looking for his first goal of the campaign. Piatek, 24, has found the net five times for AC Milan this campaign

including in their last outing against SPAL in the cup.

Aston Villa have also been linked with the San Siro side keen to cash in following Zlatan Ibrahimovic's arrival. Newcastle could also make January moves for Hull's Jarrod Bowen and Inter Milan winger Lazaro.

*The Sun*

## 'That will be another kind of game'

**LONDON** - Manchester City defender Benjamin Mendy has insisted that his side will be back to their best against Real Madrid in the Champions League after their draw with Crystal Palace.

Pep Guardiola's side were shocked in the dying moments of their Premier League tie with Palace on the weekend after a Fernandinho own goal cancelled out Sergio Aguero's late brace. The match ended 2-2 at the Etihad Stadium and made their title defence against an unbeaten Liverpool an even tougher, near impossible task.

The draw is one of several disappointing results this season for City in the league, but Mendy said they will be 'on fire' for their upcoming European match-up with Real Madrid.

"That will be another kind of game - Champions League, big game," the Frenchman said. "Every game is big, but everyone knows that this game will be watched by everyone, so mentally you have a feeling, the atmosphere, how you come to the game puts you on fire, excited." Manchester City have drawn the Spanish giants in the Round of 16 in the Champions League, with the first leg set to be played at Santiago Bernabeu on February 26. The European title is the only

one that Pep Guardiola has failed to win in Manchester since he took over in 2016 - despite his success in the competition with other clubs. Domestically it hasn't gone to plan this season for Guardiola, with rivals Liverpool running away in the league title race. Speaking on how the camp are dealing with it, Mendy explained: "We deal well with it. When another team is doing well you can't be upset or angry."

"We know when you start the season, after winning the league, you have to win most of the games. This is the truth, no-one can complain - they (Liverpool) are a good team, strong team who win, win and win, so in our dressing room we try to focus on us. All the people say Man City are finished, that we're finished. They can say what they want - we will just keep focusing on us, play our football, win the games, to fight until the league is over. "When you have won two titles in a row, or even one, the next season is not easy. We have seen that other teams who have won the title have not reached the Champions League the season after - they were in the Europa League."

*Sports Mail*



## We need killer instinct in front of goal- Lampard

**LONDON** - Frank Lampard has warned his Chelsea side they must develop a ruthless nature in front of goal if they want 'to get to where we want to' after their defeat to Newcastle.

Isaac Hayden was the last-minute hero for the Magpies, with the former Arsenal man nodding home Allan Saint-Maximin's cross in the last minute of injury time. The goal came very much against the run of play, with Chelsea dominating possession and trying relentlessly to unlock the hosts' defence. But the Blues created very few clear-cut chances and Lampard insists that the frontmen must take their chances even when the side is not playing at its fluent best.

Lampard told Sky Sports: "We need to be clinical if we want to get

where we want to. "I always defend the players but the nature is we can't work anymore on training on finishing, sometimes we need that killer instinct in front of goal. As a team we chip in with goals from different areas but from the front line we need more goals."

However, Lampard insisted that Chelsea cannot afford to linger on the result but maintains that lessons on how to manage a tight affair must be learnt. "You have to get your head around it very quickly. I am not massive on stats but my feel of the game was one of domination. They didn't really cause danger in our box, and you won't always create clear cut against Newcastle because they have so many defenders around their six-yard box. "Fair play to them because they defend with everything but we absolutely controlled it and that's football."

*Daily Mail*

**WARNS: Chelsea Manager Frank Lampard.**

## Liverpool 'considering' January move for Portuguese wonderkid

**LIVERPOOL** - Liverpool are reportedly lining up their third transfer of the January window as they consider a move for teenage midfielder Pedro Brazao.

The 17-year-old Nice player is being touted as a future star and made his debut for the Ligue 1 side last season. Jurgen Klopp's side have already made two acquisitions in this window after bringing in Japanese midfielder Takumi Minamino from Salzburg and striker Joe Hardy from Brentford.

And now the Reds are thought to be weighing up a third signing with young Brazao in their thoughts, according to RMC Sport.

Liverpool won't be unrivaled in their interest, however, as the Portuguese U19 international is also being looked at by some of the European heavyweights.

Brazao is said to be interesting PSG, who could offer him a way to stay in the country at his young age as well as playing for the best team in France. Bayern Munich are also rumoured to be an interested party, while Sporting Lisbon in his native Portugal are reportedly willing to bring him back home.

Brazao offers versatility as he can play on either flank or behind the striker. His maturity has seen him called up to Patrick Vieira's first team after breaking through the youth set up, and he made his debut at the end of the last campaign.

It appears he still needs to develop as this season he has played just once off the bench, but Liverpool would be able to offer him a place in their youth squad alongside a number of rising stars.

*Daily Mail*

## 'We should've put the game to bed'

**LONDON** - Arsenal Manager Mikel Arteta bemoaned his side's inability to kill the game off after the 1-1 draw with Sheffield United at the Emirates Stadium on Saturday.

Gabriel Martinelli's goal on the stroke of half-time appeared to have the Gunners on course for a vital victory - only for John Fleck to strike with seven minutes remaining and secure a 1-1 draw.

The result leaves Arteta's side four points adrift of the Blades as they continue to struggle for a run of form following the Spaniard's appointment in December. "I'm very disappointed today," Arteta said after the game.

"I think the performance deserved three points and I think we lost two points. In the Premier League, if you don't put the game to bed then in the last 10 or 15 minutes this type of team just need a long ball, a second ball, a

set-piece, and you can give the points away. That's it," Arteta

was, however, full of praise for Martinelli after the 18-year-old hit his ninth Arsenal goal in what was just his 10th start for the club he joined last summer. The Brazilian was chosen to replace suspended captain and top goalscorer Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and missed a couple of chances before putting Arsenal ahead.

Aubameyang, watching from the stands, tweeted that Martinelli is destined to be a 'superstar' and Arteta was also left impressed. "He's an 18-year-old kid with all the enthusiasm but as well, he's so brave to make decisions, to threaten the opponent every time," he added. *Team Talk*



**BEMOANS: Arsenal Manager Mikel Arteta.**



## South African SOCCER

### The struggle continues for Emmanuel Letlotlo...

**JOHANNESBURG** - It seems like the struggle is continuing in 2020 for former Kaizer Chiefs youngster Emmanuel Letlotlo in his search for a club, as he is yet to secure a deal to further his career.

Letlotlo finished last year without a club after struggling to get a deal since parting ways with Chiefs in June.

The 24-year-old trained with Bloemfontein Celtic without success, as he wasn't offered a contract by the Mangaung club.

The striker also spent some time with Orlando Pirates' ABC Motsepe League side Pele Pele FC towards the end of last year.

To begin his search in the New Year, Letlotlo has surfaced at La Masia FC in Mzansi's third tier league, according to sources.

"Emmanuel Letlotlo has still not signed with any club and is looking. He is currently with La Masia FC - the ABC Motsepe League club based in Gauteng - for training," said the source.

According to the source, GladAfrica Championship side JDR Stars is showing interest in the former MultiChoice Diski Challenge top goal scorer.

*Soccer Laduma*

### Chiefs needed a bit more concentration - Middendorp

**JOHANNESBURG** - Ernst Middendorp admits it was disappointing to see Kaizer Chiefs squander a one-goal lead to draw 1-1 at Black Leopards on Saturday.

