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Her Majesty the Indlovukazi following proceedings as Lutsango deliver gifts, marking the start of the Baganu Festival at Hlane Royal Residence yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

# LISWATI DRUG ADDICT TORCHED IN SA

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● burnt beyond recognition by angry community members at Eziqwaqweni Reserve outside eShowe in KwaZulu-Natal on Tuesday

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By Bodwa Mbingo

The late former businessman Richard 'Phakama' Dlamini's only remaining sister Gogo Loziga Magagula has passed away in the midst of a long dragging dispute over the former's Estate.

The outspoken Loziga, who had always advocated for the late businessman's Estate to be winded up with all his wives and children benefitting equally, will be laid to rest at Mantshonga tomorrow morning, confirmed family member Nzinga Magagula this week.

She will be remembered for her numerous interviews with this publication, with the most recent one, two weeks back, when she declared that she wanted to take the matter of her late brother's Estate to His Majesty the King.

She wondered what was taking so long for the Estate of the late businessman to be winded up as his surviving wives and children were suffering due to the situation. She said she was ready to take the matter to His Majesty King Mswati III as an important figure that could put an end to the misery that the deceased's family was enduring.

"Ngitombula ingubo ngingene eNkhosini," she

# OUTSPOKEN LATE PHAKAMA'S SISTER LOZIGA DIES AGED 91



THE LATE: The late former businessman Richard 'Phakama' Dlamini's only remaining sister Gogo Loziga Magagula.



said while stressing that she would seek audience with the King to put an end to the long dragging matter.

She further wondered who was delaying the winding up of the Estate as there was the late businessman's family that should be benefitting from it instead of living impoverished lives. She also wondered how the Executor of the Estate, Isaac Jiva Dlamini, who she says was personally chosen by the deceased for the task, was not allowed to proceed with his work.

Jiva is a cousin to the deceased and Gogo Loziga.

She also added that the Almighty God was above all what was happening and would solve the matter without fail through His Majesty the King.

The last verdict by Chief Justice (CJ) Bheki Maphalala ruled in favour of the appellants (Phakama's three wives) and that meant the Estate belonging to the late businessman could then be distributed and the lives of his children and wives would go on.

In an initial ruling, Judge Mumcy Dlamini

found that the deceased's first wife was married to the late businessman in terms of civil rites and that the Swazi Law and Custom marriages of the late businessman to his three other wives were bigamous.

The judge also ordered the entry records of the subsequent marriages to be expunged from the registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths. The three women filed an appeal following Judge Dlamini's ruling.

However, the Supreme Court then allowed the appeal and set aside Justice Dlamini's decision. The CJ, who sat with Judge Majahenkhaba Dlamini and Judge Jacobus Annandale, dismissed the application filed by the first wife, who died before the appeal was heard, and ordered that costs be borne by the Estate.

The CJ said the matter was abstract, hypothetical and academic and that not all interested parties were heard and joined in the proceedings. Maphalala stated that the businessman was denied the opportunity to be heard and that Sarah died before the appeal was heard.

He said it should be noted that the application

was lodged with a view to bolster the applicant's resolve to be appointed the executor of Richard's estate which was why the appointment of the executor was stayed pending finalisation of the matter.

Following the latest ruling, Loziga stated that she was ready to die for the truth and would stand by it anytime when required to do so. She said even his brother before he died told everyone who cared to listen that whatever would happen to him 'they would have Ziga ZamaSwazi to face'. She said all her siblings had now died and remained the only one alive amongst them. She said she was, therefore, the only one who could speak the truth and solve this entire impasse surrounding his brother's Estate. She recalled how together with her brother they were raised by their aunt Magamase at a Magongo home-stead at Elangeni.

In the interview she also disclosed that she possessed divine powers that were bestowed on her by the Almighty God and she was not easy to defeat, especially when she was called upon to stand for the truth. She told this publication that even after she was poisoned with Dr Mathunjwa confirming it, she was spared by God in order to continue to stand for the truth where it concerned the family of her deceased brother. She stated that she later heard that the plan was to kill her so that she would not continue to speak on behalf of the deceased's family members where it concerns their rightful belongings.

She also highlighted that she did not practice witchcraft, but had a God given talent to produce concoctions (*timbita*) that heal people even with the worst of sicknesses.

Gogo Loziga had also told this publication that by fighting for the winding up of his brother's Estate, it did not mean that she wanted to benefit from it as she had reliable means of living by selling her concoctions and healing sick people.

## 14 months later DC won't conclude ESWACAA boss matter

By Sicelo Maziya

Fourteen months later, a disciplinary hearing matter for suspended Eswatini Civil Aviation Authority (ESWACAA) Director Marketing and Communications Sabelo Dlamini has still not been concluded.

The case of the former manager at the aviation company is alleged to be marred by continuous delays due to postponement as legal representatives sometimes fail to convene timely to conclude the case.

The manager is still at home and waiting for any directive to either

return to work or know if his services with the institution are no longer needed. Dlamini is currently suspended from work on allegations of sexual harassment.

He was suspended to allow disciplinary processes and the investigations to take effect. His suspension created a social media buzz regarding his sexual harassment allegations and several of other related alleged misdemeanours.

The manager was later on arrested for an alleged offence of sexual harassment, which is now considered a serious offence under the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018.

He appeared before Manzini Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini at the Matsapha Circuit Court where he was granted E3 000 bail. The case was not concluded as he is currently waiting for the verdict of the disciplinary hearing at his place of work.

The court records state that the alleged sexual harassment offence took place at his workplace in Matsapha, and the victim is said to have opened a case against the director at the Sigodvweni Police Station.

Public prosecutor Lando Sibandze asked the court to attach bail conditions, where the manager was warned not to be found interfering with or threaten-

ing witnesses and warned not to be found to have committed the same offence whilst out on bail. He was further warned to appear before court when required.

According to the terms of the disciplinary code, sexual harassment even for a first offender is regarded as a serious offence with dire consequences. The suspension was preceded by a failed petition by employees in which they enumerated a litany of complaints on how he was allegedly mistreating them. The petition could not see the light of day as no one wanted to 'bell the cat' in fear of unimaginable reprisals.

ESWACAA management confirmed that the disciplinary committee process had not been concluded and for a number of different reasons that cannot be shared with the media as they are internal matters.

### SODV Act SEXUAL HARASSMENT

(1) A person who sexually harasses another commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to pay a fine not exceeding twenty-five thousand Emalangeni or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years or to both.

(2) Sexual harassment for the purposes of this Act is committed where—

(a) a person subjects another person to an unsolicited act of physical intimacy, including but not limited to, physical contact such as patting, pinching or touching in a sexual way

or unnecessary familiarity such as deliberately brushing against another;

(b) a person makes an unsolicited demand or request, whether directly or by implication, for sexual favours from the other person;

(c) a person engages in any other unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature in relation to the other person including but not limited to offensive telephone calls and indecent exposure;

(d) the person engaging in the conduct described in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c), does so—

(i) with the intention to offend, humiliate or intimidate the other person; or

(ii) in circumstances where a reasonable person would have anticipated the possibility that the other person would be offended, humiliated or intimidated by the conduct.

(3) For purposes of subsection (2) (d) (ii), the circumstances that are relevant in determining whether a reasonable person would have anticipated the possibility that the other person would be offended, humiliated or intimidated by the conduct include—

(a) the sex of the other person;

(b) the age of the other person;

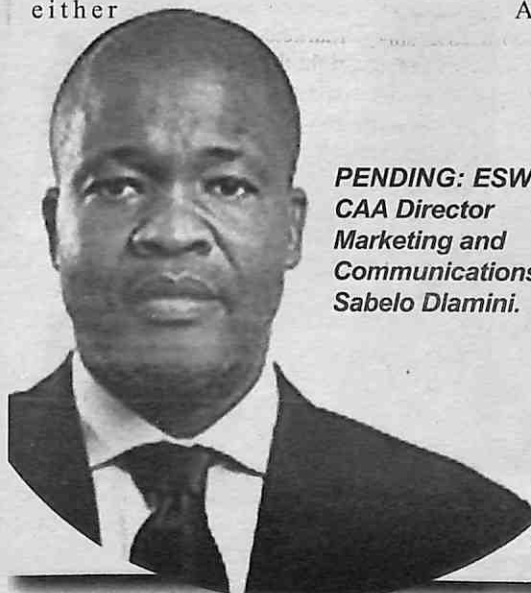
(c) the race of the other person;

(d) any impairment that the other person has;

(e) the relationship between the other person and the person engaging in the conduct;

(f) the nature of the place, whether private or public, and the time of the day; and

(g) any other circumstance of the other person the court may find or deem relevant.



PENDING: ESWACAA Director Marketing and Communications Sabelo Dlamini.





**CRIME SCENE:** Police at the vacant house where Vincent Linda's body was found.

# LISWATI DRUG ADDICT (34) TORCHED IN SA

...He was attacked and set alight in Eziqwaqweni Reserve outside eShowe

By Bodwa Mbingo

A man from Eswatini believed to be a drug addict was burnt beyond recognition by angry community members in Eziqwaqweni Reserve outside eShowe in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, on Tuesday.

The deceased was identified as Vincent Linda (34), an Eswatini national.

It should be noted that this incident is not connected to the recent violent xenophobic attacks on foreign nationals in that country that claimed many lives late last year.

It was reported that villagers started chasing away drug addicts on Sunday, accusing them of being responsible for robberies, house break-ins and theft in the area.

According to the Zululand Observer, one resident, Nkosinathi Ndlela, said the area was close to town and many residents, especially those leaving work late, are constantly confronted by drugs addicts.

"Many cases of muggings are reported to the police and victims provide police with descriptions of the suspects, but no arrests have been made. People

are very frustrated and angry, that's why they decided to take the law into their hands," Ndlela told the publication.

King Cetshwayo cluster police spokesperson, Captain Mbongeni Mdlalose, said a case of murder was registered at eShowe SAPS.

"It is alleged that community members took the deceased to a vacant house where he was set alight."

Mdlalose said the vacant house was apparently used by criminals to share their loot after robberies and house break-ins.

No arrests have been made yet.

## RWANDA-UGANDA RELATIONS:

### Talks commence at Gatuna/Katuna Border

**KATUNA** - At around 11:40am yesterday, President Paul Kagame, flanked by Angolan President João Lourenço and Congolese counterpart Felix Tshisekedi, the facilitators of the talks between Rwanda and Uganda arrived at Gatuna/Katuna common border between the two countries for the 4th Quadripartite Summit.

The three Heads of State joined their Ugandan counterpart Yoweri Kaguta Museveni for the talks to commence. The three presidents entered the tent five minutes after arrival as Rwanda and Uganda continue with the talks to normalise relations. The Angolan president, who is the lead facilitator of the talks arrived on Thursday evening while the Congolese President arrived yesterday morning for the talks which were held behind closed doors.

By press time, final touches on the venue, which is in the neutral land between the two countries, commonly referred to as 'no man's land' were being done in preparation for the arrival of four heads of state.

Anticipation was high on both ends, at the summit which follows the 3rd Quadripartite Summit in Luanda, Angola on February 2 and the 3rd Ad Hoc Commission meeting in Kigali



**TALKS:** Presidents Kagame, Museveni, Lourenco and Tshisekedi.

between Rwanda and Uganda on February 14. The talks were expected to last for hours and the four presidents would address a press conference after the closed door meeting during which issues that have affected relations between the two countries will be tackled. Officials from Uganda, Rwanda and Angola were seen earlier pacing up and down, preparing documents that will be signed by the heads of state, including an expected extradition treaty between Rwanda and Uganda.

Ahead of the meeting, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in charge

of East African Community (EAC) Amb. Olivier Nduhugirehe confirmed that the Ugandan Foreign affairs ministry informed the Rwandan government through a note verbally that the passport of Charlotte Mukankundi, the Rwandan National Congress (RNC) Commissioner for Diplomacy, had been cancelled.

A major breakthrough is expected after Uganda showed commitment to address some of the issues raised at the Ad Hoc Commission meeting which Uganda had to address by February 20, ahead of the meeting. ifp

## Eswatini imports E3.8bn SA agricultural products in 2018

By Bodwa Mbingo

**H**is Majesty King Mswati III's calls for the nation to use the vast land at their disposal to produce enough food that will sustain the country and further be exported to other countries are justified as the country continues to import huge agricultural products from outside its borders.

The country has been listed amongst top 10 countries that boosted the South African economy consuming at least E3.8 billion worth of agricultural products from that country.

The King during his Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Second Session of the 11th Parliament last month, said one of the key mandates of government entails ensuring food security amid challenges posed by climate change, trans-boundary crop pests and animal diseases.

### Rains

He sounded grateful for the good rains which have been received throughout the country and called on the nation to capitalise on this blessing to plough the fields towards food self-sufficiency.

Information gathered reflects that in 2018, the top five importers of SA agricultural products and the value of the imports were:

- The Netherlands — mostly citrus, wine, fruit juices, vegetable juices, dates, figs, pineapples, avocados and guavas, worth E12.46bn;
- The United Kingdom — primarily wine, apples, pears, quinces, strawberries, raspberries and citrus, worth E10.92bn;
- Botswana — fruit juices, cane/beet sugar, sucrose and rice, worth E8.77bn;

- Namibia — maize, wine and cigars, worth E8.65bn; and
- Mozambique — cane/beet sugar and maize, worth E6.82bn.

Rounding out SA's top 10 agricultural export markets were China (E4.9bn), Lesotho (E4.5bn), the United States (E4.4bn), Eswatini (E3.8bn) and Malaysia (E2.1bn).

Furthermore, exports in Eswatini declined in January by 22.5 per cent to E2.078 billion over E2.682 billion in December 2019, while the import bill for the month was E1.947 billion, reflecting a month-on-month fall of 5.4 per cent.

The trade balance registered a surplus of E131.2 million, a lesser surplus than that of E623.4 million for December 2019.

Receipts from textiles and apparel increased by 19.9 per cent to E232.3 million in January, according to reports in the country.

According to the Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE), the decline was a result of contraction in both exports and imports as they were viewed cyclical around January due to slow operations during the festive season holidays.

A breakdown of imports showed 64.6 per cent of total imports came from South Africa. Import of cotton and cotton products, including fabric, increased by 37 per cent, making up 4.5 per cent of total imports in the month, according to

the bank.

The King in his speech said: "We need to upscale our farming efficiencies to reach a standard that not only creates enough food for each household but produces a surplus for export outside our borders".

### Economy

Government, His Majesty emphasised, must increase the presence of extension officers and ensure availability of equipment and inputs that are subsidised countrywide to farmers.

Meanwhile, SA's agricultural sector, identified by President Cyril Ramaphosa during his State of the Nation Address last week as one of the sectors with the "greatest potential for growth," is exploring new export markets in an effort to stimulate the economy and create much-needed jobs.

In what can be emulated in Eswatini, SA Agriculture Minister Thoko Didiza's spokesperson, Reggie Ngcobo, told the FM that SA was in negotiations for market access to export pears to China and Taiwan, table grapes to South Korea and Vietnam, avocados to Japan, India and the US, apples to Thailand, pome fruit to Mexico and citrus to the Philippines.

Agricultural Business Chamber chief economist Wandile Sihlobo explains that SA's seven per cent year-on-year growth in agricultural exports, to US\$10.6bn in 2018, was largely due to increased exports of oranges, grapes, wine, apples, wool, lemons, mandarins and pears, among other products.

Sihlobo says access to new markets is important for SA, given that the country's agricultural sector is export dependent.

"If we are to bring new entrants into farming and create jobs, that cannot happen if exports are not prioritised in the process," he tells the FM.

"SA's opening up of all these export markets is key to further expansion of the industry."

Sihlobo says the agriculture sector is experiencing "a bit of momentum" as far as exports are concerned.

### Growth

In part, this is thanks to the efforts of the government, says Absa Agribusiness senior agricultural economist Wessel Lemmer.

"The support from the agriculture department in getting access to those markets is commendable. It's the right thing to do because it's supporting primary agriculture, which in turn will lead to job creation and economic growth."

While the department of agriculture, forestry & fisheries says complete export data for 2019 will be available only next month, the International Trade Centre, drawing on SA Revenue Service (SARS) statistics, puts SA's top agricultural exports for the year as the following:

- Citrus (R19.51bn);
- Wine (R9.54bn);
- Fresh or dried grapes (R9.4bn);
- Apples, pears and quinces (R8.05bn); and
- Cane/beet sugar and solid, chemically pure sucrose (R7.07bn).



# BUGANU FESTIVAL

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**HHOLO HHOLO:** A section of the throngs of Lutsango who came through with a variety of gifts mainly for Her Majesty the Indlovukazi at Hlane Royal Residence yesterday. This was the first day of the weekend long Baganu Festival being hosted in the Lubombo region. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**DELIVERIES:** Minister of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe leading Lutsango from the ministry.



**SIGODLO:** Emakhosikati LaMotsa and LaMahlangu sharing a light moment as they joined Her Majesty in witnessing the delivery of buganu.



**IN NUMBERS:** Lutsango from the Royal Eswatini Police Service dancing up a storm before Her Majesty after delivering their share of goodies for Their Majesties.



**JUBILANT:** It was a happy day for the Lutsango as they sung and danced on their way to deliver their share of gifts.



**IN SONG:** Lutsango from the King's Office also joined Lutsango in appreciating Her Majesty with gifts.



**GOODIES:** Eswatini Observer Lutsango also came through with some goodies for Their Majesties.



**LINE UP:** A section of the many members of Lutsango who came through for the delivery of buganu.





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## LAST SIXTEEN FIXTURE

### MAYALUKA STADIUM - 22/02/20 SATURDAY

Illovo FC	<b>VS</b>	Green Mamba FC	14H00
Madlenya FC	<b>VS</b>	Royal Leopard FC	16H00

### TABANKULU STADIUM - 22/02/20 SATURDAY

Tabankulu Callies FC	<b>VS</b>	Young Buffaloes FC	15H00
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### MAVUSO SPORTS CENTRE - 22/02/20 SATURDAY

Milling Hotspurs FC	<b>VS</b>	Tambuti FC	15H00
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### SOMHLOLO NATIONAL STADIUM - 22/02/20 SATURDAY

Malanti Chiefs FC	<b>VS</b>	Denver Sundowns FC	14H00
Manzini Sea Birds FC	<b>VS</b>	Mbabane Swallows FC	16H00

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# NEEDY COMMUNITY'S E14m HEADACHE FOR POTABLE WATER

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

A remarkable move by an ambitious community of collectively purchasing a farm from its previous owner a few years ago and later converting it to a village they can now call home has become somewhat of a nightmare for the community of Phola in Nhlanguano.

They now have to raise about E14 million, money which they do not have, to be able to bring potable water that will service a total of 643 homesteads to the area in the Shiselweni region. The amount is expected to go towards providing infrastructure in the form of water pipes to bring the much-needed clean water to the area through the Eswatini Water Services Corporation (EWSC).

In essence, this means that each homestead should come up with about E22 000 for the project to see the light of day as the actual amount needed is E13 700 000.

This community currently relies on a wetland in the area to draw dirty water that is contaminated with faeces, which renders them prone to diseases such as cholera especially, their children. According to UNICEF, a single gram of faeces contains "10 000 000 viruses", "1 000 000 bacteria" and "1 000 parasite cysts".

An alternative source of water for them is begging to draw the water from a single tap from a borehole belonging to the nearby FTM Garments' senior staff that resides in the area.

This community of Phola has been forced to run from pillar to post in a bid to bring clean water to the area, but in vain.

Government's Rural Water Supply Section cannot assist them for the mere fact that their area is classified as a Township Development. The Rural Water Supply Branch was established in 1975 to address the issue of potable water supply in rural areas as opposed to urban areas.

Similarly, Eswatini Water Services



**LONG WALK:** A woman from Phola seen walking to fetch water from the nearest source. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)

Corporation cannot assist this community given its policy that it does not assist township development areas in such ventures, but instead the developers themselves have to provide the infrastructure first before the company takes over and connects their areas to the national water grid.

EWSC Public Affairs Manager Nomahlubi Matiwane confirmed to the Saturday Observer this week that the company does not provide water infrastructure for such communities as that of Phola. The community's water provision committee chairperson Lefinah Mndzebele in the company of her deputy Phindile Malinga confirmed the plight of their community. She disclosed that after they approached EWSC for the provision of water in the area they were instructed to enlist the services of a surveying contractor that would provide them with a map for the entire project.

"We were told that the company only takes over during the stage of connecting our pipes to the national water grid. At the time we had to collectively come up with E320 000 to pay a contractor from South Africa to perform the surveying and come up with the drawings and quotation for the entire project. Amakha Construction is the

company we enlisted and they are the ones who told us we will need E13 700 000 to finish the project," she explained.

Matiwane, on the other hand, further explained EWSC connects water in areas gazetted by government if outside the urban boundary. "We also have to liaise with the Rural Water Supply to ensure that they do not direct their resources to the same area. In the case of Phola, it should be the developers that approach us with a design that we should approve and then proceed with implementing the project until we connect the area to our grid," she explained.

## Recognition

The current situation renders the community without the right to clean water. One of the most important recent milestones has been the recognition in July 2010 by the United Nations General Assembly of the human right to water and sanitation. The Assembly recognised the right of every human being to have access to enough water for personal and domestic uses, meaning between 50 and 100 litres of water per person per day. The water must be safe, acceptable and affordable. The water costs should not exceed three per cent of household income. Moreover, the water source has to be within 1 000

## They can still be assisted - EWSC

The community of Phola should not lose hope where it concerns eventually having clean water for their consumption as they can still explore other means of assistance.

This is advice from EWSC Public Affairs Manager Nomahlubi Matiwane, who points out that other communities like that of Phola have explored a number of these avenues before and managed to eventually get clean water. She advises this community to get in touch with their Member of Parliament (MP) as the right figure to seek assistance on their behalf from other government structures as well as international donors.

"Other communities have used their MPs to seek help from agen-

cies such as Microprojects, Rural Development Fund or World Vision for the funding of their projects.

It is an open secret that most communities cannot afford to implement projects of such magnitude from their pockets hence they usually seek assistance," says Matiwane.

## Comment

Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini, the area's MP under Shiselweni I Inkhundla, could not be reached for comment at the time of compiling this report.

However, Chairperson Lefinah Magagula disclosed that they are indeed in the process of enlisting the assistance of their MP. She sounded hopeful that he will be of assistance to them.



**INSTALL THEM:** Water pipes that the community of Phola is in dire need of.

metres of the home and collection time should not exceed 30 minutes.

More than two billion people around the world still lack access to safe water, and less than 15 per cent of surveyed countries have the resources to provide much-needed infrastructure, according to the United Nations. In a survey of 115 mostly low and middle-income countries, representing 4.5 billion people, the report found that 2.2 billion people are not able to access safe water, while some 4.2 billion suffer from poorly managed sanitation.

And three million people still lack access to even basic handwashing facilities, increasing the risk of spreading waterborne diseases and sepsis.

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 is to "Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all." The targets cover all aspects of both the water cycle and sanitation systems, and their achievement is designed to contribute to progress across a range of other SDGs, most notably on health, education, economics and the environment.

## LIQUOR NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that the Liquor Licensing Board will hold its sitting to hear the following applications at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Conference Room on the **13 MARCH 2020** starting at **09.30am**.

### REGION MANZINI

1. **SIHLE O. MASILELA**, P. O. Box 1642 MANZINI GRANT of a **BOTTLE STORE** Liquor Licence situated at **PLOT 414 NGWANE PARK** known as **GENESIS BOTTLE STORE**.

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

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## CHILD MORTALITY RIFE AT PHOLA

Child deaths resulting from the use of contaminated water is rife at Phola.

This has been the observation of the ministry of health as the community has been urged to speed up the process of obtaining potable water in the area. Unclean water and poor sanitation are a leading cause of child mortality. Childhood diarrhoea is closely associated with insufficient water supply, inadequate sanitation, water contaminated with communicable disease agents, and poor hygiene practices. Diarrhoea is estimated to cause 1.5 million child deaths per year, mostly among children under five

living in developing countries.

Lefinah Mndzebele, who leads the drive to get potable water in the area, confirmed to the Saturday Observer that the issue has been raised with them by the ministry of health. She said their children have been observed to be vulnerable to waterborne diseases such as the deadly cholera.

### Nappies

"Some draw the water from the wetland during late hours and sometimes realise that their water contains faeces. This is because some community members defecate next to the wetland while others wash their clothes and throw disposable nappies next to

the water source. We are just in a fix," decried Mndzebele.

According to the United Nations, contaminated water and a lack of basic sanitation are undermining efforts to end extreme poverty and disease in the world's poorest countries.

### Contamination

In 2017, two billion people worldwide did not have access to basic sanitation facilities such as toilets or latrines. 673 million people still practised open defecation. According to the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation, at least 1.2 billion people worldwide are esti-

mated to drink water that is not protected against contamination from faeces. Even more drink water, which is delivered through a system without adequate protection against sanitary hazards.

With a number of the poorer countries surveyed struggling to provide proper sanitation services, many people living in both rural and urban regions are forced to defecate in the open - with serious health consequences.

Some 65 countries had open defecation rates above two per cent of the population, with as many as 673 million people globally forced to defecate in the open.

Seven of the 65 countries specifically indicated that they had no targets for the elimination of open defecation.



## FREEZE PARASTATALS SUBVENTIONS:

## ECMU PLEADS ITS CASE

By Bodwa Mbingo

Once bitten, twice shy! Amid growing calls for the freezing of government subventions towards a total of 11 parastatals until they submit their financial statements to be audited, one of these parastatals has pleaded for leniency, stating that their failure to submit same had been due to reasons beyond their control.

The Eswatini Christian Medical University (ECMU) has disclosed that in their case, the failure to submit the financial statements has not been a question of dereliction of duty.

Acting Vice Chancellor Professor Isabel Zwane yesterday explained that the institution had been without a bursar for some time as the position has been vacant for some years, making it hard for them to submit the statements. She lamented that the mooted freezing of government subvention would have dire consequences for the university as their core business is teaching and learning.

"Eswatini Medical Christian University has the uttermost respect of parliamentary oversight with regard to holding the parastatals accountable for their actions and for ensuring that they follow policies in accordance with the laws and budget passed by Parliament of the Kingdom of Eswatini," she said.

After Auditor General (AG) Timothy Matsebula called for the freezing of the subventions, Lobamba Lomdzala Member of Parliament (MP) Marwick Khumalo, in his capacity as ministry of finance portfolio committee chairperson, joined the bandwagon in the calls.

Professor Zwane highlighted that the position of bursar at the institution has been vacant for years and filling it had been a challenge.

"An independent consultancy firm has advertised this position on our behalf



as required several times; vetting and the approval process by the appointing authority takes months and by the time it is completed, recommended applicants are no longer available; head hunting through the Swaziland Institute of Accountants failed; and getting a qualified accountant to be seconded from the government to the university has also yielded no fruit," she explained.

In fact, she said, in October 2019, the institution wrote to the AG through the principal secretary (PS) at the ministry of education and training explaining their challenges.

## Clarified

She clarified that a bursar must be a chartered accountant in good standing, adding that such professionals was in demand. "If the subvention were to be frozen there would be no funds to pay salaries, creditors and for the general operations of the institution. It would be impossible for the institution to continue to operate.

"The university went through a very difficult period in 2017 when its operations were suspended. Staff were not paid for two months and the university was taken to court by the Union as their livelihoods were adversely affected," she added.

The vice chancellor pleaded with the MPs to give the university a chance to put its house in order. At the present,

she said, a financial consultant is assisting the university and preparing the books of accounts for audit, paying attention to the queries raised by the auditors in their previous reports.

"We are determined to comply with the Public Enterprises (Control and Monitoring) Act 1989 and to submit the financial statements in the near future," she concluded.

Meanwhile, MP Khumalo, speaking during the House of Assembly debate of the national budget on Wednesday and during Thursday's Post Budget Seminar hosted by the Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE), further insisted that as Parliament, they would not endorse the subvention of the unaudited parastatals.

Khumalo enquired why government was turning a blind eye and continued pouring resources towards the parastatals while they failed to conform to government regulations.

Khumalo said he would soon move a motion for freezing the parastatals subvention until they submitted their audited financial statements.

He also said the people looking after government's interest in the entities were not adding any value and were only pursuing their own agendas and interests. The MP also mentioned that there were allegations of corruption in some of these parastatals and nothing was being done. He added that the parastatals were also overlooking local SMEs in favour of South African companies and awarding them procurement tenders, while the same could be done by local companies.

He said if government took the time to interrogate the parastatals' financials, there was a lot that could be discovered.

Khumalo added that government should do something about this matter as a majority of these parastatals had the potential to contribute to the country's economic growth.

## FSRA denies interference claim

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

The Financial Services Regulatory Authority says it is not interfering in the present application filed by Pan African Asset Management (PAAM) South Africa against PAAM Eswatini.

Responding to an answering affidavit filed by the third respondent in the matter, Babhekile Matsebula who is the FSRA general manager markets development, in her replying affidavit, submitted that the fifth respondent (FSRA) is an entity established under the FSRA Act of 2010.

She stated that in the present matter, the fifth respondent received a request from the first respondent, PAAM Eswatini, requiring capital forming the basis of its licensing conditions to be paid and released from security with the fourth respondent (FNB) and paid to an entity not related to or associated with the first respondent.

"This raised a sense of disquiet and concern within the fifth respondent, which prompted the Authority to

make an enquiry with the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) in the Republic of South Africa as the regulator of the applicant. This is normal and it is done every time there is a transaction or communication appearing to be abnormal," she submitted.

She submitted that records indicated that the capital base which had been pledged as security to the fifth respondent had in fact been paid by the applicant in these proceedings.

He alleged that the third respondent was seeking to have the funds released to an entity unknown to the fifth respondent. She further submitted that the fifth respondent does not wish to be embroiled in the litigation between the main protagonists, which was the applicant, the first second and third respondents. Cited as the applicant in the matter are PAAM South Africa (Pty) Ltd while respondents are PAAM Eswatini, Aquarius Asset Manager (Pty) Ltd, Abel Sibandze, FNB, FSRA, registrar of companies and the attorney general.

## 'BASIS OF FSRA'S LETTER TO FSCA IN SA UNCLEAR'

The third respondent, in his affidavit, submitted that the basis of the letter that was written to FSCA in South Africa by Matsebula is unclear.

Abel Sibandze submitted that the transfer of a licence to second respondent had nothing to do with FSCA in South Africa or any other person, but FSRA.

He averred that the exodus of the present application emanated from the office of the FSRA through an email sent to Tshaka Mdiya from the FSCA after Matsebula had sent a letter to FSCA as her act remains unclear to this day. "What is clear is that FSCA had no option to

Matsebula's email as first respondent's application to transfer licence at FSRA had nothing to do with FSCA or any other person. I am advised and verily believe same to be true that FSRA engaged in a clear breach of confidentiality in first respondent's business dealings with them where they shared its business information with third parties," submitted Sibandze.

This breach, according to the respondent, will be dealt with at the appropriate forum.

The submissions made by the parties will be argued at the High Court next Thursday as all the parties have filed their papers.

## SHOCKER: SWITZERLAND CUTS AID TO ESWATINI

By Bodwa Mbingo

In what will come as a shocker to the financially struggling government, the government of Switzerland will cease its financial aid to Eswatini as from next year.

The new Swiss aid budget proposes more funds but for fewer countries and according to Swizzinfo.ch, Eswatini is one of those countries that will be cut off from the proposed funding.

While it intends to be more generous, the Swiss government also wants aid distribution to be more efficient following criticism of wasteful expense by the right-wing Swiss People's Party. The government wants to set aside CHF11.25 billion (\$11.43 billion) in development aid for the 2021-2024 period.

The governing Federal Council adopted its Strategy for International Cooperation on Wednesday after opening it up for public consultation. It will still have to be approved by parliament. The amount proposed is CHF140 million more than the current aid budget and will cost Swiss taxpayers less than one Swiss franc (CHF0.80) per inhabitant per day. It is expected to amount to 0.46 per cent

of gross national income over the four-year period, less than the 0.5 per cent target set by the Parliament in 2011. The number of beneficiary countries will be reduced from 46 to 35. The other losers of this new phase out strategy are Bolivia, Haiti, Honduras, Cuba, Nicaragua, Lesotho, Malawi, Mongolia, Pakistan and Azerbaijan.

Priority will be given to four main zones: North Africa and the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia (Central, South and South-East) and Eastern Europe. Of the CHF11.252 billion proposed for the years 2021 to 2024, CHF 6.638 billion is earmarked for bilateral and multilateral development cooperation. Of the rest, CHF2.145 billion is to go to humanitarian aid, CHF1.186 billion to economic development cooperation and CHF1.025 billion to cooperation with Eastern Europe. In addition, a framework credit for peace and human security to the amount of CHF258 million will be provided.

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) conducts activities in the country within the framework of its regional programme for Southern Africa.

Through the SDC, Switzerland par-



ticipates in efforts to strengthen electoral and democratic processes in the countries of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), of which Eswatini is a member. In partnership with the electoral commission, civil society organisations, political parties and the Parliament, the overall objective of this project is to strengthen the institutional and technical capacities of the SDC secretariat and parties involved in the electoral process (electoral commission, political parties, and civil society) so that elections are held in a peaceful, democratic and credible manner. The SDC further supports the 'New Seed Initiative for Maize

in Southern Africa', the overall objective of which is to improve food security for farmers in Eswatini by developing and promoting new varieties of seeds. Together with various local partners, Switzerland also supports a programme for the prevention of AIDS among young people between the ages of 10 and 24. The purpose of the programme is to lower new HIV infections in this segment of the population and to improve the quality of life for young people afflicted by the disease. The Swiss regional programme in Southern Africa contributes to the reduction of poverty and vulnerability. With its engagement, Switzerland contributes to

enhanced food security for smallholder farmers and to the reduction of new HIV infections. Switzerland's support focuses on two major issues: the reduction of new HIV among young people and enhancing food security for smallholder farmers, by increasing their resilience and improving seeds availability and diversity. Humanitarian aid is provided on an ad hoc basis, in response to specific crises or natural disasters.

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BARNABAS MATSEBULA  
FOR: REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES



# SEX WORKERS UNITE - VOOV

Storie by Zwelihle Sukati

**S**ex workers are encouraged to hold hands and unite.

The service providers - sex workers - have been given the thumbs up for having convened a meeting last week to regulate their pricing and discuss issues affecting them in the trade.

This follows reports by this publication last weekend that sex workers' representing their respective towns from around the country met at a secret location in Ezulwini to discuss making adjustments as per their industry. The sex workers held their meeting last Monday and Tuesday.

On the agenda was the high cost of living, an item that led to a 50 per cent increase on what they normally charge their clientele per sexual service.

Director of Voice of our Voices (VOOV), a sex worker-led organisation from Eswatini, Lungile Khumalo, applauded the ladies of the night for having seen the light.

"In my personal view, I think sex workers nowadays understand the world even better in that they are now able to come together and discuss issues affecting them," Khumalo noted.

According to the organisation's online profile, VOOV is a sex worker-led organisation from Eswatini, which supports sex workers to advocate for their human rights and promote access to health services.

"I really like and encourage the spirit shown by the service providers because this is where



solutions to the their problems affecting them can be put to table and be addressed," she said.

Khumalo said sex workers were not the problem. "The problem is what drives these women to the trade in the first place."

She said it was high time government starts addressing some of the issues that drive women into this illicit trade, with an understanding that what the state offers was not enough in terms of addressing issues of poverty, unemployment and the economic crises, amongst other social

ills.

She went on to frown upon reports that some of the about 50 sex workers who had convened for the said meeting were arrested by the police and slapped with criminal charges for loitering at night.

Even though Lukhele said her organisation had not received reports to that some were even arrested, she said this was a serious cause for concern.

It seemed the sex workers discussed amongst

themselves and arranged for the meeting to regulate their service charges. They came from as far as Pigg's Peak, Siteki, Lavumisa, Matsapha and Manzini. "I would like to say that as Voice of our Voices we promote health and human rights for the marginalised groups, with a focus on sex workers. We were not aware of the meeting," she pointed out. Nonetheless, she said her organisation would make a follow-up on what led to the arrests and the nature of the charges preferred against their own. "We will like to hear more about that because we want to support them and be brought into a picture of what transpired, as well as being taken through all the steps leading to them being formally charged as we know that we are all equal before the law."

Lukhele said when government deliberates on socio-economic issues sex workers need to be involved, without anyone being left behind.

"These issues need inclusive involvement when discussions take place at country level. *Nasikhuluma ngetinhlelo letikhona eveni nabo abafakwe*," she said as she challenged government to consider sex workers as citizens of the country too.

"*Tindzaba tabo atikhulunywe*," she emphasised, meaning government shouldn't turn a blind eye as if sex work was none existent.

On Monday, the nation woke up to shocking headline news in one of the local dailies wherein it was reported that a Grade Four pupil, now aged 15, turned to sex work when she was 13. She is reported to have told journalists that she wanted out of the community she lived in because she was embarrassed that a majority of the men in the impoverished community had 'tasted' her.

## ABOUT VOOV

**V**oice of Our Voices (VOOV) is a registered non-governmental organisation whose mission is to build an effective long-term community response to issues faced by sex workers in Eswatini.

It is an organisation led by sex workers for sex workers in Eswatini, located in the Southern part of Africa. VOOV's priority areas are to advocate for social change and the protection of sex workers, linking sex workers with service providers, and distribution of health commodities to sex workers. It also advocates for law reform that accommodates everyone.

"Our vision is to see 'a healthy compassionate vibrant Eswatini' that is safe for all citizens, including sex workers. Sex workers are one of the populations that are disproportionately affected by HIV as compared to the general population in Eswatini, with UNAIDS recording a HIV prevalence of 60 per cent," reads part of the organisation's online profile.

"Sex workers continue to face challenges accessing health services within the public clin-

ics due to issues of stigma and discrimination. Sex work in Eswatini remains a crime and police continue to harass sex workers." Voice of Our Voices, working with the ministry of health, Swaziland National AIDS Programme, FHI360, CANGO, PACT, SaFAIDS, COSPE and key population-led organisations (e.g. Rock of Hope, Trans Swati, House of Our Pride partners), works tirelessly to ensure that sex workers have access to health services and their voices are heard. Voice of Our Voices also works with ASWA on giving capacity building to the members of the organisation through the Sex Worker Academy Africa. PACT played a vital role in capacity building of the organisation at a local level.

**Our vision is to see 'a healthy compassionate vibrant Eswatini' that is safe for all citizens, including sex workers**

## VOOV demands answers on why girls were arrested in meeting

**T**he non-governmental organisation advocating for the rights of sex worker is yet to get a detailed report on why sex workers were allegedly harassed and arrested during their meeting last week.

The Director of VOOV, Lungile Khumalo, commenting about the sex workers meeting which led to the arrest of three girls, said her organisation would take up the matter and find the girls who were arrested and charged.

Sex work is criminalised in the Kingdom of Eswatini, and sex workers are often arrested for loitering as per the Crime Act of 1889. However, the law is quiet about clients.

Police last week said it was unfortunate that their arrival to the sex workers meeting was viewed as a disturbance. "We have a duty to attend all gatherings, in general," was what Chief Police Information and Communications Officer

Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said last week. The police mouthpiece said this was also to ensure even the safety of that particular meeting's attendees. She confirmed the arrest of some of the ladies and said they were charged with loitering.

They appeared in court where they were fined, money which their colleagues in the sex industry had to fork out for the sisters to be released. According to VOOV, sex workers are not given a fair hearing whenever they are arrested for loitering; they are taken to a National Court where they are made to pay fines and it is not clear how these procedures can be changed.

"What were the charges based on?" Khumalo wondered, saying they would gather evidence from the ladies that were arrested and charged while attending the meeting to address issues that affect them as women in this trade.



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### NOTICE TO DISCUSS THE SAVINGS AND CREDIT COOPERATIVES FINANCIAL SERVICES DRAFT BILL

Savings and Credit Cooperatives Societies (SACCOs) are invited to a meeting to present the Savings and Credit Cooperatives Financial Services Draft Bill on the 27th and at **S & B Restaurant in Matsapha, at 08h30. SACCOs 28th February 2020** are required to have submitted their comments on the Draft Bill to the Centre for Financial Inclusion (CFI) offices, on or before **21st February 2020**.

Each SACCO is requested to send two representatives.

**Hhohho and Manzini SACCOs to come on 27th and Lubombo and Shiselweni SACCOs to come on 28th February 2020.**

### SIMEMETELO SEKWETFULA I SAVINGS AND CREDIT COOPERATIVES FINANCIAL SERVICES DRAFT BILL

Kwatiswa tinhlango tekonga nekubolekisa ngemhlangano wekwetfula i-Savings and Credit Cooperatives Financial Services Draft Bill lotabe umhlaka 27 na 28 Indlovana 2020. Tinhlango tiyacelwa kutsi tiletse imibono letinayo ngale Draft Bill ehovisini laka Centre for Financial Inclusion (CFI) kungakefiki mhlaka 22 Indlovana 2020.

Indzawo yemhlangano: S & B, Matsapha, 08h30  
Inhlango ngayinye iyacelwe kutsi itfumele mabili emalunga.

**Hhohho na Manzini SACCOs beta 27th bese Lubombo na Shiselweni SACCOs beta 28th February 2020.**

For further information contact: **24049413/6383, 76063062,**  
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# ESWATINIBANK LUTSANGO OFF TO HLANE




AYASIKISA EMAGABAZI: Some of EswatiniBank Lutsango members sing and dance before leaving for Hlane. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



SMILE: Bonsiwe Fakudze, Khumbuzile Mnisi, Khanyile Thring and Executive Manager Marketing Lindiwe Shongwe pose.



WITH A HEART: EswatiniBank employees gathered at Mbabane main branch before their departure yesterday.



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# Stabbed woman fears for her life

Stories by Delisa Thwala

The woman who was stabbed 12 times by a stalker whom she turned down his advances fears for her life because the suspect is at large.

In a detailed interview with this publication, Cebile Mamba said she was also scared for her children.

"I am scared, really scared because we are few in number at my marital home; it is me and my sister-in-law as all the males in the family are working.

"They return home once in a while. There is no telling what this man

can do if he comes back," said Mamba.

She further shared that she had not been able to sleep or move around freely, which further hinders her in doing her chores.

"Being alone at home is also difficult, what if the man comes back and we are all alone here? What makes it worse is that he was never apprehended, so he is still on the loose."

Mamba also divulged that the gaping wounds on her body were healing slowly though she still felt the pain in other parts of the body, while at the same time she has to fend for her three months old baby.

## I failed my wife - Husband

Paul Vilane, who is Mamba's husband, said he felt like he failed his wife.

He was hurt and angry at the same time because of what happened to his wife.

He felt helpless since there was nothing he could do to change the situation or further prevent a similar occurrence as he works far.

"I feel sad that I'm away from my family due to working far. My wife recently moved to my place and now this befalls her, I feel weak,

hurt and angry as a man.

"I feel like I failed her as a husband and there is not much I can do because I have to work to provide for them," stated Vilane.

### Care

The home is currently in the care of the two women who have also said they had received a few visits from concerned community members who know that Mamba is new in the area. They assured her of safety and assistance in apprehending the culprit.

## Buganu drenched woman stabs daughter, own mom

The court was left stunned when a woman admitted to stabbing her daughter before going for her mother.