Samir Nurkovic put the Absa Premiership leaders in front in the 11th minute of the clash at Thohoyandou Stadium but Lidoda Duvha were back on level terms as Mogakolodi Ngele found the back of the net and the hosts held on for the draw.

The result gives second-placed Mamelodi Sundowns a chance to narrow the 10-point gap to seven, and Middendorp lamented the fact that his charges lost their focus at just the wrong moment to concede the vital goal.

"This is the reason not to be happy about, picking a point or something like this. We wanted three. During the game more and more we pushed, we tried the field is not really allowing to plus a triangle, a diamond through the midfield," Middendorp told SuperSport TV.

"Ja it took it's own dimension, anyway it's just definitely something where the opponent's half was a clearance zone, the balls were flying left and right.

"Very interesting to select a defender [as Man of the Match], we have seen the performance over 90 minutes...compliment err, okay let's stick to it, good. *Sport24*

# I'M THE ONLY ONE UNEDUCATED - PITSO

**PRETORIA** - Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane has described his technical team as one of the best in the world.

Mosimane has remained one of the best coaches in the country since winning the CAF Champions League in 2016 and several other trophies along the way.

The former Bafana Bafana coach has won nine trophies with The Brazilians during his tenure and is currently chasing the 10th league title for the Chloorkop club.

'Jingles' has revealed that despite all of his achievements, he is the only technical team member without educational qualifications at Sundowns.

"I have the best technical team in the world," he boasted.

"Local boys, top boys. KB is



**EXPERIENCE:** Coach Pitso Mosimane and his technical bench.

from Rustenburg, one of the places I don't know in the village. I have Manqoba from Mzimkhulu, I have Wandel from somewhere in Durban, I have Moosa from somewhere.

"They are the best on the continent. What a top technical team.

KB can you believe how he keeps the team fresh every day. Remember this well-rested team [Orlando Pirates] we were playing on Saturday, but did you see who finished strong?

"Top experts. All these guys have degrees. I am the only one un-

educated. I don't have a degree. They are all educated. They went to school. They have done sports science. They are top. They are still studying, Wendel and even my masseur is doing a course with Barcelona on cryotherapy and regeneration.

"All I do, I manage the programme, I learn. I also read so that when the doctor says it's Grade 1, I know. It's two weeks, [Chad] Klate. So I don't have to wait for someone from Europe to tell me."

'Jingles' has employed a number staff members on his technical team from different races and cultural backgrounds and described it as a true rainbow nation.

"I have an Indian analyst, I have a white analyst. I have a local black analyst.

## 'Chiefs supporters are just spoiled'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Kaizer Chiefs legend William Shongwe says the club's supporters should appreciate their current number one goalkeeper Daniel Akpeyi and stop comparing him to Itumeleng Khune.

Although underrated in Mzansi, the 33-year-old Akpeyi was named goalkeeper of the year in Nigeria at the inaugural Ballers Awards Ceremony.

Shongwe says that proves the quality the Nigerian international possesses.

"I don't think he is underrated, it's the Chiefs fans who've got a challenge," Shongwe tells



KickOff.com.

"Chiefs fans are so used to Khune, Khune. Without a doubt he's class, and he's kept the team going, and as a result if this one [Akpeyi] commit errors they are quick to reflect back to

their favourite.

"If you are a real football fundi, you will realise and appreciate him. First of all to keep goals for Chiefs there is a lot of pressure.

## Chiefs star attracts interest, future still uncertain

**JOHANNESBURG** - Daniel Cardoso has been an important component of Ernst Middendorp's side so far this season, starting every game in all competitions for the German coach and scoring a handful of goals along the way.

Now though, having entered into the last six months

of his contract with the Glamour Boys, the Siya crew has been informed that - as things stand - there is no contract in place beyond the 2019/20, though there is an option in place that Chiefs can exercise if they so wish. As reported in this week's issue of Soccer Laduma, Cardoso's signature is in high demand following his performances over the last couple of seasons in a Chiefs shirt - he



has matured into one of Mzansi's most experienced heads in central defence and - according to Siya sources - his performances and contract status has got clubs around the world keeping tabs on him.

The Siya crew has been led to believe that there has been interest shown in the defender from America's Major Soccer League, the Turkish Süper Lig and also in Dubai as clubs look at him as a potential defensive boost.

It is thought that the defender is keen to remain with Chiefs if possible, though no talks have taken place at this point in time.

*Soccer Laduma*



## Pirates defender linked with Chippa move

**JOHANNESBURG** - An Orlando Pirates defender has become the latest player from the Soweto giants to be linked with a move to Chippa United.

With game time still hard to come by for him under new coach Josef Zinnbauer, as it has been the case under previous coaches since his arrival at the club, Asavela Mbekile is linked with an exit from Pirates. According to Siya sources, there is a possibility that Mbekile could be sent to Chippa on loan during the current January transfer window. The 33-year-old has made only one start and one substitute appearance during the Buccaneers' Absa Premiership campaign.

With Chippa coach Norman Mapeza keen on adding talent and experience to his squad as the team continues to improve under the Zimbabwean's mentorship, Mbekile is said to be one of the players targeted from Pirates for a switch to the Eastern Cape.

## Zinnbauer hails Bucs' fast start

**CAPE TOWN** - Orlando Pirates head coach Josef Zinnbauer admits he was impressed that his side started so strongly in the 3-1 victory over Highlands Park.

All three of the Buccaneers' goals came in the first half, with the first two coming in the opening 11 minutes, as Zinnbauer extended his unbeaten record at the helm to five matches.

"Yes, we started good in the match. I was very surprised. We improved. We're happy now (that we've) won the next game," Zinnbauer told SuperSport TV.

"Now it's time for regeneration and then the next game is coming."

The Soweto giants face AmaZulu in their next game next Saturday and are now level on points with fourth-placed Bidvest Wits, who have a superior goal difference.

Bongani Sam, who has enjoyed precious little game time since making the move from Bloemfontein Celtic at the beginning of the season, received praise from the German tactician after he was handed a surprise start.

Bongani Sam, who has seen very little game-time after arriving at the start of the season, was given a surprise start by Zinnbauer who lauded the player's display. *TEAMTalk*



# DJOKOVIC, WILLIAMS LEAD TENNIS OLD GUARD INTO NEW DECADE

MELBOURNE - Old stagers Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams will aim to keep the younger generation of players waiting in the wings as Grand Slam tennis enters a new decade at the Australian Open today.

After recent bushfire smog largely cleared in Melbourne, the view is all too familiar with Djokovic and Williams, who is seeking a record-equalling 24th Major title, installed as the bookies' favourites.

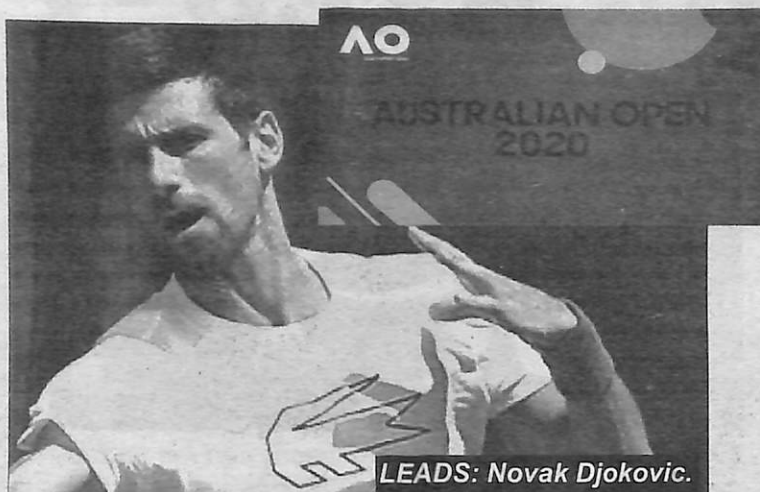
Top seed Rafael Nadal, 33, is celebrating becoming world number one in a third decade while Roger Federer, 38, is trying to defy the ageing process and stay ahead of his rivals with a 21st Grand Slam win.