She had taken one too many of the potent *buganu* brew.

Nohlanhla Dlamini is said to have returned home at PTS carrying a two-litre bottle of '*buganu*' and made way to her house.

No one suspected anything when she disappeared behind the house when the crashing sound of a breaking bottle attracted everyone's attention.

Her daughter Siyabonga Matimba said all she saw was her mother advancing towards her.

"My mother came charging towards me and told me in the face that she wanted to end my life. I tried running away but due to the shoes I was wearing I tripped and fell, that is when she came on top of me and began stabbing me," narrated Matimba.

She further said her grandmother came to her rescue and quickly

called neighbours to help her restrain Dlamini as she was still causing chaos. Matimba was rushed to hospital. The crazed woman's mother Thabile Dlamini said all she wanted was for her daughter to repent and stop drinking.

She described her as a drunkard who went around swigging alcohol before returning home to provoke the family, calling each one by all sorts of names.

The mother was stabbed in the finger. She told the court earlier that that morning the accused said she was coming for all of them whatever it would take to kill them because they were disrespecting her.

It is said she then disappeared until she returned with the bottle. In 2017 she stabbed her mother, also in the hand.

Magistrate Simo Simelane postponed judgement to February 27 where the accused will avail her witnesses, while she remains in jail with bail denied.

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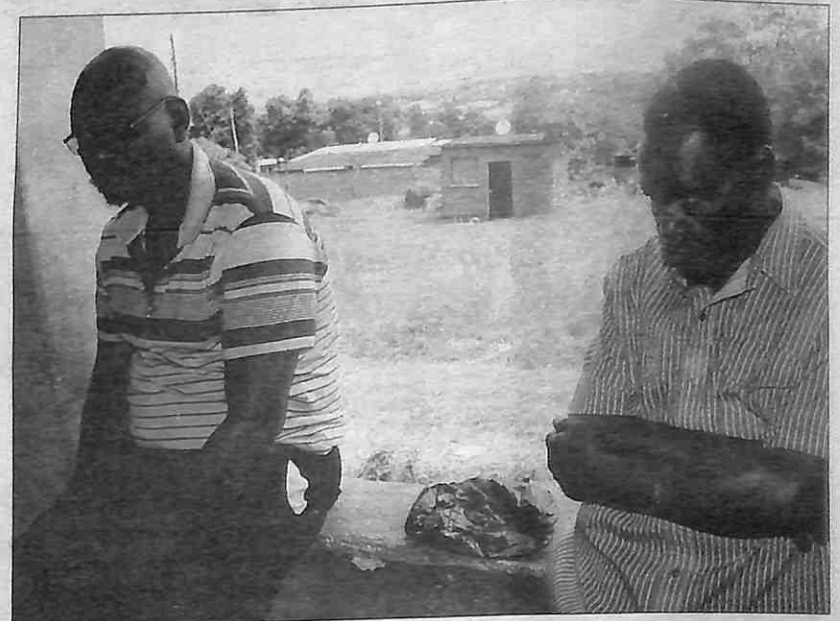
# TROUBLE BREWING

Stories by Ackel Zwane

Logoba elders are seething with anger over a royal stamp currently controlled by Masundvini Royal Council members who they accuse of using it to take over large portions of land and selling it.

In particular these portions of land include royal burial grounds, sparking fears that soon skeletons will be floating in the open as excavators close in to clear the land for construction of state-of-the-art housing. However, at the centre of the controversy between Logoba and Masundvini is who has the authority over the former's affairs.

Apart from land belonging to child headed orphans and widows being taken at the insistence of the Masundvini council, a meeting of the Logoba elders on Wednesday also insisted that at the forefront is the use of the controversial royal stamp. This is the same stamp that was the cause of a standoff between Ludzidzini Governor Lusendvo Fakudze and Manzini Regional Administrator Chief Gija. "The home of Thandi Maphalala was taken at gunpoint and all this happens while we watch. The



**PENSIVE:** Umbutfo Samukelo Nkambule (l) with a committee member in deep thoughts during discussions. (Pics: Ackel Zwane)

other was the home of Zinhle Nkambule that was taken from her and her children but she could not be helped until she died. This is because we hear that Logoba no longer runs its own affairs but Masundvini," said Mphiwa Bhembe,

Deputy Chairperson of the Logoba Umphakatsi committee.

The committee met to brief the media on the goings on at Logoba, a situation that has completely run out of control while the owner of the land, the King,

## Logoba barred from reporting atrocities to King

All attempts to seek audience have been thwarted even after the Logoba committee members presented a beast, first at Nkhanini and secondly at Lozitha, said Masina.

He alleged that they made all possible means to seek audience with the King by working through the emissaries, *emabandla* but failed.

"Now we want His Majesty to know about all this because we are barred from having audience with him. We are certain that he is not aware of what his people are going through.

"We cannot have a situation whereby Masundvini people come in and out of Logoba to do as they please, taking away with them the King's land in the name of the stamp."

Samukeliso Nkambule said in 2013 they were called to Nkhanini before Lusendvo Fakudze who announced that their affairs would now be resolved at Masundvini.

The meeting said that meant issues that were beyond their realm would be handed over to Masundvini who in turn would transfer same to *Ndabazabantu* (King's Liaison Officer) before such matters are referred for finality to Ludzidzini, not that Masundvini was taking over the affairs of Logoba and that Logoba had ceased to exist.

At the meeting with Lusendvo, he is said to have insisted that anyone who did not understand the new arrangement should return to Lusendvo for clarity. Indeed three days later, the Logoba committee went to Lusendvo in the company of then RA Chief Geokoma where Lusendvo was asked succinctly if Logoba had indeed ceased to exist. He is said to have clarified that it was only matters that could not be handled by Logoba that were to be taken to Masundvini, not that Logoba had been eliminated from existence. Again in



**REALLY:** The mood was rather tense when details of how the royal stamp used by the Logoba residents was now to be obtained from Masundvini.

2017, added Nkambule, in the company of Chief Geokoma, *Ndabazabantu* the late Khopho Dlamini, it was clarified further that areas under Logoba included Mhlane, Makholweni, Mhobodleni, Mahlabatsini and so on were under the jurisdiction of Logoba, *tikhungehwe kuLogoba*.

### Matters

"However, all other matters resolved or handled by Logoba were reported to Masundvini who took them to *Ndabazabantu* then Ludzidzini, as a matter of protocol and procedure."

But now Masundvini is taking over us and our land.

A lie is doing the rounds that Logoba ceased to exist and now some of the Logoba residents are seeing opportunities to please the Masundvini encroach-

ers and are paying allegiance to them, causing confusion to other residents. When *emabandla* called us to Nkhanini on October 12, 2017 it was reaffirmed that Logoba shall preside over its own affairs but now it is no longer the case with the stamp."

One such example was that shortly after the October meeting, Logoba wanted a Mobile Money permit but Manzini regional office refused to process the application without a written letter from Ludzidzini that Logoba was now recognised as having authority to run own affairs.

"But when they called us to Nkhanini there was not such letter recognising enshrining the clarification regarding our status, we were all there when the pronouncement was made."



# AT LOGOBA OVER AUTHORITY



**WHY US:** Committee members taking in fresh air to cool down from hot discussions inside the Logoba Umphakatsi Gogo kitchen which is the meeting place.

maybe unaware.

His sentiments were echoed by Simon Masina, a committee member, who said Logoba was a thorn in the flesh and no one but Logoba people felt the pain therefore are the only ones who can do

something about it.

"We know that stamps are for administrative work at *umphakatsi* level in order to avoid congestions at the royal palace, *Sigodlo*. You cannot expect people to be moving up and down the palace

looking for a stamp to authorise such simple things as scholarship application forms. The stamp was taken from Logoba Umphakatsi to carry out Logoba issues at the *Sigodlo* at Masundvini, this is unheard of," said Masina.

## Youth, business in disarray

Masina Mbingo is worried that nothing is moving, especially for the youths who want to start businesses given the high rate of unemployment and those who want to proceed with tertiary education.

The residents now have no way out but to see things falling apart. This is

because all other structures no longer recognise Logoba, including the regional administration offices and that of *Ndabazabantu*. So bad is the situation that even political structures such as *bucopho* are now paying allegiance to Masundvini, ignoring Logoba completely. "If the stamp at Masundvini

does not leave those premises and works from there what about that of Logoba, what happened to it, which stamp works for Logoba?" It is said even the chief's runners of Logoba (*bagijimi*) are now servicing Masundvini to take advantage of kickbacks instead of waiting on the uncertainty of Logoba.

**IT'S TOUGH:** The deputy chairperson of the Logoba committee surrounded by fellow members to discern the meaning of the loss of authority of the chief's kraal to another committee in nearby Masundvini.



## Makholweni now has own 'chief'

A man of Nkambeni is at the centre of controversy for Makholweni, the other area under Logoba, who is said to be running his own affairs after he claimed to have been given reins to run the area as chairman of some Makholweni community by one of late Maphevu Dlamini's sons, a claim vehemently contested by those close to the Maphevu family that looked after Makholweni.

"Maphevu was never a chief how then can someone claim to have been given powers to rule by Maphevu's son, this is a lie because Maphevu has his own large household," said a close family member.

### Factions

However, this was a subject of some factions of Makholweni last Wednesday near Hillside Labotsibeni High School who doubt the status of the Nkambeni

man.

In the meantime, at Logoba this is another reason there are fears that ground is being swept from the Logoba Umphakatsi by those with links to Masundvini.

Ludzidzini Governor Lusendvo Fakudze reminded Makholweni people that initially they were registered with Mbekelweni but have now been shifted to Masundvini through the Logoba Umphakatsi.



**WRITING ON THE WALL:** The billboard with national colours qualifying Logoba as a royal kraal, *umphakatsi*.

## 'Logoba runs own affairs but...'

Ludzidzini Governor Lusendvo Fakudze has reaffirmed that Logoba has its own semiautonomous authority that requires it to hand over its work to the Masundvini council, failing which no other body can hear or effect their decisions without the oversight of Masundvini.

He says he may not be privy to the abuses of authority, which could be shameful, but Ludzidzini would not hear any decision taken by Logoba without such being taken to that authority by Masundvini. Lusendvo says this is a decision of how those areas are to be governed traditionally and that decision is a

command and cannot be undone save by the author. Furthermore, he says he cannot be drawn to comment about cattle donated towards seeking audience with the King but to reaffirm that all the King's subjects are equal before his eyes and no one can be denied access to their King.

Lusendvo said at one time, Logoba was under Mbekelweni for registration and other purposes but now were reporting to Masundvini together with KaShali, Mhobodleni and all those under Logoba. He highlighted that Mhlane used to be under Zombodze but now reports to Masundvini.



**WE'LL FIGHT ON:** Other members also reminiscing about the future as plans to report the demotion of Logoba as *Umphakatsi* to authorities of the land intensify.

## ...while Masundvini disowns Logoba authority

Chairman of Masundvini council says Logoba has no authority to run its own affairs, there is no such committee as Logoba committee following a meeting held at the Mahlabatsini grounds in 2013. Samuel Mduna Phungwayo says instead there are three members from the areas of Logoba, Mhlane and Makholweni who represent these areas and sit in the Masundvini council. These are Sipho Magagula from Makholweni, Ma-beret from Logoba and Dumisa from Mhlane, the rest

is history, no committees from those areas.

Present at the Mhlabatsini meeting were Lusendvo himself and Prince Masitsela, says Phungwayo. "In these areas those men do nothing, they represent no one because they don't form any committee." Unfortunately, Phungwayo went off air when we asked him about who actually appointed those men from the three areas and put them into the Masundvini council and the criteria used whether it was the King or Lusendvo.



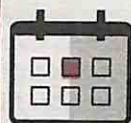
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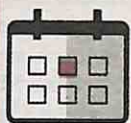
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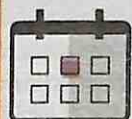


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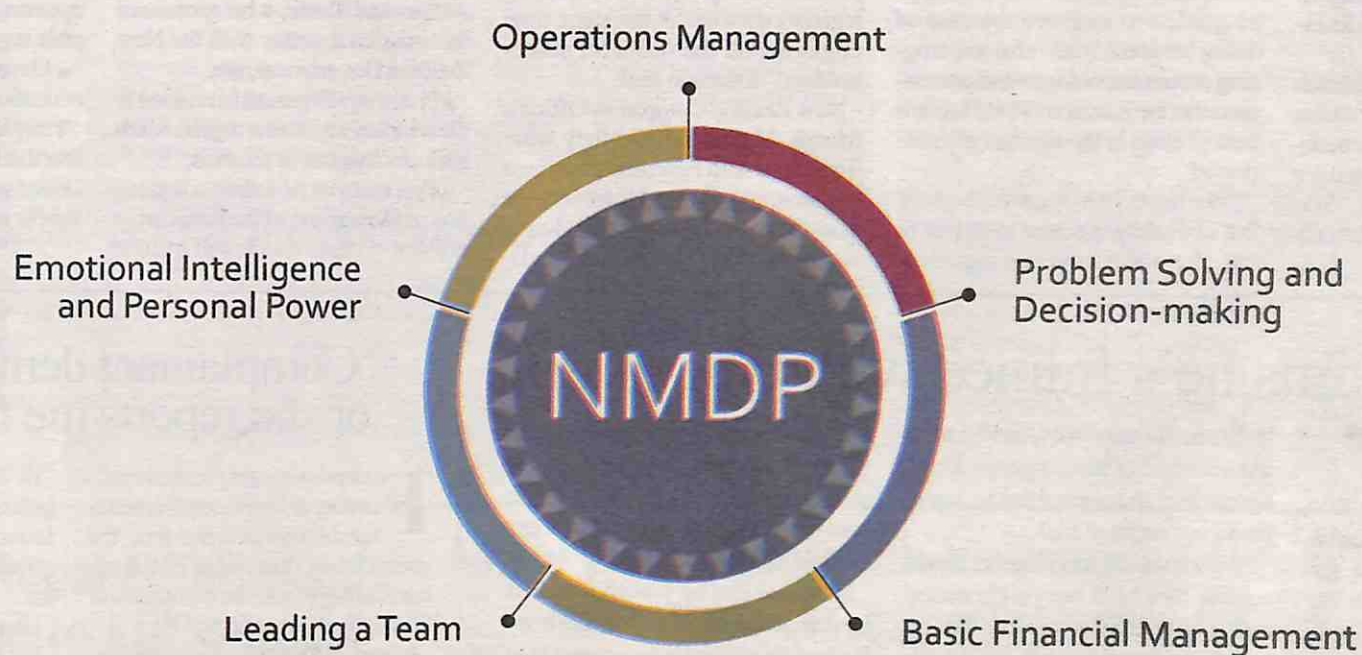


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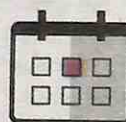
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# NEW ZEALAND TO IMPROVE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS IN ESWATINI

By Sicelo Maziya

A delegation from New Zealand was in the Kingdom to conduct a diagnostic assessment aimed at developing a package of reforms targeted at improving ease of doing business.

New Zealand is currently number one in the World Bank Ease of Doing Business Index. The delegation from New Zealand was in the country at the invitation of the ministry of commerce, industry and trade through its Investor Roadmap Unit. They arrived in the Kingdom Monday; meeting with different key stakeholders to try and determine how easy it is to start a business in Eswatini.

The delegation met with Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini, Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku and Minister of Commerce Industry and Trade Senator Manqoba Khumalo at Cabinet offices.

Addressing the delegation, the prime minister said ease of doing business was one of government's key focus areas in the Kingdom's journey to economic transformation and development.

"Government has taken a decision in our strategic roadmap for the next five years to make Eswatini's economy private sector-led and make it an export-driven economy. We, therefore, need to create the right cli-

... Mandy McDonald said they were impressed with Eswatini's business registration reforms. However, she said they would be recommending a four-step plan



**WELCOME TO ESWATINI:** Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini with New Zealand Companies Office's Mandy McDonald and Terry Reid.

mate and environment for any business to find it easy to trade and do business in Eswatini," he said.

## Improve

Minister Khumalo, on the other hand, said Eswatini was willing to be guided to improve the ease of doing business while also leapfrogging certain technologies and processes so that the Kingdom would become best in class in the shortest possible period.

"We have very aggressive plans, but obviously we need to be practical. We understand that digitalisa-

tion is a huge part of what we wish to accomplish, so hopefully what you'll be looking at is a digital solution. We are also doing a lot of home-brewed solutions at the moment and practical things around amending legislations while at the same time engaging all the different stakeholders," Khumalo said.

New Zealand Companies Office's Mandy McDonald said they were impressed with Eswatini's business registration reforms. However, she said they will be recommending a four-step plan. The recommenda-



**DOING BUSINESS:** The team with Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini on how to ease doing business.



**FEEL AT HOME:** Delegation pose for a group picture with PM.

tions, which would be submitted to the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, who sponsored this mission together with the New Zealand Government, are:

- Policy development in relation to the company registration regime, which includes legislative reforms;
- Procurement of online solutions and modernisation of the Kingdom's registry systems which will include

stakeholder engagement;

- Translation from current way of operating to a new fully online accessible registry and;
- Development of a stakeholder education programme.

Terry Reid informed the prime minister that the New Zealand Companies Office was involved in a number of similar projects with other countries.

## Mediator claims he's framed with rape of girl

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

A community policeman who has been arrested for allegedly raping a 10-year-old girl claims he is being framed by the minor's family as he is a mediator in a dispute involving the complainant's family over a block of flats.

Calvin Kunene (45) was arrested by the Manzini police and charged with raping the minor while at Madonsa, an incident that allegedly happened in September 2019.

According to the charge sheet, the community policeman was charged with contravening the Sexual Offences And Domestic Violence Act (SODVA) in that he had sexual intercourse with the minor who by law is incapable of consenting to an act of sexual nature. Kunene yesterday filed an urgent application for bail at the High court before Judge Cyril Maphanga.

Represented by Manzini-based attorney Bonginkosi Xaba of Xaba Attorneys

law firm, Kunene submitted that he was innocent of the charges preferred against him and averred that he would plead not guilty at trial.

He informed the court that the charges against him have been orchestrated and falsely levelled against him by the minor's mother owing to the dispute which he found himself in by virtue of the fact that he is a community policeman of the area as the Royal Kraal (umphakatsi) would use him as a mediator in the dispute.

## Involvement

"I wish to aver that prior to my involvement in the dispute, I used to have a good relationship with the complainant's family. Around the year 2013 to 2016, I was having an affair with the mother to the complainant until I terminated the relationship, after discovering that she was double crossing me with another man," he submitted. He averred that after the death of one Vusi Mkhwanazi, the complainant's grand-

mother wanted to expropriate rental flats belonging to her (deceased) yet the deceased had children as she instructed them to go stay at their mother's parental home.

He stated that he was approached by one of the children about the matter and he advised him to report it to the Eswatini National Court for adjudication. The court referred the matter back to umphakatsi for deliberation where it is currently pending. During one of the meetings held over the matter, he was accused by the grandmother of siding with the deceased's children and requested umphakatsi to stop using him as a mediator. "Some time in 2017, I had a rumour to the effect that I was being accused of raping a minor child by the family. My informant told me that the mother to the minor said she wanted to sort me in one way or the other following my involvement in the family dispute," he alleged.

He mentioned that despite having

## 'Complainant demanded E50 or she reports me for SODV'

Further motivating his bail application, the applicant (Kunene) submitted that at one time, the complainant demanded E50 from him failing which she would report him to the police for SODV.

"I wish to aver that to my surprise, the complainant demanded E50, failing which she would report me for SODV. Upon hearing that, I called the eldest child who, however, stood at a distance when the complainant made the demand. The elder sister stated that the complainant alleged I raped her hence the E50 demand," he submitted.

He stated that since he knew that he did not commit the offence, he did not succumb to the demand, but only asked the children why they failed to report same to their parents or the police.

He averred that owing to the above, he had no doubt in his mind why he found himself in custody for an offence he claims he did not commit.

He submitted further that as a person of authority in his community by virtue of being a community policeman, he would have expected the complainant's family to engage him over the matter by either reporting it to other community policemen or umphakatsi.

Kunene informed the court that he had expected the complainant's mother as his ex-lover to confront him about the matter as they used to have a good relationship. He pleaded with the court that the matter was urgent given that his liberty has been taken away from him on the basis of the alleged rape.

heard the rumour, no one approached him and asked about the matter. He said when the police arrested him on

February 14, 2020 he was not surprised following the rumour that had been doing rounds.

## ...GRANTED E50 000 BAIL

Kunene's application was successful as Judge Maphanga granted him bail fixed at E50 000.

This, after the Crown had indicated that it was not opposed to his application and the court ruled that he should

pay E5 000 in cash and a sum of E45 000 shall be in a form of a surety.

As part of his bail conditions, Kunene was ordered to surrender his travel document or passport and not apply for a

new one pending finalisation of the matter before court.

He was also ordered not to interfere with the Crown witnesses especially the complainant pending finalisation

of the matter.

He will also report to the Manzini police periodically and shall not change his domicile pending finalisation of the matter.



# CHIEFTAINCY DISPUTES TO FADE AS KING SETS TONE

Stories by Sicelo Maziya

Corruption, hidden favours and power to manipulate mushrooming chiefs has made way to boundary disputes in the country.