The start of 2020 is not dissimilar to 2010, when Federer and Nadal shared the four Grand Slam titles and Williams won in Melbourne and Wimbledon.

Ten years later, the men's Big Three - who have won all but two Australian Open titles since 2004 - occupy the top three rankings, and Williams is one step away from Margaret Court's record for Grand Slam victories.

The men's dominance is stark: since Federer won his first Grand Slam title in 2003, only five Major finals have not featured one of the Swiss, Nadal or Djokovic.

Several challengers have come and gone but there is increasing



LEADS: Novak Djokovic.

hope for the men's up-and-comers, while nine women have won Grand Slam titles since Williams, 38, claimed her 23rd in Melbourne in 2017.

While Djokovic and Nadal split last year's Grand Slams, Dominic Thiem, Daniil Medvedev and Fabio Fognini won their first Masters trophies and Stefanos Tsitsipas, 21, became the youngest ATP Finals champion in 18 years.

## Close

"They're very close. I don't think that's miles, miles away maybe as it was some years ago," Djokovic of the NextGen winning a Major title. "I think they are definitely hungry. They're challenging. They're knocking on the door."

The clash between old and new will be epitomised in the first round

today, when Venus Williams, who turns 40 this year, plays 15-year-old rising star Coco Gauff - who wasn't even born when her fellow American lifted her first Grand Slam trophies in 2000.

Japan's Naomi Osaka, 22, is defending a title for the second Grand Slam in a row after her repeat bid at last year's US Open fell flat in the fourth round.

World number one Ashleigh Barty, fresh from winning the Adelaide International on Saturday, carries Australian hopes of seeing the first home-grown women's winner since 1978.

"Obviously it's the perfect preparation. But regardless of whether I won the title or not last week, I feel like I'm well-prepared," Barty said. **AFP**

## WATSON HAILS INFLUENCE OF BOYFRIEND

MELBOURNE - Finding happiness off the court with a footballer has given Heather Watson a long-awaited boost as she heads into her eighth Australian Open.

A chance meeting with Yeovil Town striker Courtney Duffus at the end of Wimbledon last summer is what the British number two says is behind her reviving form going into the season's first Grand Slam.

Watson is back in the world's top 75 after making the semi-finals of last week's ASB Classic in Auckland, and getting established in a cross-sport relationship does not appear to have harmed her partner either. Former Everton youth player Duffus was named National League player of the month for December and has scored 12 times so far this season.

"Since we met each other we're both doing a lot, lot better," said Watson. "He's had a big part to play - he's super positive."



"I don't like to let boys have too much influence over me but he has really been a good influence. He's so calm, level-headed."

"I think you all know I'm quite emotional. He's just really, really supportive. He gets up at all hours of the night, he watched all my matches in Hobart. I just need that."

"It's not just because he plays sport. That helps but I know there are sportspeople that don't understand as well. Watson is not much

of a football follower and had some negative perceptions of what a member of that profession might be like, only to be pleasantly surprised."

"It was finals weekend of Wimbledon and I was going out to dinner with Naomi Broady (fellow British player). "She was staying with me in London and he had the weekend off, he was in London with his brother and we just met in a restaurant." **Daily Mail**

## MIRZA EMBARKS ON FIRST SLAM BID AS A MOM

MELBOURNE - India's Sania Mirza said her baby had his own "entourage" and was waking her up at night as she heads into her first Grand Slam tournament as a mother at the Australian Open.

Mirza, who will play doubles with Ukraine's Nadiia Kichenok - fresh from winning in Hobart together - said life on tour was a little different with one-year-old Izhaan.

"My baby's entourage is bigger than mine now. That's the only way I'm able to give my 100 percent into training," Mirza said yesterday.

"It is a little more complicated. He sleeps in the same bed as me still, so he wakes up a couple of times a night. It's basic things like that that you probably don't think about when you're not a mum."

"It's things like that. I'm really

lucky. I have a lot of help. My mum is there. My parents have been a great support. There's no way I would have done it without them."

Mirza, who won the 2016 Australian Open doubles with Martina Hingis, joins a select band of players including Serena Williams and Kim Clijsters who have returned to tennis after giving birth.

**Daily Mail**

## My face is everywhere - Barty feels the love at Australian Open

MELBOURNE - Ashleigh Barty is relishing the pressure at her home Australian Open - but joked yesterday that she is sick of seeing pictures of herself everywhere.

The world number one is bidding to become Australia's first women's singles champion in Melbourne since Chris O'Neil in 1978.

Expectations of the 23-year-old are huge and she has become the face of the year's first Grand Slam, her picture heavily featured on billboards around the city and in local newspapers.

"My face is everywhere a little bit, isn't it? I'm a bit sick of it, to be honest," the down-to-earth Barty said with a smile on the eve of the tournament.

"(But) there's no extra pressure, I don't read the papers, I don't kind of look into any more than I need to."

"I'm here with my team trying to do the best that we can."

"It's amazing to have so much support and so much love from the Australian public. I've really felt that in an exceptional way over the last 12 months. It's been incredible."

Barty begins her Australian Open title assault today against 120th-ranked Lesia Tsurenko - the Ukrainian beat her in their previous meeting, in Brisbane in 2018.

Barty has since surged to the top of women's tennis, winning her maiden Grand Slam last year at Roland Garros and carrying Australia's tennis hopes.

Her Australian Open preparations got off to a patchy start when she suffered a surprise defeat to American qualifier Jennifer Brady in Brisbane at the start of the year.

But on Saturday she triumphed against another Ukrainian, Dayana Yastremska, to win the Adelaide International - her landmark first title on home soil.

"Obviously it's the perfect preparation," Barty said. "But regardless of whether I



EVERYWHERE: SHOT: Ashleigh Barty.

won the title or not last week (Saturday), I feel like I'm well prepared.

"I'm happy, I'm healthy, I'm coming into the first Grand Slam of the year with a smile on my face."

"That's all I can ask of myself."

Barty, who hopes to feed off the "electric" Melbourne crowd, is determined to enjoy herself and cannot wait to step out onto the imposing Rod Laver Arena this evening.

"You don't get to play an Australian Open every single week, you don't get to play a Grand Slam every single week," she said. "I won't be out here forever playing these Grand Slams every few months of the year. I'm looking forward to getting out there."

**Daily Mail**

## Murray have long career despite pelvic injury

MELBOURNE - American doubles specialist Bob Bryan believes Andy Murray can still come back from the pelvic bruising injury which is once again keeping him out of tennis.

Bryan had the same resurfacing operation as the 32-year-old Scot, and was able to return to the less physically demanding doubles arena, providing both inspiration and advice to the twice Wimbledon champion.

The American, now 40, still claims the outlook is bright for Murray, even though he has played just one match since October 20 and announced last week that he was abandoning his comeback plans for February. "I talked to him last week. He's got something unrelated to the hip injury," said Bryan. "His hip feels great. All his numbers are off the charts. He tests the speed and the strength. He's right back where he was when he was

number one, which is incredible. That's good to hear."

"But, yeah, he's got some question marks over this recent injury. He hopes to be back as soon as he can, he's still working on it."

"It's a good surgery. It's come a long way since a lot of our friends got it done 15, 20 years ago. It spelled the end of your career. I think this has given hope to a lot of people. If anyone saw the documentary (done on Murray by Amazon Prime), you'll know how crazy he is with the work. He's a madman. He's going to put it in. He's going to do everything he can. I expect to see him playing for many more years, winning."

Murray felt the pelvic bruising at the Davis Cup in late November and pulled out of his Australian trip on December 27.

He currently has no tournaments scheduled after withdrawing from events in Montpellier and Rotterdam next month. **Daily Mail**





# SUNDOWNS DIG DEEP FOR WIN OVER SUPERSPORT

CAPE TOWN - Mamelodi Sundowns dug deep against SuperSport United in the Tshwane derby yesterday to claim a 2-1 victory in the Absa Premiership clash at Lucas Moripe Stadium.

The hosts were gifted with a half-chance early on in the clash as United goalkeeper Ronwen Williams came off his line in an attempt to collect the ball on the edge of his area. Sibusiso Vilakazi was first to the ball but couldn't get his lobbed effort on target.

At the other end of the pitch Matsantsa had their first real opportunity thanks to Dean Furman. The combative midfielder pressed Hlompho Kekana aggressively and won possession before playing it to Evans Rusike. He in turn made space for himself by running diagonally across the 'Downs defence but then his final product lacked the quality it required.

The deadlock was broken with a counter-attack in the 32nd minute. Sundowns attacked down the left flank via Tebogo Langerman and



he crossed towards Vilakazi who knocked it down for Themba Zwane to pass into the back of the net from close range, despite a hint of off-side.

Pitso Mosimane's charges created another good chance shortly before the break as Langerman yet

again terrorised the United defence with his pin-point crosses from the left. The veteran defender's cross found Gaston Sirino via a deflection but the volleyed shot flew just over the bar.

United came back into the game after the interval and found them-

selves back on level terms after Kudakwashe Mahachi won a penalty. Furman stepped up and slotted the spot-kick with a placed shot into the bottom left corner of the goal. However, Sundowns responded swiftly to restore their lead.

**Team Talk**

## CELTIC HELD BY RESILIENT CHIPPA

PORT ELIZABETH - Bloemfontein Celtic and Chippa United drew 1-1 in an Absa Premiership match at Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium yesterday.

As a result, Phunya Sele Sele are placed seventh on the league table, while the Chilli Boys are sitting on the 10th spot.

Phunya Sele Sele searched for an early goal in order to unsettle the Chilli Boys defence in the opening stages of the match.

Menzi Masuku, who had netted in each of his last two league matches, was looking lively for Celtic.

However, the Chippa backline looked solid and compact most of the time in the half in order to contain the home side.

The two teams upped the tempo after the half-hour mark as they looked to break the deadlock. However, they could not find the back of the net in the first-half and the score was 0-0 at the interval.

An entertaining second-half followed and it was the home side who opened the scoring three minutes into the second half.

Inspirational captain Ndumiso Mabena beat Chippa's towering goalkeeper Veli Mothwa to make it 1-0 to Celtic.

However, the Chilli Boys pressed Phunya Sele Sele in search of the equalising goal and they did find the back of the net.

The visitors were awarded a penalty which was converted by William Twala to make it 1-1 four minutes before the hour-mark.

The two teams attacked each other in the closing latter stages of the match, but they could not score.

In the end, Celtic and Chippa settled for a 1-1 draw on the afternoon.

**Kick Off**

## Inter stall in Lecce as Rebic lifts AC Milan

MILAN - Inter Milan's Serie A title push hit another stumbling block yesterday after a 1-1 draw at lowly Lecce as Ante Rebic fired city rivals AC Milan to a last gasp 3-2 win over Udinese.

Antonio Conte's Inter looked to be bringing home maximum points from his hometown team, where he started his footballing career in the 1980s, when Alessandro Bastoni headed the away side in front with 18 minutes remaining.

But Marco Mancosu grabbed a precious point for the southerners five minutes after going behind. Inter have won just two of their last six league games. Conte's side are now also under threat from Lazio who are just two points behind with a game in hand after hammering Sampdoria 5-1 on Saturday.

Earlier Ante Rebic hit a brace, including the stoppage time winner, against Udinese that snatched a dramatic win that gave troubled AC Milan back-to-back league victories.

Starstriker Zlatan Ibrahimovic got his first start at the San Siro after scoring last weekend at Cagliari.

The 38-year-old Swede did not get to celebrate on front of the home crowd but he has provided a confidence-boost for the seven-time European champions, who have taken seven points in three matches since his return. "We started a little tense," said Milan coach Stefano Pioli. "But I'm satisfied with our performance, we put our heart and soul into winning it. *Daily Mail*

**STAR: Zlatan Ibrahimovic.**

## Burnley on the up as Westwood's late strike stuns Leicester

BURNLEY - Burnley fought back to boost their bid for Premier League survival as Ashley Westwood's late goal clinched a 2-1 win over Leicester yesterday.

Sean Dyche's side trailed to a first half goal from Burnley-born Harvey Barnes at Turf Moor.

But Chris Wood equalised after half-time before Burnley keeper Nick Pope saved a penalty from Jamie Vardy.

Burnley's impressive revival was completed 11 minutes from full-time when Westwood fired home to end their run of four successive league defeats and move them five points clear of the bottom three.

It was the perfect way to mark Dyche's 300th game as Burnley boss after seven defeats from their previous nine games had plunged them into the relegation battle.

Leicester's surprise home defeat against



**CONTROL: Ashley Westwood smashed in a late winner against Leicester to boost their hopes of survival.**

Southampton last weekend knocked them out of second place and this was another setback for Brendan Rodgers' suddenly spluttering team.

The Foxes remain third despite a fourth loss in their last six league matches Leicester's cause wasn't helped by the absence of rested England left-back Ben Chilwell amid talk of a potential move to Chelsea during the January transfer window.

Within the first minute, a simple long ball headed on by Vardy unhinged the Burnley defence and Barnes cut inside to test Pope.

Burnley's effort couldn't be faulted but at first they lacked composure and quality in the final third.

Westwood found Wood in space but his low strike drifted wide, then Jay Rodriguez shot straight at Kasper Schmeichel from long-range. Leicester deservedly took the lead in the 33rd minute. **Goal**

## POLOKWANE FIGHT BACK TO HOLD ARROWS

POLOKWANE - Polokwane City and Golden Arrows drew 1-1 in an Absa Premiership match at Peter Mokaba Stadium yesterday afternoon.

The draw left Rise and Shine and Abafana Bes'thende placed eighth and 15th respectively on the league standings.

Abafana Bes'thende attacked Rise and Shine from the first whistle and they managed to break the deadlock.

Knox Mutizwa was the man who hit the back of the net with a great header to make it 1-0 to Arrows in

the eighth minute.

Charlton Mashumba, who is Polokwane's top goalscorer with five league goals, was working hard in attack for the hosts.

However, the Abafana Bes'thende defence, which was marshalled by their captain Trevor Mathiane, stood firm.

The score 1-0 to Arrows during the halftime break.

The Arrows defence continued to frustrate Clinton Larsen's men in the opening stages of the second-half.

Former Bloemfontein Celtic coach

Larsen reacted by introducing Mohammed Anas as Rise and Shine looked to restore parity.

The Ghanaian striker made an immediate impact as he scored to make it 1-1 in the 70th minute after Abafana Bes'thende failed to clear their lines.