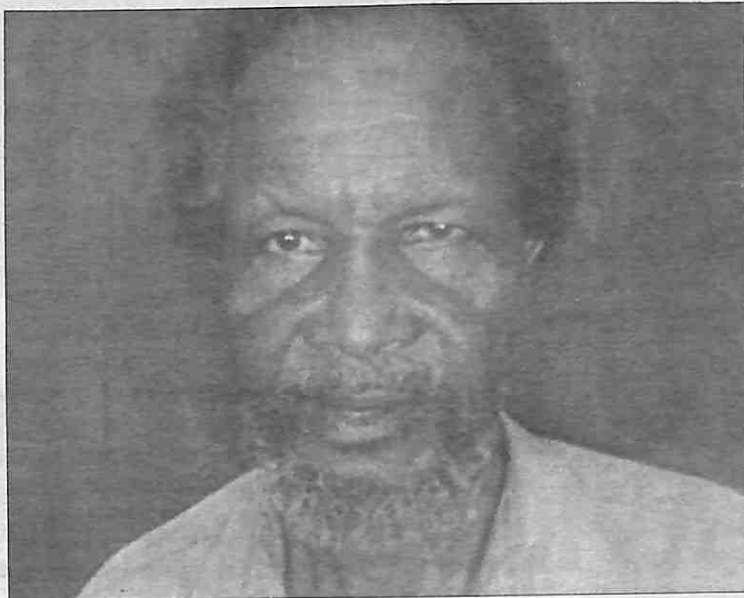
The continued disuse of the surveyor general's office where maps of the demarcated areas of the chiefdoms are kept has led to the current challenges.

Historian and author Thomas Vabula Bafana Magagula shared that the country was formed through the demarcation of chiefdoms and all the chiefdoms were mapped, marked and numbered for a reason.

Magagula said the King continues to ensure he gives direction to all *emabandla*, the courts and the government to act on the wrongs of the past. He said the King by signing the Southern African Development Community Protocol Against Corruption wanted to see to it that the country prospered by doing away with corruption as envisaged by the region.

"The King by signing the SADC Protocol Against Corruption and the Human Rights Charter is trying to tell *emabandla*, the courts and the government that the country cannot continue to be enslaved by the chieftain-

....also for Emabandla, the courts and the government to act



HISTORIAN: Thomas Vabula Bafana Magagula.

cy disputes that are created by people with ulterior motives," opined Magagula.

He further urged the courts to respect the known boundaries that are undisputed with the maps at the surveyor general's office. Magagula further alleged that the consistency in the labeling and naming of chiefdoms was well documented from way back in 1907

and even after independence it had remained marked.

He alleged that with power hungry individuals, the demarcated chiefdoms were partitioned and now altered to suit certain influential individuals who use their status to rob the country of good governance.

"There are areas that have become

## Protocol Against Corruption (2001):

The SADC Protocol Against Corruption aims to promote and strengthen the development, within each member state, of mechanisms needed to prevent, detect, punish and eradicate corruption in the public and private sector.

The protocol further seeks to facilitate and regulate cooperation in matters of corruption amongst member states and fos-

ter development and harmonisation of policies and domestic legislation related to corruption.

### Corruption

The protocol clearly defines 'acts of corruption' preventative measures, jurisdiction of member states as well as extradition. Institutional arrangements for the implementation of this protocol have been outlined within the document.

chiefdoms from nowhere, seizing land from other chiefdoms in the process. It's disheartening when a faction can use their powers and influence to rob the nation the required peace and development." He further alleged that self-appointed elders in authority wielded their power over chiefdoms and in the process setting the King against his own people.

### Important

Magagula was full of praises for the King on signing the important protocols, "the King continues to show that he is against corruption and is calling upon the courts to act on corruption. Anyone who has taken land that belongs to Eswatini fraudulently must come up and confess even if it was a mistake," said Magagula.

Magagula alleged that the country faced so many court cases and judgments that make one question the integrity of the courts. He said many chief-

doms had been destroyed by certain influential people pursuing selfish interests. He said there had been new areas that had mushroomed and later became chiefdoms under unclear circumstances. Chiefdoms are marked and even the farms that were returned to government when the kingdom gained independence are known at the surveyor general's office, said Magagula. Magagula further praised the King for his willingness to see the country prosper in terms of development; he said the chiefdoms were core of the Tinkhundla system of governance. He said many chieftaincy disputes that had been made by these influential people with their baseless oral history had made opportunists doubt the Tinkhundla government. "The King has set the tone; government must wake up from their slumber and act towards eradicating corruption for the people of Eswatini to realise development," Magagula said.

## SADC mandate is to achieve regional intergration, eradicate poverty

The overall aim of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) is to achieve regional intergration and eradicate poverty within the Southern African region.

To achieve these goals, member states need to work together harmoniously in achieving effective results on common problems and issues. In order to enable this relationship, several legal and institu-

tional instruments have been put into place to guide and standardise the work of SADC with member states. One of these instruments is the SADC Protocols, which enshrine the aims of the community by pro-

viding codes of procedure and practise on various issues, as agreed by member states. A protocol is a legally binding document committing member states to the objectives and specific procedures within it. In

order for a protocol to enter into force, two thirds of the member states need to ratify or sign the agreement, giving formal consent and making the document officially valid. Any member state that had not initially become party to a protocol can accede to it at a later stage.

## 'Serial housebreaker' arrested for attempting to kill woman

By Sandile Nkambule

A 31-year-old man has been arrested for attempting to kill a woman after breaking into her house with intent to steal from her.

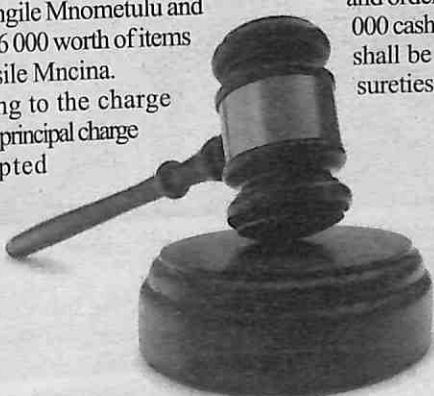
Sibonginkosi Artwell Zulu of Bhudla area is also facing five charges of house breaking and theft as he stole items worth E18 000 from the woman Hypecia Manana, stole items worth E7 000 from Sheuban Dasu, stole items worth E5 000 from Mary Malwane, E43 000 worth of items from Cabangile Mnometulu and also stole E6 000 worth of items from Tibusile Mncina.

According to the charge sheet on the principal charge of attempted murder

upon or about March 23, 2018 at or near Bhudla area, the accused person did wrongfully, unlawfully and with intent attempted to kill Manana by tying her hands with a cable behind her back, wrapped her mouth with a masking tape, and further placed on top of her blankets and a wardrobe.

Represented by lawyer Beneme Dlamini of SM Kubheka and Associates, Zulu yesterday filed an urgent application for bail at the High Court before Judge Cyril Maphanga.

He was granted E15 000 bail and ordered to pay E5 000 cash and E45 000 shall be in a form of sureties.



## MTN SA content with Eswatini's Mobile Money success

By Bodwa Mbingo

Mobile phone giant MTN South Africa, which recently re-launched a mobile money service with Ubank, is happy with the success enjoyed by MTN Eswatini's Mobile Money service.

MTN is unfazed by increasing competition in that country's banking sector and hopes to replicate the success enjoyed by the product in other parts of the continent where it operates. The company - which operates in 22 markets in Africa and the Middle East - cancelled its previous mobile money service in 2016, after it failed to gain traction in a market dominated by major banks. In the same year, MTN's competitor, Vodacom, also shut down its mobile money service, M-Pesa, due to poor local demand. Vodacom had launched M-Pesa in 2010, targeting to reach 10 million local users. But only 76 000 users had signed up in 2015, as Fin24 reported. But with the roll-out of the new platform, MoMo, MTN says the time is ripe for the service, which is targeted at the unbanked or under-served segment of the market. Apart from sending and receiving money, MoMo offers users a range of financial transactions from their smartphones, such as purchasing airtime, data bundles and prepaid electricity. In an interview with Fin24, Felix Kamenga, MTN Chief Officer Mobile Financial

Services, said he believed that the South African market had grown over the past five years and become more receptive to online services. "I am happy that there are so many different players compared to being a lone voice. It speaks to the fact that the market is ripe and receptive," said Kamenga. He says MTN's initial shot at mobile money failed, in part, because low user numbers meant the project did not make commercial sense, and there were frustrations from a regulatory perspective. Mobile money is operational in 16 countries where MTN has a presence, including Afghanistan, and the service is popular in east Africa. The company hopes to replicate the success in the local market. "Today our biggest market is Ghana, and Swaziland (Eswatini) is a resounding success," he said. In a market dominated by well-established banking systems, it is estimated that there are still around 11 million South Africans without access to financial services, and MTN is gunning for a slice of that population, as well as those who seek alternative cash service solutions. Players like Capitec have made great inroads in the lower end of the market, while the industry has seen a major shake-up from digital innovators such as TymeBank, who are jostling for the under-served groups. It's a development likely to present a tough competition for MoMo. However, Kamenga is adamant that the new banks complement,

rather than compete with MoMo. MTN has set itself a target of reaching at least a million customers within the first two years. "Getting the number is important, probably the biggest measures of success, and breaking even is on the roadmap," said Kamenga. MTN will earn commission from service providers, allowing customers to pay no fees but cash transactions carry an additional cost. Although Kamenga is confident that the service, which is not exclusive to MTN subscribers, will draw sufficient interest in the market, due to what he describes as a seamless user experience and accessibility, he is aware of potential challenges in the initial phases. "It's going to make a loss for some time because of the amount of money we are pouring into it.... building the distribution, building the product." Users can download the MoMo app on their smartphones, through the USSD functionality, or register at an MTN store as well as agents across the country. According to Imtiaz Suliman, analyst at Sentio Capital, MTN would have a "quite a difficult time" cracking the challenging market, which has significantly evolved over the past five years. "The market structure is more competitive than before, the big four banks are well entrenched, and the market they are targeting has low disposable income," said Suliman.

He acknowledged that the company would offer a niche service in a small area.





**WORKMEN:** Earthworks are moving swiftly at the Kellogg's site developed by Roots Construction. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)

By Ackel Zwane

Roots Construction is sending dust to the skies deep with the construction works for Kellogg's Tolaram noodles and cornflakes factory at the Matsapha Industrial Park. Alongside are several other factory shells some of which are a hive of activity while other smaller undertakings are also setting up shop but mostly being work in progress. Commerce Ministry Communications Officer Thabile Mdluli confirms that the construction works currently going on in Matsapha are for Kellogg's Tolaram Eswatini (Pty) Ltd. The total investment share of the Kellogg's Eswatini project is E220 million where 200 are expected to get employed.

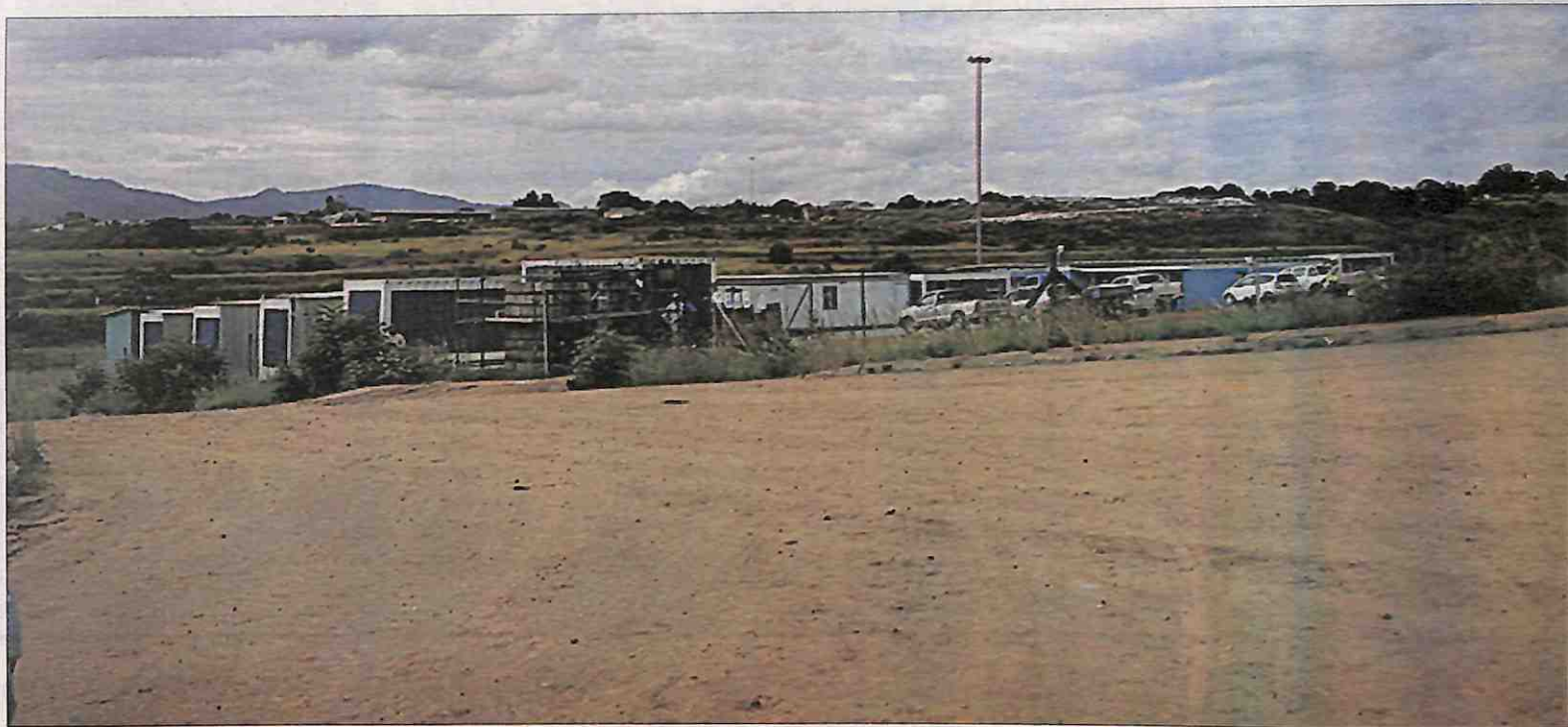
"The Matsapha Industrial Park is almost at full capacity hence the reason government's future plan is to develop the Sidvokodvo Industrial Park.

The construction works currently going on in Matsapha are for Kellogg's Tolaram Eswatini (Pty) Ltd. We are hopeful that the budget required for the construction of infrastructure required for an industrial estate will be availed in the coming financial year so that construction at Sidvokodvo Industrial Park can begin," said Mdluli when responding to our query on the update on the Roots activities in Matsapha.

Last October, Commerce Minister Manqoba Khumalo visited the area to tour the end of the first phase of the construction which was mainly earthworks, an activity that took three weeks, according to Reuben Msibi of Roots as quoted in the media.

Prime Minister Mandvulo Dlamini, unveiling the new investment and expansion projects and also addressing chiefs executive of these companies last May Gerald Mahinda - MD of Kellogg's Sub-Saharan Africa, Nick Jonsson, Chief Executive Officer of Johnson Workwear, the Chief Executive Officer of Air Liquide/Swazi Gases, MD of Clockwork Giant Clothing, MD of Avapharm, MD of RME Bullion and MD of Taiwanese Avocado Company he said "the goal is to create a conducive environment for business to thrive and expand by streamlining business processes and improving market access as part of the ultimate objective of being an export driven economy. Your companies are well positioned to reap the benefits of this forward looking strat-

## MATSAPHA INDUSTRIAL PARK NEAR FULL CAPACITY AS KELLOGG'S NESTLES IN



**OFFICE WORK:** Site office is the seat where works are coordinated at the Matsapha Industrial Park. Below is more earth-moving works.

egy. Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I am indeed honoured this afternoon to be part of this historical unveiling of these business projects which are a testimony of the capability and potential of Eswatini to become the regional hub of global corporate giants."

The companies and the amounts they are investing are Kellogg's (\$12.9 million), Ava Pharm (\$32.1 million), Clockwork Giant Clothing (\$31.4 million), RME Bullion (\$10 million), Jonsson Workwear (\$7.1 million), Taiwan Avocadoes (\$2.5 million), Air Liquide expansion (\$2.1 million) and Care First (\$714 300).

In terms of the 2018/19 budget speech, the country has made great strides in economic development supported by a vibrant private sector that is characterised by both local and foreign economic players.

Despite the recent developmental challenges faced by the country, there has been some improvement in both domestic and foreign investment. Public investment in infrastructure and ICT will continue to improve the



country's competitiveness and this is expected to contribute to accelerated growth rates in the productive sectors such as manufacturing, mining, retail and services.

Government is continuing with

efforts to create employment through the implementation of the Industrial Development Policy (2015- 2022). The development of the Sidvokodvo Industrial Estate of 301 hectares will alleviate the shortage of land for

investors and create employment for Swazis.

We are projecting that this investment will open up over 84 000 job opportunities when the Industrial Estate is fully operational.





**POSE:** The senior deputy national commissioner and Deputy National Commissioner Vusi Masuku with the participants.

## URGENT **TURNAROUND** IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS NEEDED

Statistics show that there is a pressing need to turnaround the rate at which traffic accidents are occurring in the country, otherwise set targets will prove elusive.

This was revealed by Senior Deputy National Commissioner Emmanuel Sula Dlamini during the official closing of a three-month Basic Traffic Policing Course held at the Police Academy last Friday. Dlamini, who was representing the national commissioner, stated that all citizens should be bothered by the figures which show that 15 fatal and 41 serious accidents have already been recorded since the beginning of the year.

The senior deputy national commissioner noted that the prevalence of traffic accidents is a threat to the 'Zero Deaths' target set for the road safety stakeholders by the minister of public works and transport. He charged traffic officers to roll up sleeves and focus their strategies towards facilitating a quick turnaround in the rate of accidents occurring around



**TURNAROUND:** Senior Deputy National Commissioner Emmanuel Sula Dlamini making his remarks.

the country's roads. Dlamini stated that traffic operations should as far as possible, yield the desired end-result of enhancing levels of road safety and smooth flow of traffic so that the wheels of the country's economy are



**REMARKS:** Constable Andile Matsebula who represented the participants.

kept rolling seamlessly. He noted that this is more so because traffic officers are central in the discharge of the police mandate of ensuring optimal safety on the country's roads. He revealed that in order to achieve this, it is vital that strate-

gies are in sync with the vehicular volume on the country's roads which has increased by over 70 per cent in the past decade, thus demanding heightened police visibility to control and direct traffic during peak hours.

The senior deputy police chief challenged traffic officers to acknowledge that they are police brand ambassadors, therefore, their behaviour should always be professional, courteous and geared towards cementing a positive police/public relations through treating clients with dignity and respect. He urged them to continue embracing the integrated policing approach and to be always vigilant of other crimes when conducting traffic operations since armed robbers, drug peddlers and other perpetrators use the road for transportation.

Dlamini also noted that a change of mindset on the part of road users is also key for a concerted effort in reducing the occurrence of traffic accidents. He appealed to road users to understand that initiatives on road safety are ultimately for their well-being, therefore, they should com-

ply with the rules of the road without being prodded by the police.

The senior deputy national commissioner expressed appreciation towards facilitators who contributed in the success of the basic traffic policing course which include the ministries of tourism, health, agriculture, Sincephetelo MVA Fund and Southern Star Logistics. He further congratulated the 34 graduating course participants and wished them the very best in the performance of their duties.

Speaking on behalf of the course participants, Constable Andile Matsebula expressed sincere appreciation to the office of the national commissioner for providing them with the learning opportunity. He said the course content addressed key areas and challenges that they usually encounter in the execution of their duties. He further made a pledge that they would use the knowledge obtained from the course to improve individual performance and service delivery as well as to share the skills with their colleagues.



**PRESENT:** A section of the graduating traffic officers listening to speeches.



**WELL DONE:** Constable Mzileni receiving a certificate from the senior deputy national commissioner.



# ENACTUS CALLS YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS TO TRY NEW INNOVATIVE ANIMAL FEED METHOD

BY MHLONISHWA HLOPHE

**E**NACTUS calls for young entrepreneurs in agriculture to try a new innovative method of producing animal feed from fruit and vegetable waste.

This was after a new machine labelled S4 drotsky hammer mill was introduced and it makes the job easier.

According to the Chief Executive Officer of ENACTUS, Wonderboy Khumalo, a group of four young women trading under the name Chakaza Mvelo had already benefitted from NAMBoard who sponsored them with the machine worth E31 000.

Khumalo said this would ensure that very little products go to waste, whilst at the same time help reduce disposable waste, obtain maximum value from the value chain and ensure employment for young people.

He said composting of some waste material from the project would be used to make compost, which in turn would be used to fertilise soils, moving away from use of inorganic chemicals, which is a trend worldwide and also required

by partners in the global trading space.

Khumalo further stated that his organisation worked closely with students in ensuring that they came up with innovative business solutions to make a better world for all whilst contributing to the sustainable development goals.

He opined that students from Mbabane campus came up with a project aimed at creating value from field waste by converting it into livestock feed. He said this project would directly contribute to the food shortfall, more especially during droughts or winter where it is expensive even if available.

## Beneficiaries

"This project has also created employment for the beneficiaries who happen to be former students. Some have already registered their businesses under the mentorship of ENACTUS."

"As ENACTUS, we are committed to encouraging more students to go for the full programme cycle. We also like to challenge students to join ENACTUS programme in their respective institutions. Our hands are open to institutions that still don't have the programme," said Khumalo. He then expressed his gratitude to NAMBoard for lending a hand

in empowering members of ENACTUS. He said as an organisation, they were looking forward to a healthy working relationship with NAMBoard.

Speaking on behalf of NAMBoard CEO, Thami Dlamini said as a company they had consistently partnered with ENACTUS to grow the agribusiness environment for young people, which was critical for Eswatini's future. "Recently, we handed over a driven S4 Drotsky hammer mill machine worth E31 000, which is part of an overall E50 000 sponsorship that the organisation provided in the current financial year to ENACTUS. The machine will enable the UNESWA Mbabane ENACTUS facilitated entrepreneurs to produce animal feed from fruit and vegetables waste, reducing the need to discard waste that farmers cannot handle," said Dlamini.

NAMBoard facilitates markets for farmers in and outside the country and assist farmers with production, processing, storage, to name a few. The parastatal, apart from being a government advisor on the availability and demand of scheduled products, also registers whole sale distributors, importers and exporters of scheduled products.



**BENEFICIARY:** Londiwe Nxumalo and Nomalungelo Khumalo of Chakaza Mvelo organisation testing if the machine functions well.



**HANDOVER:** ENACTUS CEO Wonderboy Khumalo shakes hands with NAMBoard CEO representative Thami Dlamini during the handover of the S4 drotsky hammer mill to Chakaza Mvelo organisation. (Pics: Mhlonishwa Hlophe)



**Dlamini** making his remarks as he stands before a sample of the animal feed after it was processed by the machine.

## Liswati speaks on immigration, education, entrepreneurship in SA

By Bodwa Mbingo

**E**swatini native Dr Zithobile 'Zitty' Nxumalo was one of the speakers in an event hosted by the Scholars of Global Distinction and Campus Life at Surry Community College at the main campus in Dobson on Thursday.

She presented a paper on: "Swazi-Carolinian: A Story of Immigration, Education and Entrepreneurship."

Nxumalo was born in the country and moved to Greensboro with her family when she was four years old.

She grew up passionate about authenticity, stories, dance and leadership, and has worked in a number of sectors, including higher education, non-



**SPEAKS:** Eswatini native Dr Zithobile 'Zitty' Nxumalo.

profit, and finance.

No matter the role, every position

has led her back to those same passions. She helped create Deftable®,

LLC, a leadership consulting firm.

In 2016, Nxumalo was recognised as one of the Triad Business Journal's 40 Leaders Under 40, and received a full scholarship to attend Google's Search Inside Yourself Leadership Institute. She has facilitated emotional intelligence and authentic leadership workshops for multiple area organisations.

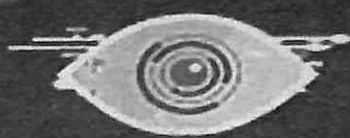
She also is a freelance writer, and her work has been featured in several publications including O. Henry Magazine, Triad City Beat, Black Business Ink Magazine and Huffington Post. Nxumalo has danced with the E. Gwynn Dance Company of North Carolina A&T State University for more than 15 years.

She is working in the School of Health and Human Sciences at UNC-Greensboro as a student success navigator and life design catalyst coach. She earned a B.S. in Business Management from Guilford College, an M.A. in Communication Studies from UNC-Greensboro, and a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies from NC A&T State University. The Scholars of Global Distinction is a programme that started at Surry Community College last year and is open to all students.

Scholars complete 15 credits of globally intensive courses, attend eight 'passport' events, complete an immersion programme, and deliver a capstone presentation.

Participation in the programme fosters increased global awareness and skills to compete in a globally diverse world.





Be Cyber Aware.  
Be Cyber Smart.

Today we continue to discuss safe browsing.

As we surf the internet, we leave a trail behind. This footprint can be used by malicious users like cyber criminals to attack unsuspecting users. It is against this background that everyone should be concerned about the safety of their browsing history, especially when using public computers.

All web browsers remember a list of the web pages that you have visited. You can delete this list at any time; clearing your browsing history and erasing the tracks stored on your computer, smartphone, or tablet. Each browser has its own separate history, so you will need to clear the history in multiple places if you have used more than one browser.

### CLEARING BROWSER HISTORY FOR GOOGLE CHROME

To clear your browsing history in Chrome, on Windows, macOS, or Linux, click the three dots menu > More Tools > Clear Browsing Data. You can also press Ctrl+Shift+Delete to open this screen on Windows, or press Command+Shift+Delete on a Mac.

To delete your entire browsing history, select from 'the beginning of time' in the box at the top of the screen and check the 'Browsing history' option. You can also choose to clear other private data from here, including your download history, cookies and browser cache. On the addressbar type:

### GOOGLE CHROME ON ANDROID OR IOS

To clear your browsing history in Google Chrome on Android or iOS, tap menu>Settings>Privacy>Clear Browsing Data.

On an Android device, you will need to choose how much data you want to delete at the top of the screen. Select from the 'beginning of time' to clear everything. On an iPhone or iPad, Chrome will clear all your browsing data by default and will not allow you to choose other time periods.

Ensure that the 'Browsing history' option is checked here and tap the 'Clear Data' or 'Clear Browsing Data' button. You can also choose to clear other types of personal data from here, including cookies and cached files.

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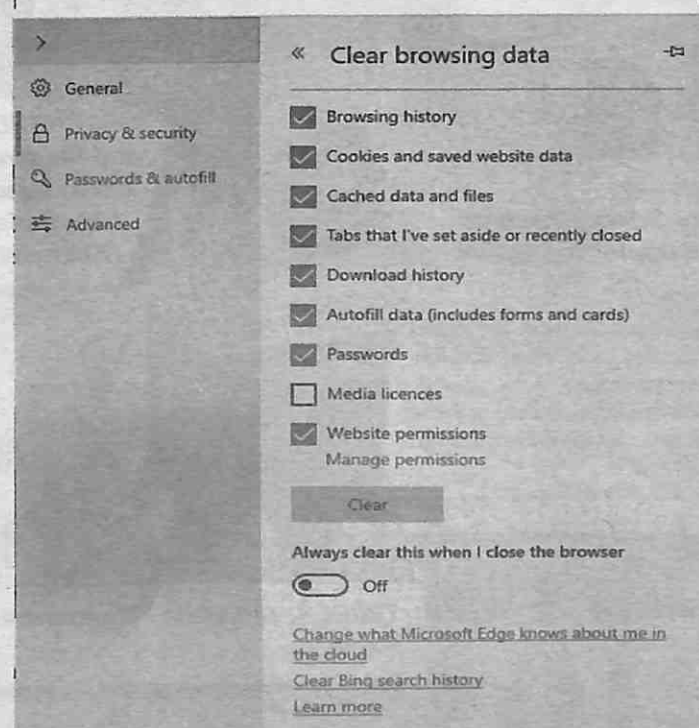
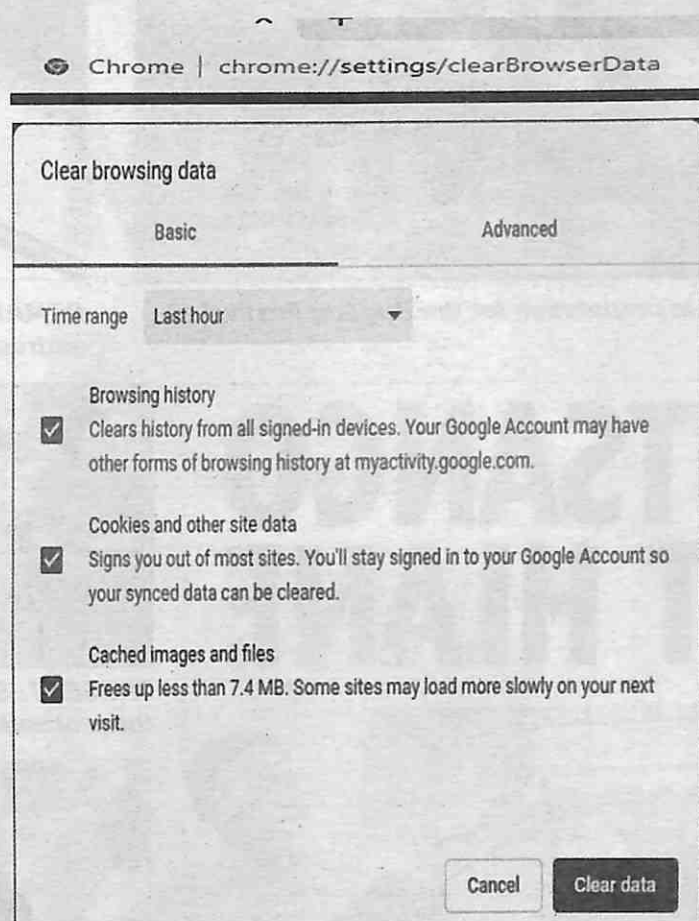
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### INTERNET EXPLORER

To clear your browsing history in Internet Explorer, click menu > Safety > Delete Browsing History or press Ctrl+Shift+Delete.

Ensure the 'History' option is checked here and click 'Delete'. You can also choose to delete other types of private data from here, including your temporary Internet files, download history, and cookies.

# CLEARING YOUR INTERNET BROWSER HISTORY



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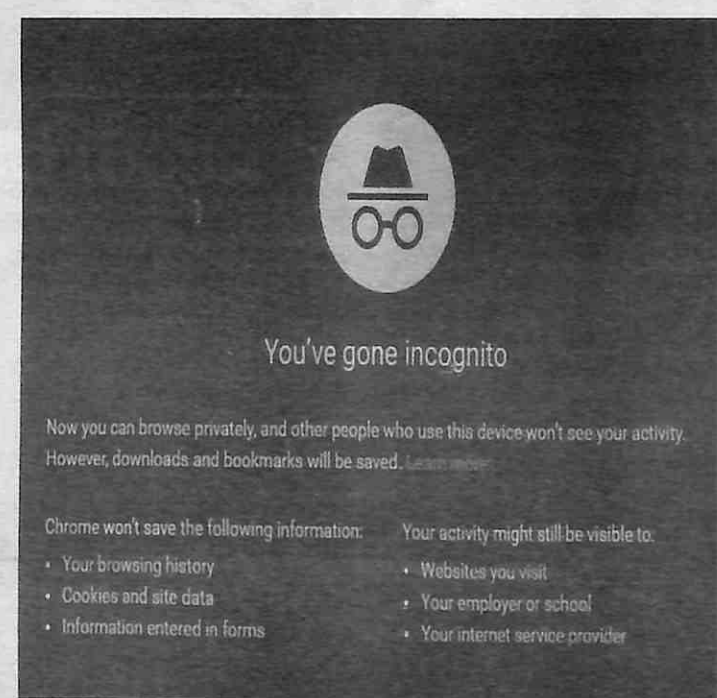
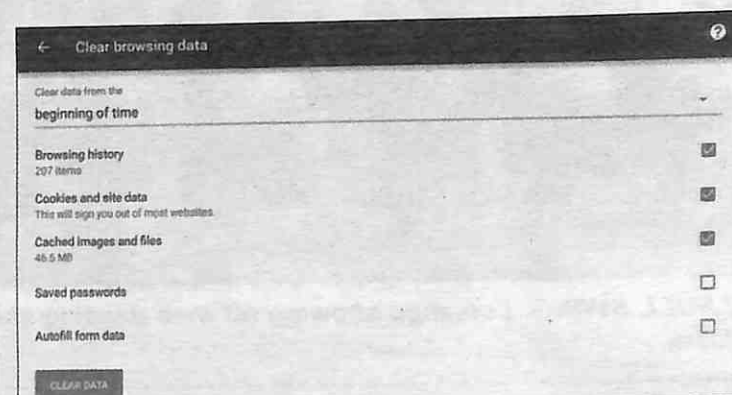
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Advantages of clearing your browsing history

- Security
- Speed and performance of your device
- Fixing browser errors

Till next time - Be Cyber Safe, Be Cyber Aware.





**IN FULL SWING:** Lutsango showing off their dancing skills in preparation for the Bugu Festival at Hlane.



**REMARKS:** Commissioner Luke Malindzisa addressing the regiment.

# BUOYANT LUTSANGO TURNS UP AT HLANE

After giving a splendid performance during the first instalment of the Bugu Festival at Buhleni Royal Residence last weekend, His Majesty's Correctional Services Lutsango will be replicating those dances at Hlane Royal Residence this weekend.

Sending off the regiment at the Staff College on Thursday, Commissioner Luke Malindzisa was impressed by the large number of officers who turned out for the royal assignment. Malindzisa, who was speaking on behalf of the Commissioner General LaMakhosini Phindile Dlamini, was wowed by the regiment's dancing skills while maintaining their traditional wear throughout the session. He stated that the Commissioner General was expecting the same exquisite perfor-



**IN SONG:** Assistant Commissioner Mamoshoeshe Ntsane, Senior Superintendent Nompumelelo Ntuli and PRO Gugulethu Dlamini dancing during the event.

mance at Hlane.

He further thanked Lutsango for how they have conducted themselves over the years; individually and collectively as members of the Correctional Services, show-

ing utmost respect for their Majesties, our culture and the nation at large.

He implored them to maintain the same level of discipline this weekend.



**PRESENT:** Some of the senior officers watching the proceedings.



**FOCUSED:** Commissioners Luke Malindzisa and Raymond Nkambule (C) seated with Deputy Commissioners Vusi Kunene and Manqoba Nkambule (R), with Lutsango leader Khanyisile Nzima.



**TWIRLS:** Simamile Fakudze doing kutsamba.

**BHEJANE:** Nombuzose Dlamini and Simamile Fakudze leading the regiment in song and dance.

**ENGOMENI YAKHE:** Lutsango making an entrance into the arena during their preparations.





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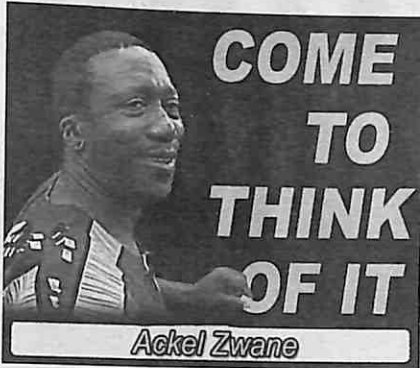
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Saturday Observer Editor

# PHEW! ALLOWANCES NOISE OVER, MAYBE

**H**opefully the meeting between tertiary students and Principal Secretary Thulani Mkhalihi will put paid to a perennial problem that has been a thorny issue to several governments for several decades now, without solution.

The promise of an end of an era to disturbances and violent clashes because of known inefficiencies cannot go unnoticed. The Wednesday meeting of bursars, members of students representative councils, education ministry officials and deans is probably the first of its kind to come out with solutions.

In the past government had often put the blame squarely on students submitting wrong data to government hence the delays in the processing of allowances. Similar blame was put on parents for the wrong data while at the same time the blame was put on the institutions for failure to provide the necessary documentation for government to start processing students allowances. Now the blame has been shared equally by all those who attended the Wednesday meeting and therefore all agreed that they now each understand clearly what role to play. This means the blame game has come to an end because each stakeholder knows exactly what is required, however, it is a wonder that it had to take this long just for each of these to know what is expected of them.

Students rioting over delayed payment of their living allowances has always been spurred by the realities that a majority would not afford even a single meal simply because of the situation back home, that of abject poverty. In some of these cases the student would have nothing to survive on while the delays in the processing of the allowances remain uncertain. Under such circumstances the student is faced with the inevitable option, to surrender to the loan sharks. Those vampires in turn take everything away from the student in the form of exponential interest, especially in an industry that is inadequately monitored. Loan sharks charge as they please all because they are able to get away with it even though there are regulators and inspectors to monitor their conduct in doing business through the regulatory authority. Most of these are backyard loan sharks with no offices but are able to loan out money and charge own interest. The hardest hit victims are tertiary education students who are fresh from high school and have not been initiated into personal finance management.

Stories from the University of Eswatini when it comes to accommodation are horrifying to say the least. Some of the girls have been made to give sexual favours just to stay a little longer in the rooms until the release of the allowances

when they must be able to pay the landlord. Other stories are that the girls have been made sex objects for crude business persons running entertainment homes around Matsapha. Here the girls are short of doing belly dancing to the amusement of belied and baldheaded businesspersons from across the border who regularly come here for close to free sex.

The problems around delayed payment of allowances are more than meets the eye. Some students use part of the allowances to bring food to the table back at home just because of the high rate of unemployment.

## Allegation

At times it is never easy to prove allegations made by students more so when they are justifying a failed examination. In South Africa in 2018 a WITS University law student Tshiamo Modise claimed to have waited for five months into the academic year for the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) to pay his allowance. Last year the 19-year-old found himself forced to sleep in the toilets because of the protracted delays by NSFAS to pay his fees. "It's not easy to attend classes knowing that you have debts for studies and accommodation. This is stress because everything counts, clothes, food and accommodation."

● **"During exams I had to sleep in the toilets because I had to be close to the library. I survived as though I was not a human being, because sometimes I had to study with an empty stomach. I was like an animal." He said he owed E15 000 for rent and E7000 in study fees. Wits University clarified that NSFAS had paid allowances that are "payable in terms of their (NSFAS) rules"**

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But queen of the game is the Walter Sisulu University student who received E14.1m NSFAS payment bonanza and went on a 73 day shopping spree. When the error was discovered in early August 2017, she had squandered E818 000. Now these overpayments are not easy to manage, when it is pay back time. No one would be able to raise the money already spent all because students are generally poor and any amount of this magnitude is tempting. Once the error has been discovered the student becomes the only person in the chain to shoulder the blame. Common sense in the banking sector is that a person is punished for withdrawing money that is not theirs but the other sense tickles one to be tempted to say the fault is not entirely authored by the account holder.

The long overdue meeting between government and the students marks the end of the many fires and burning of campus infrastructure, maybe an end. But we have known this kind of engagement to be always a temporary measure. Somewhere in the not so distant future we shall hear of overpayments, delayed allowances and there would be everybody in that meeting pointing a finger at the other. Let's wait and see.



The accountancy student went from 'run-of-the-mill' to leading a lavish lifestyle.





Dealing with Diabetes

WITH: Nomalungelo Ginindza

Diabetes  
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## QUOTE

I do not love to work out, but if I stick to exercising every day and put the right things in my mouth, then my diabetes just stays in check.

- Halle Berry

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## Eating to prevent, control and reverse diabetes

**D**iabetes is on the rise, yet most cases are preventable with healthy lifestyle changes. Taking steps to prevent and control diabetes doesn't mean living in deprivation.

While eating right is important, you don't have to give up sweets entirely or resign yourself to a lifetime of bland "health food". With these tips, you can still enjoy your favourite foods and take pleasure from your meals without feeling hungry or deprived.

## Taking control of diabetes

According to Harvard school for public health, whether you're trying to prevent or control diabetes, there is some good news. You can make a big difference with healthy lifestyle changes. The most important thing you can do for your health is to lose weight—but you don't have to lose all your extra pounds to start reaping the benefits. Experts say that losing just five per cent to 10 per cent of your total weight can help you lower your blood sugar considerably, as well as lower your blood pressure and cholesterol levels. It's not too late to make a positive change, even if you've already developed diabetes. The bottom line is that you have more control over your health than you think.

## The importance of losing weight in the 'right' place

The biggest risk factor for developing diabetes is being overweight, but not all body fat is created equal. Your risk is higher if you tend to carry your weight around your abdomen—the so-called "spare tire"—as opposed to your hips and thighs. So why are "apple" shaped people more at risk than "pears"?

"Pears" store most of their fat close below the skin. "Apples" store their weight around their middle, much of it deep within the belly surrounding their abdominal organs and liver. This type of deep fat is closely linked to insulin resistance and diabetes. In fact, many studies show that waist size is a better predictor of diabetes risk than BMI (body mass index).

You are at an increased risk of developing diabetes if you are:

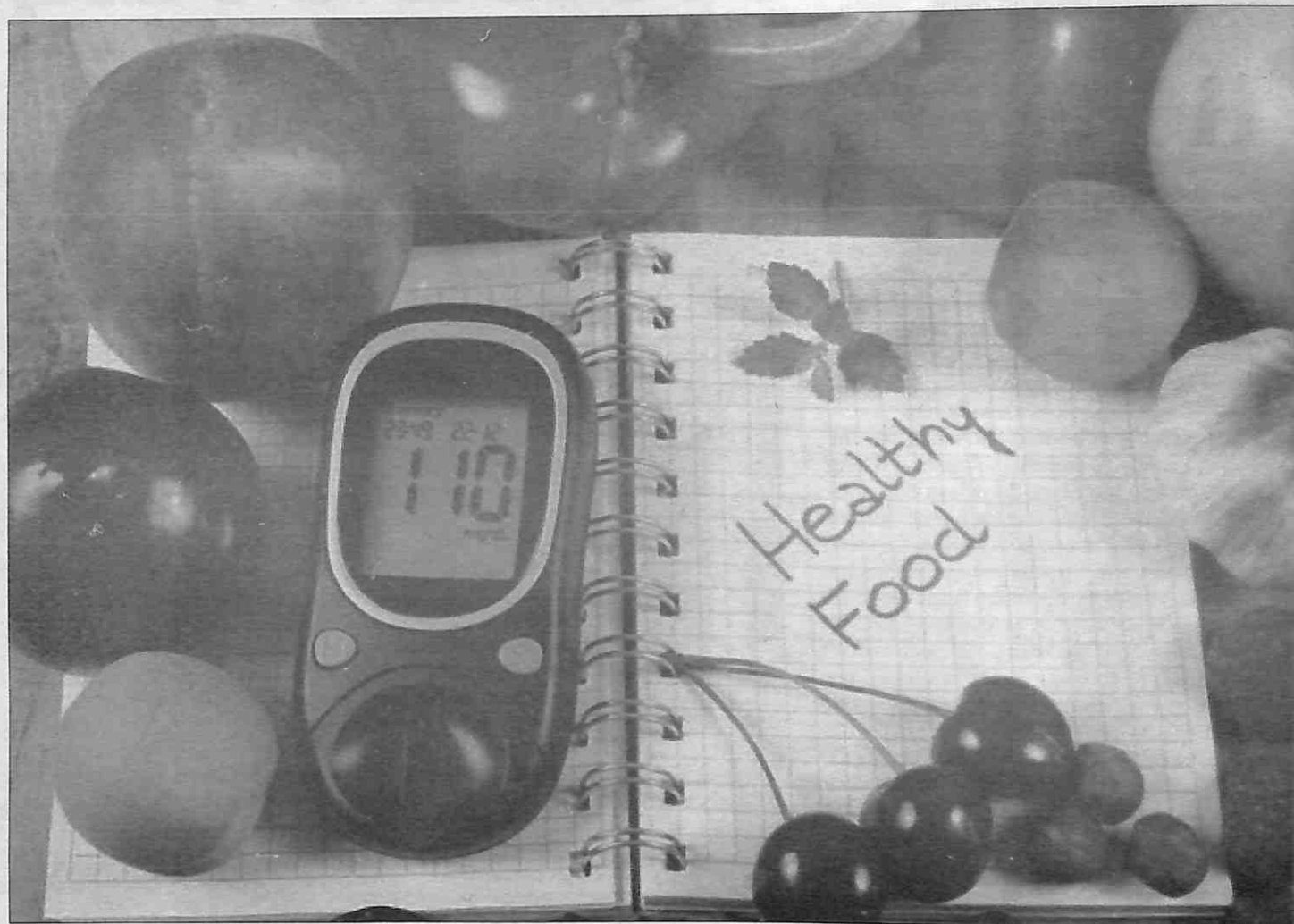
- A woman with a waist circumference of 35 inches or more;
- A man with a waist circumference of 40 inches or more;
- To measure your waist circumference, place a tape measure around your bare abdomen just above your hip bone. Be sure that the tape is snug (but does not compress your skin) and that it is parallel to the floor. Relax, exhale, and measure your waist.