Rise and Shine then pushed for their second goal in the afternoon in the closing stages of the encounter.

However, the visitors stayed compact and solid in the dying minutes of the match and, in the end, Polokwane and Arrows drew 1-1 on the day.

**Kick Off**



**NET: Menzi Masuku.**





# INGWENYAMA CUP 2019/20



## Buccaneers cruise to semis



**CHALLENGE:** Seven Dreams' Bavukile Shabangu challenges Mneni Pirates' Sifiso Mdluli during the Ingwenyama Cup quarterfinals at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Pirates won 3-1 after penalties. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**TIGHT MARK:** Pirates' Xolani Ngwenya blocks Seven Dreams' Mxolisi Maseko.



**TUSSLE:** Siyabonga Zwane and Siphosethu Mlotsa in a tussle for the ball.



**YES:** Pirates' Fabrice Mopina in jubilation after scoring an equalising goal while Seven Dreams goalkeeper sprawls on the turf during the extra time.



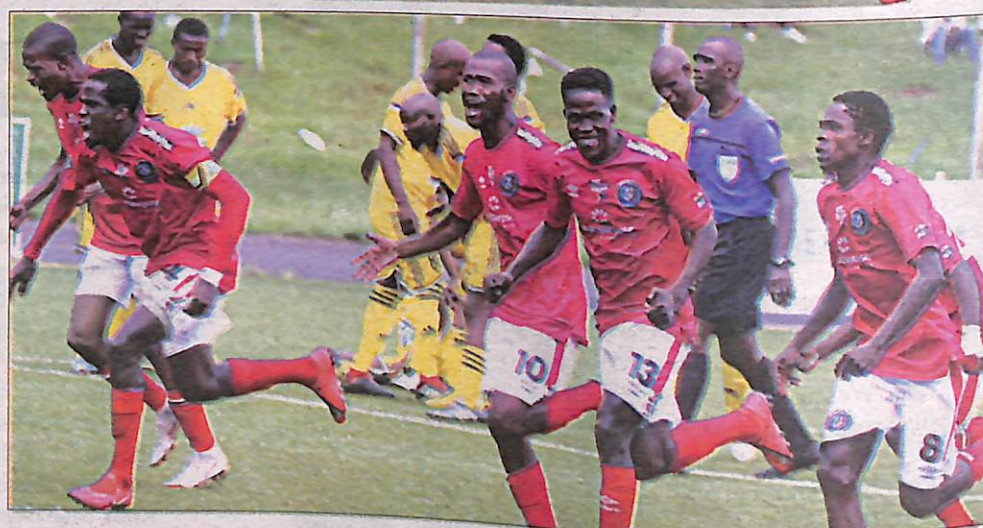
**YOU DID WELL:** Pirates goalkeeper Romanus Igidimba being congratulated for his splendid performance in the penalty shoot-outs.



**HEADER:** Jerome Ntshalintshali and Lizwe Zwane in a battle for a high ball.



**FASA:** Pirates followers in jubilation.



**THROUGH TO SEMIS:** Mneni Pirates players rejoicing after their win in the penalty shoot-outs.





# INGWENYAMA CUP 2019/20



## Wanderers crash out



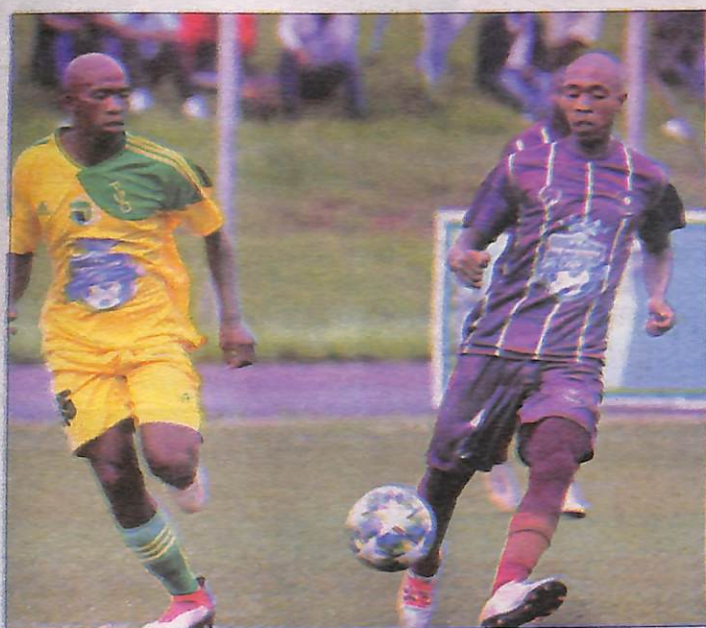
**CAN'T PASS:** Manzini Wanderers' Johnson Mensah being blocked by Tambankulu Callies' Simphiwe Gamedze during the Ingwenyama Cup quarter-finals at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Callies won 2-0 in extra time. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**MY BALL:** Wanderers' Sifiso Maseko wins the ball from Callies' Khulekani Manana.



**HEADER:** Tambankulu Callies captain clears away the ball from Wanderers' Majahasibili Ndlovu.



**CLEAR:** Wanderers' Sihle Mkhonta clears away the ball from Callies' Njabulo Dlamini.



**CHALLENGES:** Callies' Simphiwe Gamedze challenges Wanderers' Mike Dombo.



Callies coach Mduduzi Shongwe issuing instructions to his charges.

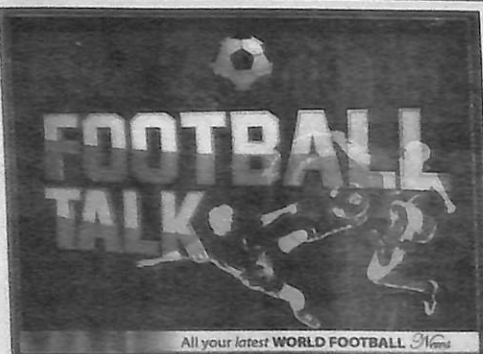


**BOBHEJANE:** Tambankulu Callies supporters in jubilation.



**IN SEMIS:** National First Division side Tambankulu Callies celebrate their victory against Premier League side Manzini Wanderers.





● Everton are preparing a £30m bid for 26-year-old Germany and former Liverpool midfielder Emre Can, who is out of favour at Juventus. (*Sunday Mirror*)



● Liverpool will challenge Chelsea for 23-year-old RB Leipzig and Germany striker Timo Werner. (*Sunday Mirror*)

● Lille director of football Luis Campos has emerged as the top candidate to take up a similar role at Manchester United. (*Sun on Sunday*)

● Paris St-Germain boss Thomas Tuchel says the club need to keep left-back Layvin Kurzawa. The 27-year-old France international is a target for Arsenal. (*Goal*)

● Manchester City are preparing for PSG to make a huge offer for manager Pep Guardiola, if the Ligue 1 side sack Tuchel. (*Sunday Express*)

● Manchester United have lost out to Real Madrid in the race to sign Ajax and Netherlands midfielder Donny van de Beek, 22. (*Daily Star Sunday*)

● Arsenal technical director Edu has met representatives of Athletico Paranaense defensive midfielder Bruno Guimaraes over a possible deal worth up to 30m euros (£25.6m) for the 22-year-old Brazilian. (*Goal - in Portuguese*)

● PSG are ready to offer Senegal centre-back Kalidou Koulibaly, 28, a contract worth 12m euros (£10.2m) per year to leave Napoli. (*Foot Mercato - in French*)