## The dangers of 'sugar belly'

Calories obtained from fructose (found in sugary beverages such as soda, energy and sports drinks, coffee drinks, and processed foods like doughnuts, muffins, cereal, candy and granola bars) are more likely to turn you into an "apple" by adding weight around your abdomen. Cutting back on sugary foods can mean a slimmer waistline as well as a lower risk of diabetes.

Eating right is vital if you're trying to prevent or control diabetes. While exercise is also important, what you eat has the biggest impact when it comes to weight loss. But what does

# Diabetes diet and food tips



eating right for diabetes mean? You may be surprised to hear that your nutritional needs are virtually the same everyone else: no special foods or complicated diets are necessary.

A diabetes diet is simply a healthy eating plan that is high in nutrients, low in fat, and moderate in calories. It is a healthy diet for anyone! The only difference is that you need to pay more attention to some of your food choices—most notably the carbohydrates you eat.

## Myth and facts about diabetes and diet

**MYTH: You must avoid sugar at all costs.**

**Fact:** The good news is that you can enjoy your favourite treats as long as you plan properly. Dessert doesn't have to be off limits, as long as it's a part of a healthy meal plan or combined with exercise.

**MYTH: A high-protein diet is best.**

**Fact:** Studies have shown that eating too much protein, especially animal protein, may actually cause insulin resistance, a key factor in diabetes. A healthy diet includes protein, carbohydrates, and fats. Our bodies need all

three to function properly. The key is a balanced diet.

**MYTH: You have to cut way down on carbs.**

**Fact:** Again, the key is to eat a balanced diet. The serving size and the type of carbohydrates you eat are especially important. Focus on whole grain carbs since they are a good source of fibre and they are digested slowly, keeping blood sugar levels more even.

**MYTH: You'll no longer be able to eat normally. You need special diabetic meals.**

**Fact:** The principles of healthy eating are the same—whether or not you're trying to prevent or control diabetes. Expensive diabetic foods generally offer no special benefit. You can easily eat with your family and friends if you eat in moderation.

## Few diet tips are as follow:

**Diabetes and diet tip 1: Choose high-fibre, slow-release carbs**

Carbohydrates have a big impact on your blood sugar levels—more so than fats and pro-

teins—but you don't have to avoid them. You just need to be smart about what types of carbs you eat. In general, it's best to limit highly refined carbohydrates like white bread, pasta, and rice, as well as soda, candy, and snack foods. Focus instead on high-fibre complex carbohydrates—also known as slow-release carbs. Slow-release carbs help keep blood sugar levels even because they are digested more slowly, thus preventing your body from producing too much insulin. They also provide lasting energy and help you stay full longer.

**Diabetes and diet tip 2: Be smart about sweets**

Eating for diabetes doesn't mean eliminating sugar. If you have diabetes, you can still enjoy a small serving of your favourite dessert now and then. The key is moderation.

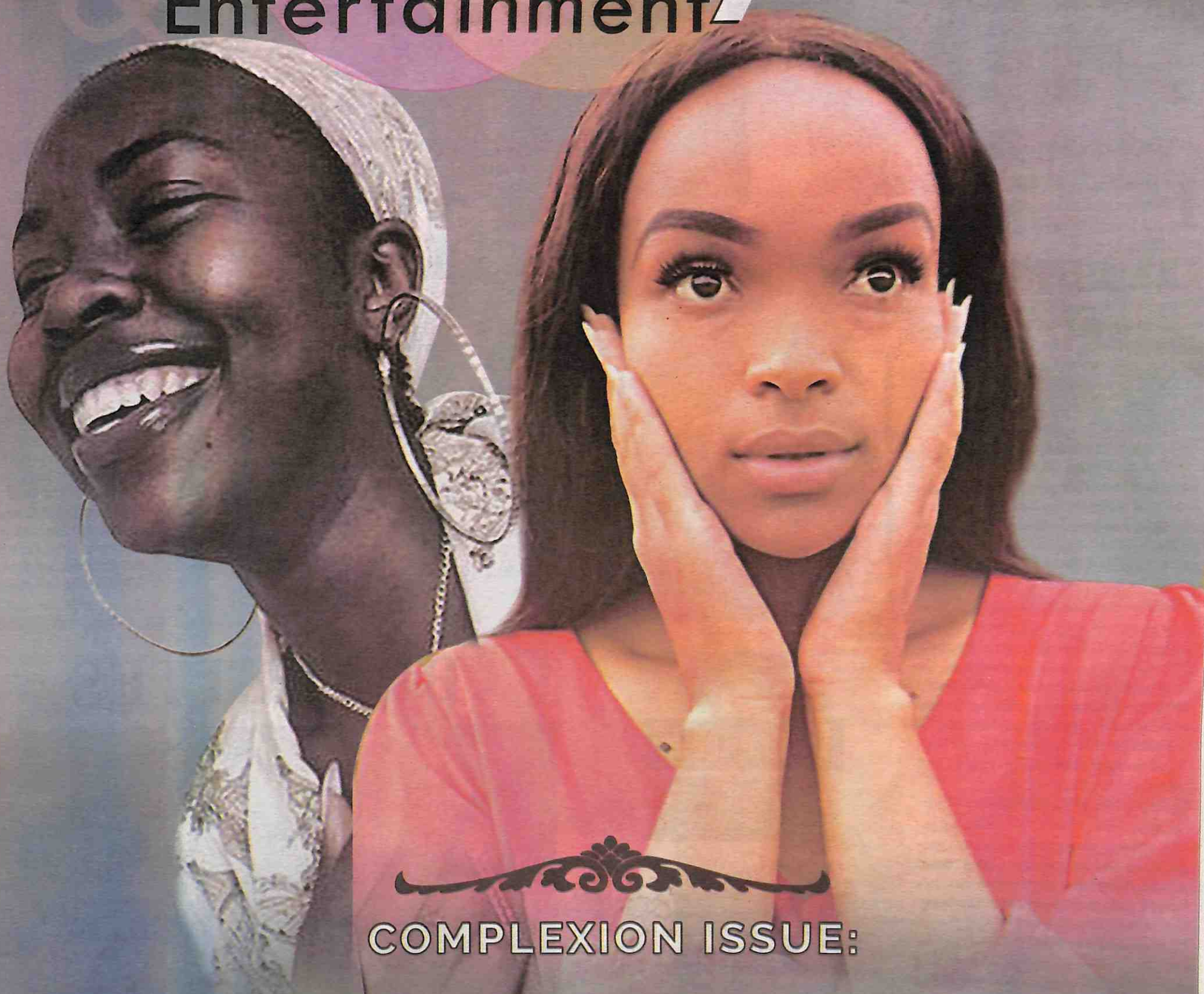
But maybe you have a sweet tooth and the thought of cutting back on sweets sounds almost as bad as cutting them out altogether. The good news is that cravings do go away and preferences change. As your eating habits become healthier, foods that you used to love may seem too rich or too sweet, and you may find yourself craving healthier options.



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## WRITER'S NOTE

WITH NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

It's that time of the week again where we give the hottest Entertainment and Lifestyle news in the kingdom and abroad.

So let's get into it. This week, the entire issue is set to motivate you to become a better person. It also tackles real issues faced in the outside world that we believe people should be talking about.

On pages 2-3, we have this week's Guide, where we give you the lowdown on public speaking. This is just one of the tools that you need as a person who interacts with people everyday.

On Try the Trend we teach you how to wear bralettes. They are the in thing right now and we hope you own one so you can take our tips on how to style your bralettes.

On Young and Upcoming, we talk to a young author by the name of African Hoooney'. She is slowly becoming a force to be reckoned with, with already a book under her belt. The soft spoken Bandiswa Vilane is set to release another one.

Having released her first book titled 'Broken Affections, the grass that weeps' at the age of 16, she is set to release another book later this year titled 'Here for you'. Read through about her and get to find out more about her life.

On pages 4-5, we talk about a very touching issue, skin colour. We make a contrast between struggles dark-skinned people have faced compared to light-skinned people. It was shocking to find that they have all gone through almost similar struggles in their lives.

First we speak to Patricia Mikango, she narrates how she was bullied for being dark-skinned. The skin colour topic makes her emotional because she says she faces a number of insecurities because people have made fun of her skin colour. She also says she wishes to teach the younger generation to accept themselves the way they are. Our light-skinned young woman, Alicia Horton also speaks about how she was bullied for being light skinned. Alicia is a 23-year-old model, promo girl, student, daughter and sister. She describes herself as a bundle of joy that lights up any place she steps into. She says, however, many of her insecurities also come from being bullied for the way she looked. I hope you read the issue and most importantly I hope you enjoy it and get inspired by the stories of these young people.

Till next week  
Enjoy!

## YOUNG & UPCOMING

# RANDISWA

STUFFED IN INTELLIGENCE WITH A SPRINKLE OF HUMOUR



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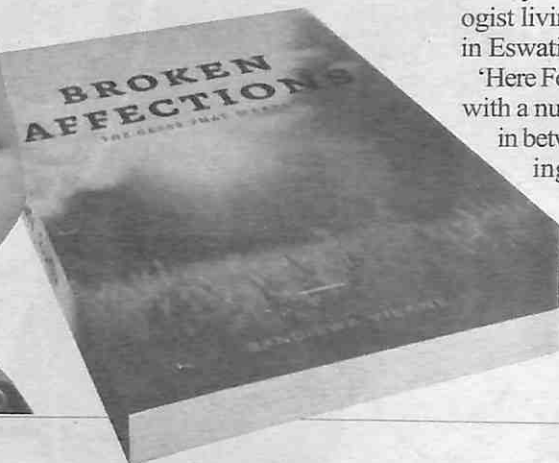
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She says 'Broken Affections' was inspired by the gaps within African families, mostly towards the young women and the way they struggle to blend into society and how the cultural doctrines suppresses her. This is shown through a story line of a 28-years-old psychologist living abroad but born and raised in Eswatini.

'Here For You' is a collection of poems with a number of themes, in hopes that in between the pages many find healing or they can at least relate, because we've all been at a place where we felt we had no one, and this book is for anyone looking for words that will help them through.

"My name is Bandiswa



## Try the trend

Bralettes have been popping up and peeking out everywhere lately. You've probably seen them all over your Instagram feed, or maybe you've spotted one hanging on the rack in your favourite store.

Even celebs have been getting in on the trend: Kendall Jenner wowed in a black lace bralette layered over a fitted white tee, Taylor Swift pairs hers with skirts, and Chrissy Teigen has been known to rock one, too.

At first glance, bralettes may seem completely impractical (too revealing—and what the heck are you even supposed to wear with them?) but that's actually not the case. In fact, bralettes make the unwearable wearable. Ever wonder what to wear under an open-back top? What about an off-the-shoulder sweater? Or a sheer lace blouse? Believe it or not, a bralette is the answer to all of these problems.

If you haven't already been exposed to the bralette trend, you're probably reading this and wondering, "What is a bralette, anyway?" The answer is a little tricky because it's more than just one thing. A bralette can be lacy, sporty, satiny, or even made of leather.

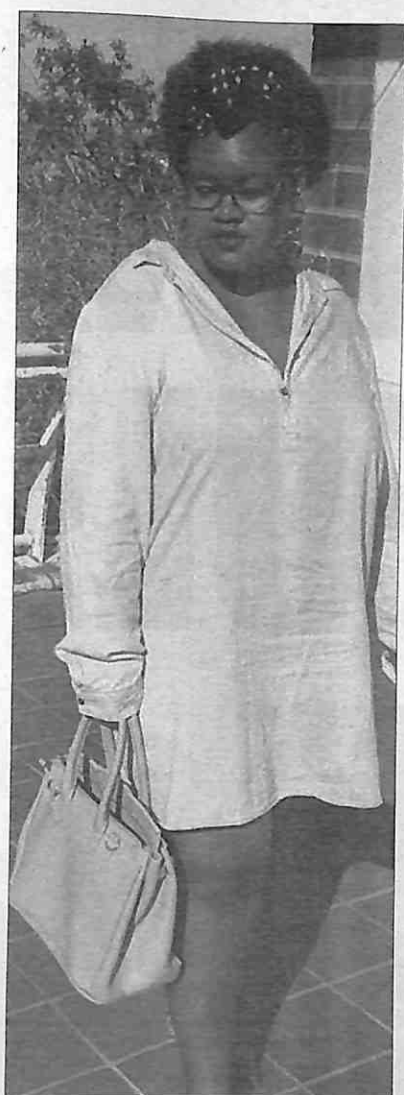


The best part about a bralette is that it doubles as innerwear and outerwear. You can wear yours in place of a bra (there's no need to wear a bra

under a bralette, unless you need some added support) or you can wear your bralette in public as a sort of mini crop top.

## BRALETTES





**"I am a poet, a published author and a visual artist. I spend most of my time playing around with words and creating. The world is not black and white, it is simply one person drawing away or one painting away from being captured every day,"**

When further interviewed she shares that she started writing when in Grade Six, that's when the idea of doing so much with words hit her and she went for it. "At 16 years old I was publishing my first book. On the other hand high school is the ultimate place that I discovered what my hands could do and I decided to take art as a subject, I fell in love with it instantly and groomed the skill," adds the art lover.

The chirpy and witty 'African Hoooney' says that unfortunately with university and school work the load is high, but she pretty much managed to take up performing poetry (spoken word) and still give academics her best.

The time for visual art was affected but she still pushed through, mainly because she believes each person have so much potential in them.

"We all have the responsibility to unleash it to the maximum without limiting ourselves as to how much we can do. The best description of myself

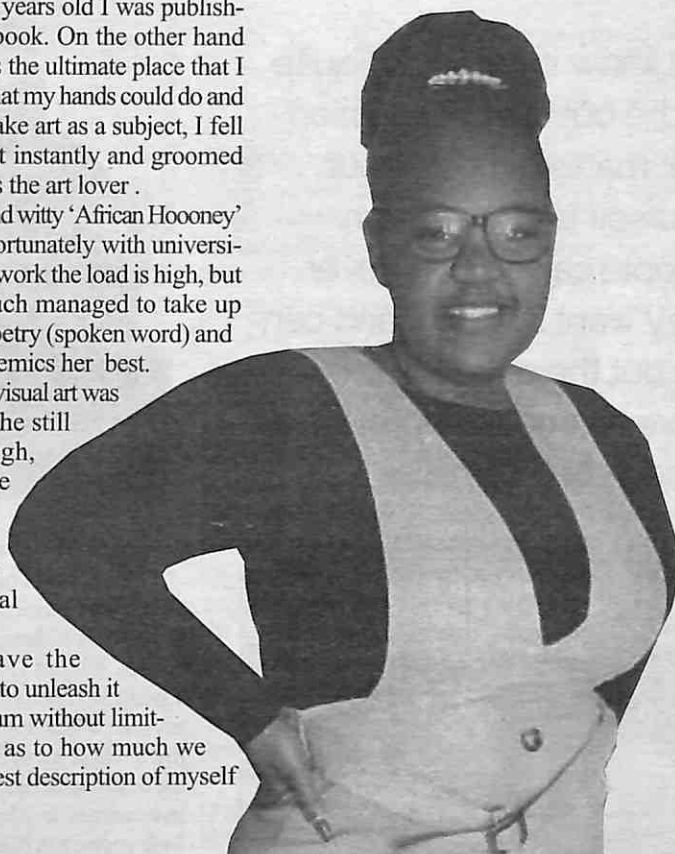
every day is that I give to everyone, so I've been told, and I am a hard worker too," further shares Vilane.

In closing the author says that she is certain everyone can attain what they wish to with just the right dosage of humour, diligence, faith and the discipline to see things through.

It goes without saying that she has a great support system as well, at home and in her private life, so she constantly aware of her capabilities and trying to go as far as she can.

"The one thing I aspire for the most is to have my own art school one day, to give so many children the opportunity to use their skills and talents to be what they wish to be.

"I believe and am truly grateful for the grace of God to be where I am and to being whom I am, it's not every day that young people pursue the greatness within," closes Bandiswa during the interview. **By Delisa Thwala**



Vilane, also known as African Hoooney'. Born and raised in Eswatini, and currently studying in Durban at the University of KwaZulu-Natal studying (Economics and Industrial Psychology)," shares the softly spoken artist.

She is 21 years old and doing my third year. In one word she is an artist/creative, and describes that as her passion.

"I am a poet, a published author and a visual artist. I spend most of my time playing around with words and creating. The world is not black and white, it is simply one person drawing away or one painting away from being captured every day," exclaims Vilane during the telephonic interview.



A bralette really proves its worth when worn under anything that has tripped you up before. Try it under a sheer T-shirt, peeking through a crochet sweater,



and even as the perfect layering piece under a blazer. In short, a bralette is a workhorse, and one you can easily incorporate into your wardrobe.

#### HOW TO WEAR A BRALETTE

Need some inspiration to get you started? Below you'll find 15 different ways to wear a bralette, along with outfit ideas, and where to shop for bralettes. No matter your style, bra size, or shape, you're bound to find a version that works for you.

●Peeking out of an off-the-shoulder top

- Under a sheer top
- Under a blazer or suit jacket
- With a sporty jumpsuit
- Under a chunky cardigan
- Denim and lace
- As a crop top
- In the boudoir
- Over a shirt
- Under a shirt
- Try one in leather
- Wear a leather bralette over a fitted shirt or turtleneck

- To cover up cleavage
- In place of jewellery
- With an exposed back

(Magicpan)

## Lifestyle Guide

### GUIDE TO PUBLIC SPEAKING

I know I am not the only one who struggles with speaking publicly and if you are part of the 73 per cent of the population that experiences anxiety from public speaking, then this guide is for you.

It is time to face your fears with this priceless guide that combines real-world case studies and practice activities to help build your confidence. If you are anxious about public speaking, the worst thing you can do is nothing at all. There are ways to become a better public speaker, but like most rewarding things in life, they don't come easy. Becoming a good public speaker takes hard work and patience.

Some people are born with it, they have no issues speaking in front of thousands of people but there is always a way to improve your public speaking skills. Public speaking is important in both business, education, and the public arena. There are many benefits to public speaking whether you're an individual or a business.

If you ask most people, they would probably say they do not like public speaking. They may even admit to being afraid of it, since fear of public speaking is a very common fear. Or they may just be shy or introverted. For those reasons, many people avoid public speaking if they can. If you are one of those people who avoid public speaking, you are missing out. Whether you're a small business owner, a student, or just someone who is passionate about something, you will benefit if you improve your public speaking skills, both personally and professionally. Some benefits to public speaking include; improves confidence, better research skills, stronger deductive skills, ability to advocate for causes and more.

Okay, so now that you understand the benefits of public speak-

ing, you might be a little more interested. Still, you might think it's not for you. Maybe you gave a speech once and it didn't go well. Maybe you're afraid of public speaking. Or maybe you think you don't have a natural ability for giving speeches.

The truth is that public speaking is a skill, and here's how you can improve that skill.

#### WRITE AN EFFECTIVE SPEECH

The first thing you'll want to do is work on writing a well-organised, engaging speech, because even if you have got a great speaking voice or a great deal of charisma, you won't give a good speech if your material isn't any good.

#### OVERCOME THE FEAR OF SPEAKING

Fear of public speaking is very real and can hold you back if you let it. If you don't feel confident when giving your speech, your listeners may pick up on that, making your presentation less effective.

#### PRACTICE THE SPEECH

Even if you're not afraid of public speaking, practicing your speech is still an important step to having an effective speech. If you're in a rush, you may be tempted to skip practicing your speech to save time.

#### GIVE THE SPEECH

Now that you've written a good speech, feel more confident about public speaking, and have practiced—you're ready to actually give the speech. There are some tips and tricks you can use on the day of your speech to make it go more smoothly, though.

By Nokwanda Sibandze

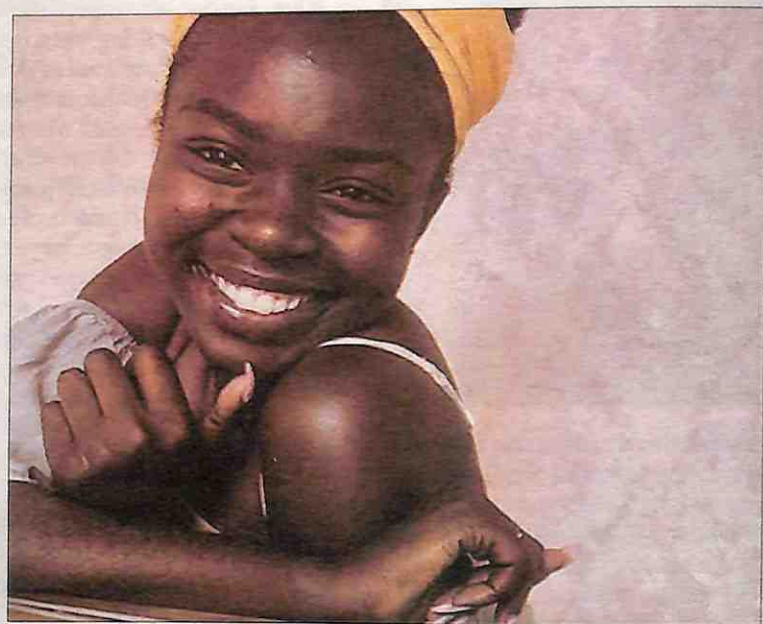


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# DARK, BEAUTIFUL:

## IT'S A THING

● "I know it will sound quite cliché but the only opinion that matters most about yourself is your opinion. People can say whatever they want left, right and centre but the only way it will have an impact on your life is when you internalise it."



**W**ell, as the headline says, dark and beautiful do go together just perfect. For many years, black was labelled as 'not beautiful' but that has changed with many beautiful dark skinned people owning the game where they are and it has been proven that beauty indeed lays in the eyes of the beholder.

Sometimes people will not understand that being dark can be seen as a 'bad thing' especially people who are not but Patricia Mikango knows it too well.

Being a dark skinned young woman has led to much insecurity that Patricia has till this day. She said some of the darkest and lowest times in her life were when she was still a teenager and people made fun of her dark skin colour.

"Honestly speaking I have chapters and chapters of memories of my darkest times. The lowest point I felt were in my teenage years and my teenage life was a mess because people made fun of everything that I have, from my lips to my skin, my eyes they made fun of everything the only thing they complimented me on was that was I really have a nice body. I had guys call me clapped, girls who did not want to chill with me because I didn't meet the criteria. I also felt like because of my experiences, I felt like I was weird so I detached and kept to myself from a lot of people and I thank God



I'm better now," she says.

All these things have also helped her become comfortable in her own skin.

"Being comfortable in your own

skin comes with you being at peace with who you are, body, mind and soul. So unless you are secure with who you are, you are not going to be comfortable with your looks your

personality and everything else,"

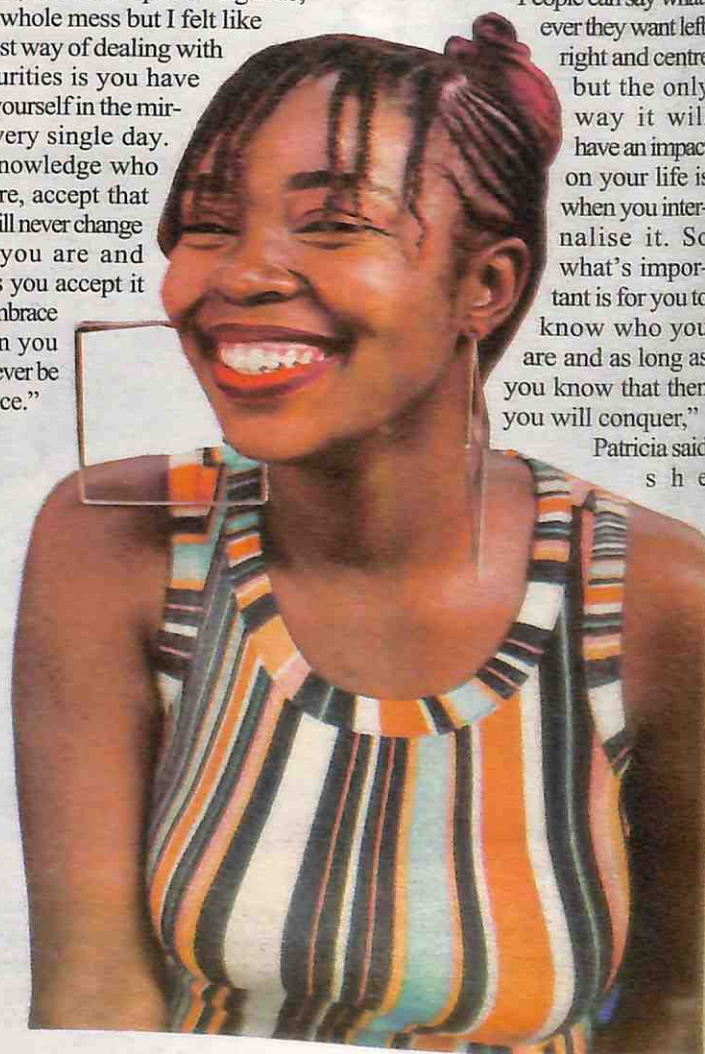
"To be honest I haven't dealt with all my insecurities and I have different ways of dealing with my insecurities. It is just a mess really there's a point in time where I just shave my hair, where I stop wearing bras; just a whole mess but I felt like the best way of dealing with insecurities is you have look yourself in the mirror every single day. "Acknowledge who you are, accept that you will never change who you are and unless you accept it and embrace it then you will never be at peace."

She also said young people need to understand that the only opinion that matters is your own.

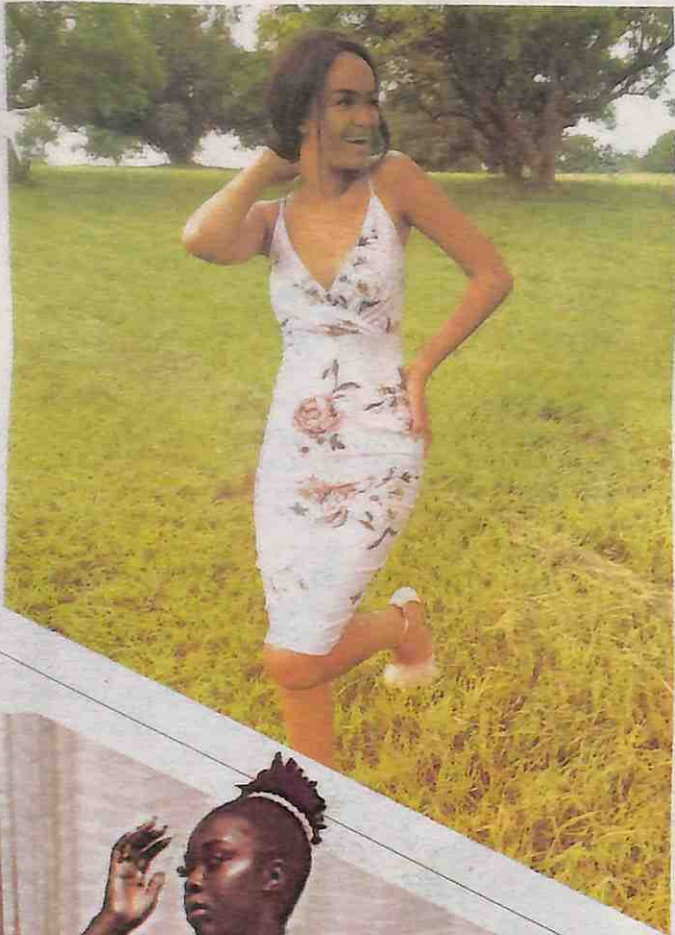
"I know it will sound quite cliché but the only opinion that matters most about yourself is your opinion.

People can say whatever they want left, right and centre but the only way it will have an impact on your life is when you internalise it. So what's important is for you to know who you are and as long as you know that then you will conquer,"

Patricia said  
s h e







## ■ LIGHT OR DARK: IT SHOULDN'T REALLY MATTER

**T**here's always a battle about light and dark skinned people. Well some people think light people are generally at an advantage while truth be told dark skinned people are changing that stereotype.

I mean you look at the current Miss World, she does not only have short hair but she is dark and proud.

It is however something that most people refuse to talk about because of the fear of crossing the line or saying something controversial.

Well Lifestyle and Entertainment went out and found two ladies that were willing to speak about their struggles with the skin colour they have.

First we spoke to Alicia Horton. She is what most people would call a 'Yellow Bone'. Alicia says she was more than just comfortable in her skin.

"I think being comfortable in your own skin is knowing what your insecurities are and realising that you can't change them. That process then leads to you accepting them and therefore redefining them to being your most powerful traits or features," she said.

Alicia is a 23 year old model, promo girl, student, daughter and sister. She describes herself as a bundle of joy that lights up any place she steps into. "I spent the early years of my childhood in Siteki and later moved to Manzini. I completed my high school at Ka Zakhali and I'm currently enrolled at Regent Business School," she said.

Even so, she admits to still having a lot of insecurities. She says insecurities are part of life and most people go through them but it was a matter of how an individual handled them.

"I am someone that has had to deal with a lot of insecurities and I always used to hide them but I think the people you surround yourself with play a huge role in building them up," she says.

However, she said she surrounds her-

self with people that are positive minded and always pushing her to believe in her abilities and that helped her gain a lot of confidence.

"I also changed how I perceive myself as well, I'm more confident now than I was a few years ago," she said. Usually insecurities start when people reach their teenage years. Alicia was no different. However she was subjected to bullying because of her skin colour. "There was a point in my teenage years where I was subjected to bullying because of my skin colour. It got so bad that some kids would even call me an albino. That is where insecurities about my skin rooted from and I found myself not being proud anymore. It took some time from me to realise that it wasn't a problem, my skin is what makes me beautiful and I've since fully fallen in love with my skin.

Having gone through that type of bullying, Alicia speaks strongly about accepting yourself as you are.

She says if she would be given a chance to talk to young people about insecurities, she would advise them to normalise complementing themselves.

"It's an everyday thing. We need to normalise the first compliment about who you are and what you look like coming from yourself, to yourself. Building yourself up is always a forever thing because you can never leave you, or turn your back on you. The problem with acceptance of oneself is always behind seeking validation from others first, so the first step is always validating yourself," she says.

She also says people should practise sensitivity. "It's

all well and good to want to be honest with the next person, be it in action or words, but treat issues of personalities and physical features with caution. In whatever way you interact with people, make sure they can always say you changed their lives for the better without leaving any scars. Sometimes tough love isn't necessary, but plain love is, and it never hurts anyone," she says.

### Message to myself

"You're so beautiful it's hard for people to believe you're real. Treat yourself with this knowledge. And when the world gets to tell you how beautiful you are, that isn't validation, and it's a compliment that only needs your gratitude and nothing else." *By Nokwanda Sibandze*

advises people all the time to be careful of everything they put out. "I always tell people to count their words, because words last longer in people's minds than they think. There are a lot of things that people said to me when I was younger that I still think about till this day and always ask myself how they felt comfortable to say that to another human being. I feel people should watch what they put out, no matter how funny it may be it may just last longer on another person."

### Message to myself

It is okay, you are going to find people who will accept you for who you are. You are going to find people who will love you for who you are but you will need to love yourself first in order to feel worthy to accept all of it.





Lifestyle

## Celebville

01  
**FULU MUGOVHANI  
RETURNS TO TV AFTER  
YEAR-LONG BREAK**

**C**APE TOWN - Fulu Mugovhani is making her way back to the small screen after a year-long study sabbatical.

Mugovhani, 30, will for the first time in her career play a mother and wife in new TV show *Still Breathing*.

She rose to fame as tenacious photojournalist Anzani in *Scandal!* and feisty musangwe (traditional Venda bare-knuckle boxing) fighter in *Ring of Lies*. But it was her starry turn on the big screen as Afro-hipster in coming-of-age movie *Ayanda* that won her critical acclaim and made her one of the promising stars in SA's growing film industry. The role won her a South Africa Film and Television Awards (SAFTA), Africa Movie Academy Awards (AMAA) and took her to the

Cannes Film Festival.

Sowetan reconnected with Mugovhani for the first time since she took a break from public life at the lavish The Palace of the Lost City Hotel in Sun City, recently. Descending down the iconic grand spiral staircase in a tribal Trendy Furbish dress, the pint-sized beauty is still the African screen siren I remember her to be. The Thohoyandou-born star focused on obtaining her degree in musical theatre from the Tshwane University of Technology.

"I focused on my studies last year because I want to expand and get into production," Mugovhani said. "I want to tell my stories and be in those stories - I don't want to wait anymore for the right role."

*Sowetan*

02  
**'Women tell my husband he's  
with someone who's dying'**

**J**OHANNESBURG - Three years after they got married, actress Sophie Lichaba has revealed that her businessman husband, Max Lichaba, still gets messages from women saying he is foolish to be with her.

After all the trials they have been through, the couple renewed their vows this past week with a new set of rings to prove their love stood the test of time.

Speaking to TshisaLIVE, Sophie said she appreciated that her



man was by her side, even after being mocked for being with her. Since opening up about her struggle with diabetes, Sophie revealed that Max still received messages from women saying he was foolish to stay with her as she was going to die.

"My husband is still getting messages from silly women saying, 'That woman is not for you, she's dying'. But I am better, so you understand it's a constant fight with the world too."

The actress said her marriage had good and hard times, but was tearful with joy when she reflected on the memories she shared with her husband.

"It's up to you as a couple to make things work ... spending quality time will make things work. It's an open contract of love."

Sophie said support was what kept a marriage strong and no hurdle should be too challenging to overcome.

"Imagine a man or woman who will love you in obesity, anorexia and depression. The person you are now ... that's what it means surviving situations together as one." *Sowetan*

03  
**KELLY K HITS BACK AT 'IS SHE STILL ON DRUGS' DIG**

**J**OHANNESBURG - Kelly Khumalo lashed out after some social media critics tried to insult her by bringing up her past as a drug user.

The singer had the internet in a huff this week when she sent a clear message to her haters, telling them to sit down.

Kelly took to social media to post a video of herself in studio telling haters that they were barking but had no bite.

A spicy follower then asked if she "still takes drugs", alluding to Kelly's previous confessions of being hooked on drugs several years ago.

"I became a drug addict. Those are the repercussions of having

money when you are young and not knowing what to do with it. I was in a bad space. I was in a bad relationship. I was not motivated at all. In fact, I became so hooked on drugs and I would forget about everything," she told Sizwe Dhlomo in an interview in 2016.

Kelly hit back, sarcastically telling the hater that she got it from their father.

When users tried to calm her down, Kelly said the haters were from Satan.

She also told those urging her to calm down, to sit this one out.

Kelly has spoken before on the hate she has received, telling fans that hate had a habit of returning to its sender, adding that the more hate you give a person, the more blessed they are.

*Sowetan Live*

05  
**Macklemore joins coffee  
company as creative director**

**H**OLLYWOOD - Macklemore's had something brewing with a West Coast coffee chain, and he made the surprise reveal himself he's taking his talents to the creative directing team!!!

The rapper's partnering up with Dutch Bros. Coffee to help develop new products and flavors with the brand ... and he made the announcement Wednesday in pretty glorious fashion at the company's annual business summit in Scottsdale, AZ.

Macklemore first appears on-screen in a prerecorded message to let employees know he's the new Executive Creative Director of Cold Brew. He says he'd love to be there with them to celebrate but he's got golfing to do.

It's all a fake out though because he rides in on a golf cart to the delight of the Dutch Bros. crew.

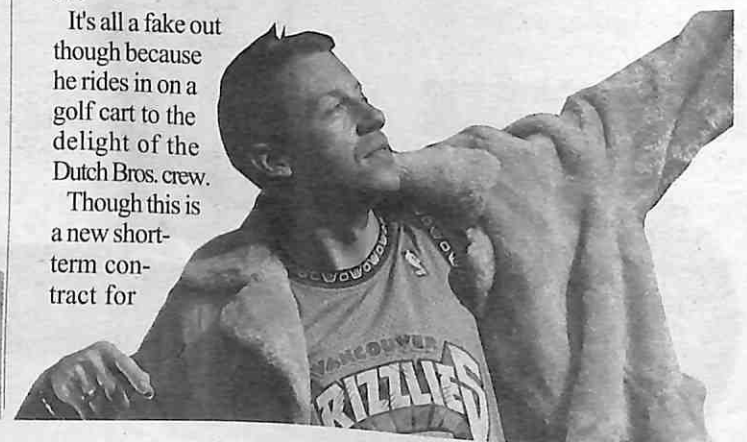
Though this is a new short-term contract for

the rapper we're told it will wrap up this summer when he performs at their major company event Macklemore's love for their coffee goes way back.

He's a huge fan, especially of cold brew, and has been an unofficial brand ambassador for a few years. Macklemore partnered with Dutch Bros. last year for a campaign to fight ALS and he's even included the coffee in a couple of his music videos.

We're told the rapper who hails from the Pacific Northwest, where the coffee chain is prevalent -- will be in charge of a few new cold brew product launches and more upcoming promotional events.

Cheers! *TMZ*

04  
**Pop Smoke murder appeared to be target hit, not robbery**

**H**OLLYWOOD - Pop Smoke's death wasn't a robbery gone wrong it was a targeted hit and that conclusion is supported by surveillance video.

People who have seen the surveillance footage from outside the Hollywood Hills home where Pop was killed Wednesday morning tell us you see four men approach the home at around 4:30am and sneak around back.

A couple minutes pass before three of the four walk back up the side of the home to the front. The 4th apparently walked in the backdoor but no camera was trained on it. The next time you see the man, he exits through the front door of the house.

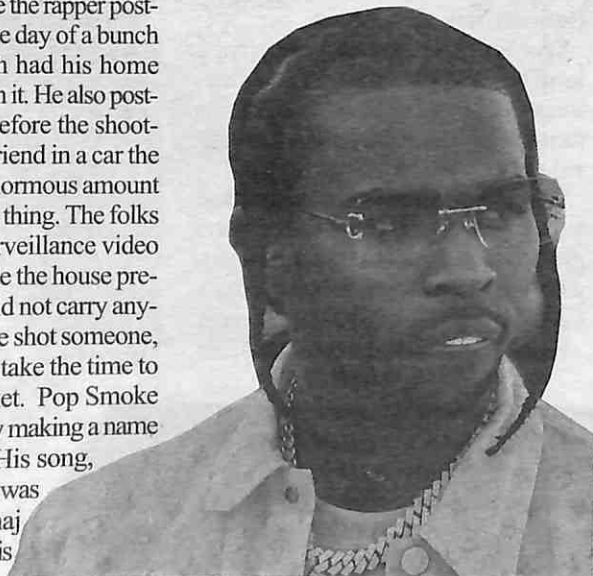
As we reported, multiple shots were fired inside the home and they only struck Pop Smoke, who was rushed to

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

At first, it seemed like it might have been a robbery because the rapper posted a photo earlier in the day of a bunch of gifts one of which had his home address emblazoned on it. He also posted another pic hour before the shooting of himself and a friend in a car the friend is holding an enormous amount of cash. But, here's the thing. The folks who have seen the surveillance video tell us the person inside the house presumably the shooter did not carry anything out. Given that he shot someone, it's doubtful he would take the time to stuff items in his pocket. Pop Smoke was only 20 and already making a name for himself in music. His song, "Welcome to the Party" was

remixed by Nicki Minaj and he appeared on Travis

Scott's latest project "JACKBOYS." His album charted #7 Tuesday on the Billboard 200. *TMZ*





# Movie watch



## JUDY

PG13 | 2H 01MIN | BIOGRAPHY, DRAMA, ROMANCE  
Legendary performer Judy Garland (Renée Zellweger) arrives in London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sold-out concerts.  
DIRECTOR: Rupert Goold  
WRITER: Tom Edge (screenplay by), Peter Quilter (based on the stageplay "End of the Rainbow" by)  
STARS: Renée Zellweger, Jessie Buckley, Finn Wittrock

## STREET DANCER

PG10-12 | 2H 40MIN | DRAMA, MUSIC  
A coming-of-age story based on the lives of street dancers.  
DIRECTOR: Remo D'Souza  
STARS: Varun Dhawan, Shradha Kapoor, Prabhu Deva

## SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

PG | 1H 54MIN | ACTION, ADVENTURE, COMEDY  
After discovering a small, blue, fast hedgehog, a small-town police officer must help it defeat an evil genius who wants to do experiments on it.  
DIRECTOR: Jeff Fowler  
WRITER: Patrick Casey, Josh Miller  
STARS: Ben Schwartz, James Marsden, Jim Carrey

# TV Shows (Series)



## BIG MOUTH

3 SEASONS, 31 EPISODES

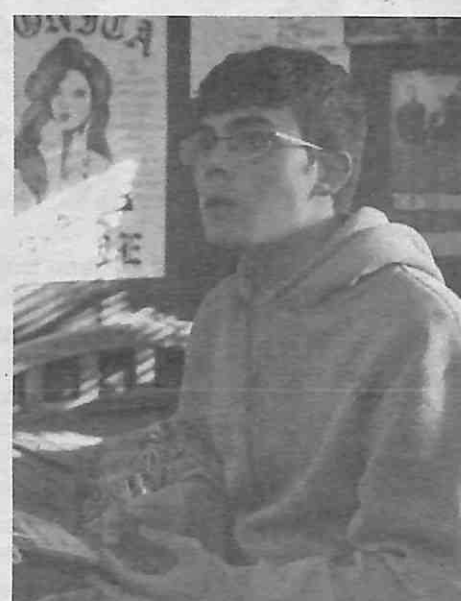
The animated, coming-of-age comedy from Nick Kroll is full of familiar voices and even more familiar life problems. Centred on a group of pre-pubescent friends, Kroll voices a younger version of himself, a kid named Andrew who's going through some embarrassing life changes like inconvenient erections and strange wet dreams and bat-mitzvah meltdowns. All these traumatising and hilarious happenings are usually caused by Maurice, Andrew's own Hormone Monster (also voiced by Kroll) who takes pleasure (literally) in abusing the poor kid. As painfully accurate as the show is, if you're lucky enough to be removed from that angst-ridden era of life, you'll probably appreciate the humor in all of it.