● 'Let the ref decide, not somewhere in Heathrow' Referee Paul Tierney refers to the pitchside monitor at Carrow Road. Managers back pitchside monitor use. Italian side Roma want to sign former Manchester United winger Adnan Januzaj on loan from Real Sociedad, with an option to buy the 24-year-old Belgium international in the summer. (*Mail on Sunday*)

● Crystal Palace have agreed a fee with Dundee United for 18-year-old Scottish winger Scott Banks. (*Sunday Express*)

● Tottenham Hotspur boss Jose Mourinho is hoping to sign a striker in January, with England's Harry Kane out injured for up to three months. (*Evening Standard*)

● Uruguay striker Edinson Cavani, 32, will ask Paris St-Germain to not pick him for Sunday's match against Lorient in order to force through a move to Atletico Madrid. (*Marc*)

● Atletico could move for Arsenal's Alexandre Lacazette, 28, or Borussia Dortmund's Paco Alcacer, 26, if they fail to sign Cavani. (*Mundo Deportivo - in Spanish*)

● Newcastle United are close to signing 23-year-old Austria winger Valentino Lazaro on loan from Inter Milan, with a potential 20m euro (£17m) purchase option. (*Tuttomercatoweb - in Italian*)



# THREE COUNTRIES FOR SWAZI TIGERS TOURNAMENT

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

**TAEKWONDO - THREE countries are expected to grace the Swazi Tigers tournament scheduled for March 28.**

The countries are namely South Africa, Mozambique and Lesotho.

The much awaited one day tournament that will be held at Bosco Skills Centre will be hosted by Swazi Tigers in collaboration with The Next Generation Academy.

Eswatini Taekwondo Federation Vice President Sizwe Mabuza confirmed that preparations for the tournament were at an advance stage and invited clubs to register on time.



"We are expecting clubs from Mozambique, South Africa and Lesotho to be part of the tournament. Registration has been opened,

we therefore ask local teams to register," he said.

Mabuza added that Next Generation is already hard at training in preparation for the tournament.

Next Generation Academy are the defending champions of the annual international competition.

Meanwhile, the squad for the Olympic Qualifiers to be held in Morocco on Thursday will leave the country today.

The squad under the tutelage of Mancoba Motsa comprises Wandile Maziya (Next Generation) and Saneliso Masuku (UNESWA).

TDZ Sports Director and President of Athletics Eswatini Zakhele Dlamini will lead the delegation.

## ESA suspends activities until AGM

BY COLISILE SACOLO

**SHOOTING - ESWATINI Shooting Association (ESA) has suspended its activities until the upcoming Annual General Meeting which will be held on Saturday.**

This has forced the association to postpone the annual NATCOM competition until the AGM, whereby the executive committee will be elected this coming weekend.

This was revealed by Eswatini Shooting Association outgoing President Siphon Ntshahintshali. "The NATCOM Shooting competition which was supposed to take place before Christmas will now be held after the AGM. The host club REPS said they needed time to talk to their superiors over logistics of the competi-

tion. We hope to get feedback from REPS about the new date after the AGM, where we would also release the calendar for the year," he said.

Ntshahintshali also reminded clubs to attend the AGM that will be held at Manzini Police Headquarters and the meeting start at 10am and further clubs are urged to send two delegates, preferably the chairman and the secretary. ESA members will on Saturday go to the polls where Ntshahintshali will be competing with William Kelly in the hot seat.

Meanwhile, it would be a three horse race for the vice president position where the trio of Sandile Simelane, Elvis Shabangu and Nhlanhla Sithole are in contention.

**ESA Executive Committee nominations**  
President

William Kelly  
Siphon Ntshahintshali  
**Vice President**

Sandile Simelane  
Elvis Shabangu  
Nhlanhla Sithole

**Secretary**  
Sifiso Mtsetfwa (Declined nomination)

Dumisa Bhembe  
Tembinkhosi Fakudze

**Vice Secretary**  
Chicken Dlamini  
Thembinkhosi Fakudze

Bongiwe Nxumalo  
Dumisa Bhembe

**Treasurer**  
Christopher Magagula

**Members**  
Chicken Dlamini  
Apollo Ngwenya  
Nhlanhla Sithole  
Siphon Ntshahintshali  
Robert Gama  
Bongani Sihlongonyane  
Dumisa Bhembe.



**WIN: Moses Masilela and Bongani Shabangu posing with Mbabane Club Vice Captain Mduduzi Maphalala during the American Scramble format competition held on Saturday.**

## Moses, Bongani win American scramble competition

BY COLISILE SACOLO

**GOLF - MOSES Masilela and Bongani Shabangu beat a field of 40 golfers at Mbabane Golf Club to win the American Scramble format competition on 24 points on Saturday.**

The competition was played over 9 holes due to rain disruption but the spirit of the golfers was never deterred.

Also on 24 points but losing on a count back were the pairs of Mpumelelo Vilakati/Welcome Mhlanga and Clement Dlamini/Albert Mavuso. All winners went home with some prizes.

Mbabane club captain Kenneth Nkambule thanked the golfers for coming in their numbers to support the club and promised to maintain the high quality prizes to the winners.

The full results	
1. Moses Masilela/Bongani Shabangu	24 points
2. Mpumelelo Vilakati/Welcome Mhlanga	24
3. Clement Dlamini/Albert Mavuso	24
4. Evert Madlopha/Valentine Maziya	23
5. Mongi Dlamini/Gordon Bennett	23
Novelties:	
Ladies longest drive	- Fisiwe Vilane
Mens longest drive	- Siboniso Mkhwanazi
Nearest pins 2/11	- Albert Mavuso
	- Valentine Maziya
	- Teddy Vilakati

8/17  
9/18

## Three clubs at Phocweni MTB training ride

BY JONGILE XUBA

**CYCLING - ABOUT 10 cyclists from three local cycling clubs, NewCom Wheels, MTN Khemani and 4Eva Cycling converged for a Mountain Bike (MTB) training ride at Phocweni Army Barracks on Saturday.**

The ride, which started at 6am was hosted by NewCom Wheels Cycling Club was a 48km ride as the club heads for the Barberton MTB race this coming weekend.

NewComm Team Principal and coach Mbusi Motsa thanked

all the clubs present during the ride and further lauded the presence of young riders on the day.

"Gratitude goes to Clinton McNamara who brought juniors to the ride and they displayed some nice MTB riding skills along the way.

**Cream**

"They will soon be the cream of Swazi cycling and we thank the other cyclists from MTN Khemani as well," he said.

The cyclists left Phocweni and rode on the asphalt for 7km that led to the district road to OSSU Ngonini, where they had their

first stop to regroup heading into the Dwaleni direction.

Dwaleni Farm Lodge was the 25km turn around and they headed back on the main district road until Ngonini, where they hit a fast single trail that took them down to the bridge riding all the way back to Phocweni to total 48km.

Motsa added the highlight was the riding on the Jeep track that is along the canal that powers the Dwaleni Power Station. He said it was a very scenic part of the ride where tranquility reigned supreme.



**Local riders posing before the joint training ride organised by Newcomm Wheels over the weekend. (Courtesy pic)**



# Pirates through to Ingwenyama Cup semis

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

Seven Dreams.....(0)1  
Moneni Pirates.....(0)1  
Pirates won 3-1 on penalties

**SOCCER - MONENI Pirates** secured their ticket to the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup semi-finals after beating a resilient Seven Dreams 3-1 on penalties yesterday at Somhlolo National Stadium.

The National First Division side paraded three ex-premier league campaigners in Jerome Ntshali, John Gama and Theminkosi Mbhedze Dlamini and they did not give Pirates any breathing space in the first half as they matched them pound for pound.

There was no creativity from the Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini-led charges as his attackers Lizwe Zwane and Fabrice Mopina lacked supply upfront.

The home side nearly went ahead two minutes before the breather, but captain Sandile 'Machine' Dlamini's shot missed the target.

The two sides went to break locked in a stalemate. The second half saw the 'Sea Robbers' continuing with the search for the opener.

Siphosethu Mlota and Lizwe Zwane failed to connect a cross from Sifiso Mdluli inside the box.

Pirates turned into the bench eight minutes into the restart and made a double substitution by introducing Njabulo Shongwe and Xolani Ngwenya who came in for Siphosethu and Menzi 'Magawugawu' Simelane,



**THROUGH TO SEMIS: Moneni Pirates players rejoicing after their 3-1 win over Seven Dreams after penalty shoot-outs yesterday at Somhlolo National Stadium.**

respectively.

Seven Dreams coach, Thobias Ntuli also threw in his dice by bringing in Zwelakhe Ngwenya for the ageing John Gama.

Lizwe Zwane misdirected his shot after he rounded up Seven Dreams goalkeeper Simiso Mabuza deep into the last half. It was a frustrating afternoon as neither side failed to break the deadlock for the entire 90 minutes. The match went to extra time.

Seven Dreams introduced Theminkosi 'Mbhedze' Dlamini for Bavukile Shabangu.

The changes paid off as in the 107 minute the national first division side scored their goal courtesy of Siyabonga 'Nyelenyele' Zwane after an initial attempt from Sandile Dlamini.

Moneni Pirates found their equaliser

er in the last half of the extra time through Fabrice Mopina.

The match went for penalties as both sides settled for a 1-1 draw after 120 minutes of gruelling football.

Pirates scored their two penalties via the boots of Thabo Vilakati and Xolani Ngwenya while Seven Dreams missed all their four penalties.

## THE TEAMS SEVEN DREAMS

Simiso, Bandzile, Phumlani, Siphamandla, Jerome, Trevor, Siyabonga, John, Sandile, Mxolisi, Bavukile

## PIRATES

Romanus, Meshack, Mthunzi, Thabo, Menzi, Samkelo, Sifiso, Chimwanda, Fabrice, Siphosethu, Lizwe

## Ingwenyama Cup takes two-week break

BY COLISILE SACOLO

**SOCCER - THE 2019 /20 SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup will take a two-week break before the semi-finals of the ongoing fifth edition.**

This was revealed by the tournament's Public Relations Officer, Nkosilehile Masuku, who said the semi-finals were likely to be played after February 2.

"We will know the date of the semi-finals early next month and we are happy

with the performances of the quarterfinalists, especially Tambankulu Callies for displaying their giant killing spirit by knocking out Manzini Wanderers.

"This shows that our football is improving and we thank all the teams for behaving themselves up to this far.

"We are now looking forward to another series of semi-finals and we thank members of the Royal family, nation government and football lovers for supporting the tournament," he said. Four teams are now remaining in the presti-

gious knockout competition and these are Mbabane Highlanders, Green Mamba, Moneni Pirates and Tambankulu Callies.

The champions of the competition will take home a whopping E1.4 million first prize money.

## THE FULL INGWENYAMA CUP SEMIFINALISTS

Mbabane Highlanders  
Green Mamba  
Moneni Pirates  
Tambankulu Callies

## WE NEED TO DOUBLE OUR EFFORT- 'KOKI'

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**SOCCER - MBABANE Highlanders head coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati says his players need to double their effort if they want to reach the final of the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup.**

The former Manzini Wanderers mentor admitted that his boys didn't play according to his game plan during their 1-0 win over Madlenya FC on Saturday at Somhlolo National Stadium. "We have to double our effort if we want to reach the finals. My boys didn't play

according to my game plan as we wanted to press them high, especially at the belly of the park.

"Our opponents used speed and we almost paid the price. It was a scrappy win.

"However, what matters the most is that we have reached the semi-finals," he said.

Vilakati further said there was a thin line between the elite league and the national first division.

Meanwhile, Highlanders team captain Jimmoh Moses said they worked as a team and gave credit to his team-

mates.

On the other hand, Madlenya coach William Gamedze praised his players for sticking to his game plan. He said they wanted an early goal to unsettle the home side.

"My boys fought gallantly. Highlanders got one chance and they utilised it. We could have done better in the second half after we missed two chances," he said.

Team captain Mndeni Lukhele echoed his coach's words and said they played well, adding that it was a learning curve for them.

## I KNEW IT WON'T BE EASY- 'MAGIYANE'

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**SOCCER - MONENI Pirates coach Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini says he knew that their Ingwenyama Cup quarterfinal match against Seven Dreams was not going to be a stroll in the park for them.**

The newly appointed Sihlangu Semnikati assistant coach said they had a pressure to win the match. This was after their 3-1 victory over the resilient National First Division side yesterday at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

"We had pressure to win the match and I told my players that it won't be easy. In games like this, you have to do the basics. The standard of play is now high in the first division league but I am quite happy that we were able to grind positive results. We will give a good performance in the semifinals," he said.

Team assistant captain Mthunzi Motsa said Seven Dreams was

a good side.

Meanwhile, Seven Dreams coach Tobias Ntuli said they lost concentration in the later stages of the match.

"My boys played well. It's just that we lost concentration in the last minutes hence they pressed us high before they equalised. However, we will bounce back in the league," he said.

Ntuli added that the Ingwenyama Cup tournament was a good learning experience for them.

Team captain Sandile Dlamini said they did well given the fact that they were playing a premier league outfit.

**"We had pressure to win the match and I told my players that it won't be easy"**

## Players cannot perform if not happy - Nyanga

BY JONGILE XUBA

**SOCCER - MANZINI Wanderers coach Nyangayezizwe 'Crooks' Hlophe has said his players will not be able to perform well until the club has sorted out the administrative problems.**

The veteran mentor was speaking after his side crashed out of the Ingwenyama Cup quarterfinals following their 0-2 loss to Tambankulu Callies at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

Hlophe said despite preparing well for their match it was issues off the pitch that were affecting his players' ability to perform.

"We had prepared well for the match and I applaud the boys for the effort they showed on the pitch.

Unfortunately, we still have problems as a club which affect the players mostly. These problems are causing tension and the players are unhappy, so it will be difficult for them to perform," he said.

Coming to the match, Nyanga said his players were unable to deal with their opponents, long balls which caught them flat-footed most of the time.

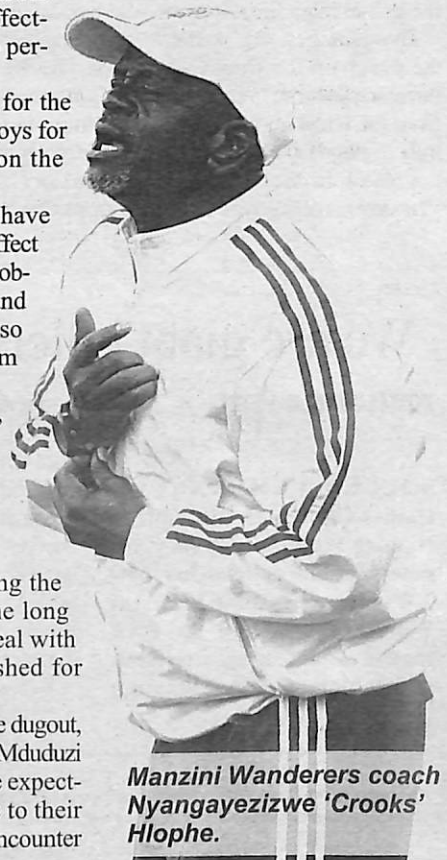
"I told the players during the break to watch out for the long balls. We were slow to deal with the danger and got punished for it," he said.

Meanwhile, in the opposite dugout, Tambankulu Callies Coach Mduduzi 'Nyama' Shongwe said he expected his side to do well due to their preparations ahead of the encounter

and their recent form.

"Today we were playing our 16th match, and in that time we have had only one draw and one loss the rest are being wins.

We compared that with our opponents and realised that we stood a good chance of advancing. Our tactics worked well for us and I can say our performance proves we are not a small team," he said. Moving on to the next fixture, Shongwe said they would be ready for any opponents as all the teams left in the competition they were familiar with.



**Manzini Wanderers coach Nyangayezizwe 'Crooks' Hlophe.**





## Premier League

Burnley	2-1	Leicester City
Liverpool	2-0	Manchester United
Absa Prem		
SuperSport United	1-2	Sundowns
Polokwane City	1-1	Golden Arrows
Bloem Celtic	1-1	Chippa
Serie A		
Genoa	1-3	Roma
Lecce	1-1	Inter Milan
Bologna	1-1	Hellas Verona
Brescia	2-2	Cagliari
Milan	3-2	Udinese

# WANDERERS STUNNED

- Magical First Division Callies side knock Hub giants by 2-0
- Joins Bull, Green Mamba and Pirates in Ingwenyama Cup last four
- Semi-finals likely to be played early next month

BY JONGILE XUBA

Manzini Wanderers..... (0/0)  
Tambankulu Callies..... (0/2)

## SOCCER - History always repeats itself.

Just as David slew Goliath, Tambankulu Callies advanced to the Ingwenyama Cup semi-finals after beating Manzini Wanderers 2-0 during the quarter-final match played at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

Two late extra time goals by Wandile Simelane and Siphesihle Nsimbini denied the hub giants a semi-final spot in the fifth annual prestigious knockout competition. Callies also rewrote the history books of the competition by becoming the third National First Division side to reach the semi-finals after the likes of Tambuti and Mbabane Citizens since the inception of the tournament five years ago.

The sugar-belt side started the match on the front foot threatening to cause an upset from the word go but never truly managed to get a hold of the match in the first half. Wanderers themselves were

also unable to exert any form of dominance on the match as expected by most pundits. The first half was full of long tedious dry spells with no team really threatening until the break. Callies came back into the match still looking the most likely to break the deadlock in the second half as striker Wandile Simelane caused headache for the 'Weslians' backline. Wanderers came to the party after an hour of play as Mike Dombo's acrobatic effort narrowly missed the top post. More chances fell as the match dragged on due to tired legs as both teams took more shots at goal.

### Brilliant

The maroon and white ensemble almost had their hearts broken in the last 10 minutes of regular time, but were saved by some brilliant goal-keeping antics.

Ncedo Mamba charged off his line to deny Mazwi Sihlongonyane the match winner rising highest to block the shot. The 90 minutes could not separate the two sides and extra time was needed and it was exactly what the doctor ordered for Callies. Their towering attacker Wandile Simelane

finally made good on his missed opportunities in the 91st minute. He rounded the goalkeeper after receiving a long ball from deep midfield and slotted calmly into the empty net. Wanderers did not drop their heads but their gallant efforts were too little too late as Callies shut up shop. Things went from bad to worse for Wanderers as Callies' substitute Siphesihle Nsimbini put the final nail on the coffin with five minutes left in extra time.

Wild celebrations from the travelling supporters were justified as they slayed a giant of local football to make history and pile on the opposition's long trophy drought.

### Wanderers

Ncedo, Menzi (Njabulo), Jose, Sihle, Sifiso, Abboudou, Johnson, Mpendulo, Mike (Mhlengi), Majahasibili (Laurent), Manqoba

### Callies

Ncanawe, Vusi, Muhle, Sebenele, Zakhele, Vusi M, Simphiwe (Siphesihle), Khulekani (Jabulani), Njabulo (Sandziso), Wandile, Mazwi



## We are giant killers - Ngudze

NOMALUNGELO PHIRI

**SOCCER-TAMBANKULU Callies Chairman Sithembiso Ngudze Mamba says they are now giant killers following their 2-0 victory against Manzini Wanderers in the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup quarterfinals at Somhlolo National Stadium**

yesterday.

The Lubombo-based businessman dedicated the win to his wife for giving him support during their preparations ahead of the last eight encounters of the prestigious knockout competition. "We are on a giant killing mission following this hard-fought after victory, training hard during the match preparations.

I closely monitored the team

throughout the week and further gave them the E30 000 incentive to beat Wanderers. This has worked well as we were able to get the win, I do not have a big name and told the boys to make their name and they just did that today. My main aim is to take Lubombo football to another level and I believe we will achieve our main goal if we will continue working hard as a team," he said. Mamba further thanked the team coach Mduduzi 'Nyama' Shongwe for his commitment to improve the Callies brand. "I am

very grateful and pleased with the good work of the coach and I will continue to support him in every step of the way as we thrive to build our legacy in local football," he said.

Meanwhile, the Lubombo based ensemble's Public Relations Officer (PRO) Senzo Shabangu said they were ready to face any team in the semi-finals. "We are not pushovers and we are ready to face any team in the semis. We would like to thank our supporters for coming out in their numbers to support the team," he said.

## Unstoppable Liverpool humble Man United

**LONDON - Liverpool moved 16 points clear at the top of the Premier League after defeating bitter rivals Manchester United 2-0 at Anfield last night.**

The Reds were unchanged from the win over Tottenham Hotspur while United, without Marcus Rashford, made three changes, with goalkeeper David De Gea, Luke Shaw and Andreas Pereira being recalled.

Liverpool had a bright start as Virgil van Dijk got the opening goal in the 14th minute with a towering header from Trent Alexander-Arnold's corner.

The hosts thought they had doubled their lead in the 26th minute after Roberto Firmino curled a stunning into the far corner, but the goal was disallowed by the Video Assistant Referee for a foul on De Gea by Van Dijk in the build-up.

United came close to finding the equaliser four minutes before the break after Aaron Wan-Bissaka delivered a delightful cross towards the far post but Pereira failed to connect with the net gaping, before de Gea denied Mane with a superb save minutes later at the other end.

Jürgen Klopp's charges started the second stanza at a high intensity and should have doubled their lead two minutes from the break after Andrew Robertson picked out Mohamed Salah, who scuffed a side-footed shot wide of the mark.

Luck continued to evade Liverpool as a minute later Jordan Henderson charged his way through the heart of the United defence and unleashed a left footed strike that crashed against the post.

Anthony Martial had a glorious chance to level matters for Ole Gunnar Solskjær's army on the hour-mark after a quick one-two with Pereira sent him clear, but he curled his strike over the crossbar from 10-yards out.

United needed inspiration with 16 minutes remaining and Solskjær made a double change as forward Mason Greenwood and Juan Mata replaced Brandon Williams and Pereira, before Klopp also made a double change with Fabinho and Divock Origi replacing Mane and Firmino.

However, the Reds sealed victory in stoppage time as Salah ran onto Alisson's long pass and sprinted towards goal to slot a low shot past Dea Gea to seal a 2-0 win.

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