## MARVEL'S JESSICA JONES

3 SEASONS, 39 EPISODES

As an episodic series, Jessica Jones occasionally falters in its first season. Jones is a private detective with certain special powers, but the series doesn't put her P.I. talents to much use, instead focusing on one storyline surrounding the big bad, Kilgrave (David Tennant) for the entire 13 episodes. Tennant's character, however, is the best reason to watch the series — he's captivating yet repugnant, alluring yet vile — and the themes of rape and domestic abuse resonate loudly. Unfortunately, when Kilgrave is not onscreen, the series drifts, and that's especially apparent in Season 2. Krysten Ritter's title character is too often dour and sarcastic, robbing the series of some much-needed levity. Still, it's a captivating, thematically-rich series that covers ground no other superhero series would dare to explore, and while that doesn't make it the most entertaining Marvel series, it is the bravest and most unique among the Netflix originals.



## AMERICAN VANDAL

2 SEASONS, 16 EPISODES

In theory, American Vandal sounds silly and sophomoric, and it is, but it's also a genuinely brilliant, incredibly clever, smartly written satire of true-crime documentaries. It plays just like any other true crime docuseries — interviews, investigations, multiple suspects, and numerous conspiracy theories — only the crime here is not a murder. In its first season, it's a high-school student who has been accused by the school board of spray painting dicks on 27 cars, a crime that threatens his ability to graduate. It's a brilliant whodunnit that just happens to also be the best parody of 2017, and it even took home a Peabody Award. The show's follow-up season trades dick picks for explosive diarrhea which is just as fun, if not ten times as gross.

# SONG OF THE WEEK

## Dija ft Tiwa Savage - The way you are

Dija Dija  
Tiwa Tiwa  
Baby fresh on the beat and is giving them all of course  
Baby what's up with you  
You know I want you  
I wanna be close to you  
See this weather for two  
My body is vibrating  
It's cold but I'm sweating  
Be ur blanket for me  
Your loving is all I need yeah  
Give it to me  
Give it to me  
I like the way you dey treat me baby  
Put it on me  
Put it on me  
Baby put all your loving on me yeah  
If I no go die for nobody  
Boy I go die for you (I go die for you)  
Baby I just want let you know say

I dey gbadun you  
The way you are  
Shey you know  
Shey you know  
I dey gbadun you  
The way you are  
Shey you know  
Shey you know  
Shey you know  
Yeahhh!  
Tiwa savage  
When you smile na wire(wire)  
You set me on fire(fire)  
Baby take me higher(higher)  
Rock me till you tire(tire)  
This our love no get ending  
This one sure no be pending  
In fact no pretending  
Maliko fear when I bend it

Rock your body  
Give you body  
You no go know when you call me honey  
Spend the money make we jolly jolly  
Me and you baby so we go be  
I dey gbadun you  
The way you are  
Shey you know  
Shey you know  
I dey gbadun you  
The way you are  
Shey you know  
Shey you know  
This love no get part 2  
I go lef bamboos for you  
I go enter fire for you  
I go do all this for you (and many more more)  
[Dija The Way You Are Lyrics ft. Tiwa Savage]  
Give it to you  
Give it to you  
Give it all up in a minute or two  
Baby na you  
Yes say na you  
Baby put all your loving all me  
If I no go die for nobody  
Boy I go die for you  
Baby I just wanna let you know say  
I dey gbadun you  
The way you are  
Shey you know  
Shey you know  
I dey gbadun you  
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# Book Review

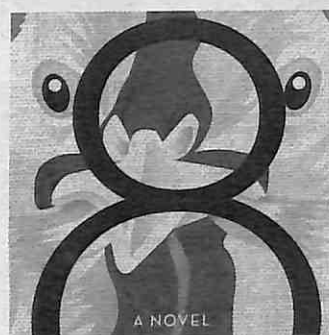


## WEATHER

BY JENNY OFFILL

RELEASE DATE: February 11

**WHY WE'RE EXCITED:** A librarian, Lizzie, takes up the opportunity to moonlight as an advice columnist for a popular podcaster, answering mail from people worried about the status of the world, like how soon climate change will be here to wipe us out for good. As Lizzie gets deeper into her armchair therapist role, the balance between caring for her young family versus others becomes trickier to manage.

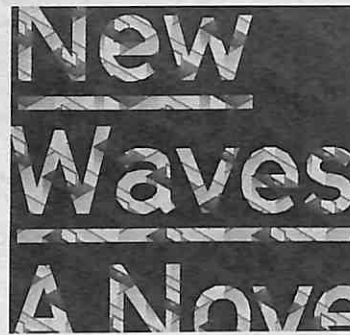


## BARN 8

BY DEB OLIN UNFERTH

RELEASE DATE: March 3

**WHY WE'RE EXCITED:** What starts with an Oceans 11-style chicken heist snowballs into catastrophe as Unferth's novel bounces between points of view, glimpsing inside the minds of the hen thieves, the hens themselves, and even looking far into the future to see what chickens may evolve into to survive a contaminated Earth.



## NEW WAVES

BY KEVIN NGUYEN

RELEASE DATE: March 10

**WHY WE'RE EXCITED:** Frustrated with working at their tech startup, Margo and Lucas decide to steal the company's entire user database. It all goes according to plan until Margo dies in a car accident. In search of answers and burdened by their secret, Lucas delves too deeply into his late friend's online private life in this debut novel by former GQ and current Verge editor Kevin Nguyen.



# BUGANU FESTIVAL

BUHLENI VISUALS



It is the Hlane Baganu ceremony tis weekend and thousands of Lutsango regiment are expected to descend to the lowveld for the most exciting weekend. The Lutsango usually bring a variety of goodies before Their Majesties with the main delivery being the Marurla brew. The Lutsango from the communities around the Lubombo Region and beyond includign those from teh corporate come in their numbers in response to Their Majesties call. Today we bring you a variety of the goodies we captured during the last delivery at Buhleni Royal Residence. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)





## Columns &amp; Opinion

## QUOTE

The idea that, in the age of Google, Facebook and the internet, government can control the 'commanding heights' of the economy is one of the great delusions of our age. Modern technology, social media, the explosion of online retail, among many other things, have meant that governments have less and less control.

- Kwasi Kwarteng

# Hunger stalks Southern Africa as climate crisis deepens



Just under a year ago, Alice Posha fled her home in the middle of the night and then watched as it was swept away by floods.

The torrential rain came from Cyclone Idai, one of the worst storms ever to hit Africa and the fiercest on record to strike Buhera, a district in the usually arid province of Manicaland in eastern Zimbabwe.

Today, the scene in Buhera is entirely different. But the misery remains.

The 60-year-old, who was rehoused in October, is going through the motions of weeding a field of maize that has been withered by the worst drought in 35 years.

A little rain for her corn would be more than welcome.

"Seeing how the maize is wilting, we may have a very bad harvest," she said.

It is a scene that is being played out across southern Africa, where chronic lack of rain is threatening mass hunger and ruin.

Climate change is being fingered as the big culprit.

In the space of 10 months, Buhera and many districts like it have been hammered by extremes that scientists say are consistent with forecasts about climate change.

In March 2019, the arrival of Idai unleashed devastation on eastern Zimbabwe and its neighbours Mozambique and Malawi.

Over a thousand people died and the lives of millions of others were badly affected.

"Our chickens and turkeys were swept away," said Posha's sister-in-law, Josephine Ganye, who now depends on food aid.

She is among the 45 million people in southern Africa that the UN has said are threatened by famine.

Its World Food Programme (WFP) sent out a stark warning last month. "This hunger crisis is on a scale we've not seen before and the evidence shows it's going to get worse," said Lola Castro, WFP's Regional Director in Southern Africa.

For the past five years, the entire southern tip of the African continent, where average temperatures are rising twice as fast as the global mean, has suffered from a significant lack of rain.

Every farmer, big or small, has been affected as well as breeders, hoteliers and teachers.

## Prayers for rain

In Zimbabwe, the drought has added to a long list of crises, from stratospheric inflation to shortages of cash, petrol, medicines, water and electricity.

For many, daily life has become a nightmare. "Almost everybody in my area is food insecure," said 68-year-old Janson Neshava, who is a headman, or senior leader, in Buhera.

"We still do the traditional rain ceremonies, but to no avail. Even the wetlands are now dry and streams that used to flow throughout the year are all dry."

The WFP says that 60 per cent of Zimbabwe's 15 million people are currently food insecure.

According to Patience Dhinda, a local official, this figure hits 80 percent in Buhera where the grain depot, which should house the state food aid, stands empty.

A year ago, the crops in Buhera had already suffered from drought before being washed away by Idai. This year they risk being burned to a crisp by the relentless sun.

## One meal a day

Around 800 kilometres (500 miles) further west, across the border in Zambia, first impressions suggest that the contrast is startling.

The grass is tall, the roads muddy and the fields of maize are a vibrant, healthy green.

In the village of Simumbwe, an hour and a half's drive south on a dusty road from Kalomo in the

southwest of the country, the rains arrived in late December.

But in the shade of the majestic trees, seated on the red earth, perched in the branches or on ox carts, hundreds of people wait patiently for food to be distributed by an NGO, World Vision, and the WFP.

Last year, the harvest was catastrophic for the second year running with up to 70 per cent of the crops lost to the drought.

"Last year, I harvested 18 kilos (39.6 pounds) of food. In other words, nothing," said Loveness Haneumba, mother of five and a "happy" beneficiary of aid in Simumbwe.

"It is common that we eat once a day. The children ask me: 'what are we going to eat?' I answer: 'Just wait. Let me look around.'"

It is a question of buying time.

For several years, the rainy season has been getting later and shorter, upsetting the traditional farming cycle. It used to be from October to May; now it is barely from December to April.

## Most vulnerable

"The food we have here is not enough to cater for everyone," said Derick Mulilo, the World Vision food monitor in the yard of the school in Simumbwe. "We are focussing on the most vulnerable."

He meant people like Loveness Haneumba and her stunted children. Her six-year-old daughter looked four and her four-year-old had the appearance of a two-year-old toddler.

Lizzy Kayoba, another mother of a large family, also featured on the list of beneficiaries. She had walked five hours during the night, her youngest on her back, to arrive at dawn for the food handout.

She left with 25 kilos of maize and 7.6 kilos of beans.

"It will last me one or two weeks," she said.

The next distribution at the school is a month away. A teacher, Teddy Siafweba, said about 15 children in his class were absent that day because of hunger. In the classroom next door, about 30 were missing, nearly half of the rollcall of 70.

And those who came often have an empty stomach. Some nod off in class, said another teacher, Tryness Kayuni.

The 33-year-old watched the handout with a heavy heart. She was not one of the 862 beneficiaries. A single mother, Kayuni was not considered a priority as she had a job.

And yet she had not been paid since September. Since then she had been holding out on one meal a day.

"How do I survive?" she said. "I ask my colleagues if they can help me with some food."

## Adapt to survive

Funding is desperately needed to meet the needs of the 2.3 million people in Zambia who sorely need food. The WFP has received only a third of the \$36 million required.

Desperate times are prompting desperate, and corrupt, measures.

Thieves steal food supplies and unscrupulous men promise to put women's names on the food list in exchange for unprotected sex.

That is not something that worried single mother Imelda Hicoombolwa, 49, who for the last three years has been one of a number of small farmers who gambled on agricultural diversification, opting for nutritious vegetables and using techniques adapted to climate change.

"Food is not a problem. I have it," she beamed.

Before 2017, Hicoombolwa cultivated almost only maize. Today, she harvests cowpeas, which need very little water, as well as peanuts, pumpkins and sunflowers.

"I can make 18,000 kwacha (1,100 euros,

\$1,222) a year. Before, I was making 8 000 kwacha a year," she said.

"Before, the children were missing school because I could not always pay the tuition fees. Not any more."

One big change is that Hicoombolwa no longer rushes to sow from the first rains. The farmers have learned to wait. In the recent past it was a different story, according to Allan Mulando of WFP.

"Once they see a drop they plant instead of waiting for the moisture to be good enough," he said.

Rain gauges have helped to change that attitude.

As part of a joint programme launched in 2015 by the UN agency and the Zambian government, 165 rain gauges were distributed to farmers in the Zambian districts most affected by the drought.

They have enabled the villagers to read the conditions and plant at the most propitious moment.

## Rain man

Mulando says the rule of thumb is not to plant anything below 20 to 25 millimetres (0.8 to one inch) of rain and to choose seeds that fit the weather forecast.

If a short rainy season is expected, for instance, choose seeds that will germinate quickly.

"If I had had access to this knowledge earlier, I would be relatively rich," said Godfrey Hapaka, a farmer.

"I would have a decent car and my children would not have missed school."

Next to his modest house surrounded by flourishing maize fields, a rain gauge was planted in an enclosure, its value underlined by a brand new screen put in place to protect it.

As soon as it rains, Hapaka, 58, checks the gauge and passes on the rainfall level to his neighbours.

Sadly, the message is often ignored. Hapaka said some of them are "reluctant" to use the information.

"They follow their parents and grandparents," he said. "They are stuck in the past."

Farmers are not the only ones to follow the rainfall closely.

From the Kariba dam on the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe, Geoffrey Chambisha, director of the power station on the Zambian side, watched the water level of the lake. He was worried.

In the 14 years he had been working at the dam, he had never seen it so low.

In early 2020, the water level was 476.61 metres (1,563.68 feet) above sea level. Its lowest level, set in 1996, was 475.93m (1,561.45 feet).

In the absence of sufficient rain, the dam, the main source of electricity in Zambia and Zimbabwe, is expected to operate at only 25 per cent of its capacity in 2020.

Inevitably the two countries are enduring long power cuts, up to 20 hours a day, which is having a knock-on effect on the two economies.

The town of Livingstone, where tourists from all over the world flock to admire the Victoria Falls, has been particularly hit.

"This year has been horrendously bad," said Andrew Murrin, a Briton who runs a six-bedroom hotel. *Sowetan Live*





## ECONOMICS TODAY

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## QUOTE

The ultimate purpose of economics, of course, is to understand and promote the enhancement of well-being.

- Ben Bernanke

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Nurturing sustainable growth

Unlike the western and Asian communities having successful businesses that remain competitive for generations and generations, in Africa, this seems to be a different story.

Businesses normally die with their owners. We have seen situations where a family business would start and thrive very well for some time, mainly as long as the owner was still alive, but as soon as he or she died or became sick, things would automatically turn out to be a down fall. The surviving family members would either be entangled in strife for power or riotously looting the entire business out of position.

The question about this could be why does this happen, and how can one avoid it from happening in the future after death or involved in a serious disability? While, the following are some of the common reasons:

## Lack of succession plan

Succession planning has always been a challenge among African businesses. Only a few manage this and are safe, but the majority, it's a total failure. African business people mainly fail to have a clear succession plan from one generation to the next as a result, when the bread winner died, the entire business would come to a standstill. Families in Africa should have successful laid out succession plans where the entire family was aware of, so that in case of that anything happened such as death of the breadwinner, life and business would continue. Leaders of family business should learn to read signs of the times and leave the arena for more energetic rivals. Within every family business, no matter how prominent and successful, are the seeds of its eventual demise and destruction.

## Selfishness

Most breadwinners do not like teaching their spouses and close family members the business tricks. For example, a man who was also a bread winner dies, leaving the surviving wife and children without the slightest idea of how the business was run. The entire family would soon lose out and suffer for the rest of their lives.

## Poor induction

Unlike the Asians such as the Indians, a first born child would be trained in the family business as soon as he or she was eight years; by the time that child was of age, he would have mastered the entire flow and tricks of the business. In Africa, most parents think teaching their children their business tricks was a waste of time, instead they would rather take their children to school to master other forms of skills and knowledge especially in the white collar profession. For example, a farmer in Africa would not wish to take his or her child to an agriculture college to become a better farmer, but he or she would prefer taking the child to do medicine. They forget that this was a sheer waste of time and reverting the wheel.

## Underrating their business

Thirdly, most African parents and guardians underestimate their businesses. They don't value them as compared to people from Asian and Western communities (the whites). They just take business as a form of survival and always think other professions were better off. A successful business person in Africa would wish to send his or her child to western schools to acquire knowledge and work for other businesses rather than their own.

# Why African family business fails



## Starting staying and dying small

Most African businesses were traditional ones, characterised with traditional, old style way of doing things; the usual buy and sell side of things. In most cases, there would be no strategic business model in place which was growth oriented. Instead, they would rather start small, operate small, and eventually die small, these are African businesses. Most Africans fear growth, hence they do and keep things small and simple. They just run businesses with the hope of flowing like water in the river, as long as there was direction of flowing; then it was fine. They forget that any successful business was dynamic in nature with new models which would not be overtaken by younger, and more vigorous, innovative organisations that would sooner or later burst onto the commercial scene.

Did you know that the famous dark Coca-Cola was first developed as medicine to cure morphine addiction and headaches? It was developed by an American Chemist, Dr John S. Pemberton on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 1886 in Atlanta, Georgia. Now, this so called medicine has become the most celebrated refreshing drink and successful international brand that exemplifies fun and friendship!

It is therefore the responsibility of a family leader to either preempt the business idea periodically reinventing the organisation by realigning it to its core values or to stay the inevitable for as long as possible by organising for orderly transitions between generations while improving on the idea. The principle of being starting small, remaining small, and die small is in real terms against the biblical teaching of God's commission to Man as it reads in the book of Genesis 1:28 that "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion" over all creation (Genesis 1:28).

This verse or commission does not only apply to sexual reproductively of humanity but to progressive nature of it because of the subduing which means taking over or competitive. Christian businesses must have the spirit of taking over or competitiveness if they were to survive.

Another biblical verse of business multiplication is the story told by Jesus about the talents as found in the book of Matthew 25:14-30 where the three traders were given money to invest and multiply. The first two were very successful and their master was glad with that, but the third one decided to remain small, hence he buried the money and gave it back to the master, he was very angry with him. He said, you foolish man how could you not multiply the investment, even if it was hard for you; at least you would have deposited the money in the bank for interest purposes (Reads verse 27 of Mathew chapter 25). This could also mean that keeping the money in the bank is the last thing a person should do though there was some interest being accumulated, but the best is to multiply and grow the business.

## Poor business structures and systems

One key trait of successful businesses, especially those that have existed through several generations, is the existence of a clear structure and business systems that help the business to operate effectively.

Structure is essential to every well-run business because it provides order, assigns responsibilities for key activities and improves accountability. Many African businesses cannot function independently of the founder. For example, in most African businesses, were family members were also employees, the owner would not be paying them accordingly as 'workers' and not as 'family members'. Another challenge under the structuring and system that have destroyed family members is the management of cash flow. In most cases, family members would be employed including very close ones such as sons and daughters, but whenever, a challenge happened among them that was cash related, the bread winner would just withdraw the money and give the nagging child despite having a salary at the end of the month. This tendency has destroyed many businesses. It is actually lack of discipline in simplest terms. A child or family member working for a family business must get paid accordingly and live within the means, work for the business

and get paid the next pay date if a business was to survive. If it was an urgent issue, then let the owner of the business write a recommendation to the bank in assistance of the family member to borrow money against his or her salary which will be deducted at the end of the month.

Therefore, business systems in a family business are very important as they promote having policies and procedures that govern everything from recruitment, employee conduct, finance and accounting, among others in the business, unlike the 'chaos', of running a family business on the rule of the jungle principles.

## Other factors that contribute to failed African businesses include:

- Luxurious lifestyle- mixing business with leisure
- Not being sensitive to the changes in market dynamics
- Polygamy and family disputes
- Unofficial children who claim rights after the death of the breadwinner
- Jealousy and witchcraft
- Employing and maintaining family members in strategic positions despite business expansion. For example, making a wife an accountant who pays workers based on her emotions and attitude.
- Failure to have a board of professionals both from within the family and outside the family circles.

## Conclusion

While families play a vital role in the starting and running of a family business, the owner of a business must ensure that proper systems and procedures were maintained as means of preserving the business otherwise, family members have the potential to destroy a brilliant and successful business.

- Fruitfulness can also mean creativity and innovativeness
- This can also apply to competitiveness of a business



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## QUOTE

A man loves the meat in his youth that he cannot  
endure in his age.

- William Shakespeare



LIVE SMART, BE ACTIVE,  
EAT WISELY

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A toddler is a child aged between 12 to 36 months (1-3 years). Toddler years are a time of great cognitive, emotional and social development. Other developments include language development, motor development, emotions and self-image, squatting and major learning events.

As toddlers grow day by day, their eating patterns change, majority of toddlers loose appetite and those are the years where they even lose weight because they do not eat hence they are busy with a lot of activities which form part of the development. At this stage, toddlers need close supervision when it comes to food as they may go without food for days. Food presentation is very important at this stage as they may easily lose appetite if food is not appealing to the eye.

## Nutrition of toddlers

Nutrition is not only for a healthy body, but also for a mind as well as for a developing and growing child. The meal of a toddler should consist mostly of healthy foods such as lean meats, poultry, sea foods, cereals, legumes and fresh or lightly processed fruits and vegetables.

Toddlers need nutrients such proteins, for growth and development, calcium for strong bones and teeth, vitamins, and minerals.

Toddlers should be given a minimal or limited treats such as sweets and chocolates. The best way to minimise temptations is to keep junk foods out of the house.

Toddlers develop a low appetite therefore a family plays a major role in influencing toddlers to eat healthy meals. Families should come together on time for meals as they provide the opportunity for the child to adapt and learn good eating habits. Dietary habits are shaped at a tender age therefore parents need to play a major role in teaching the child good dietary practices. "Monkey sees monkey does." It is very important for parents to practice good dietary practices so that the toddler learns from them. Eating behaviours established in childhood persist, with implications such as fussiness and poor dietary variety, or high responsiveness to food cues and increased obesity risk. Although eating behaviours and child weight are difficult to modify directly, parental feeding practices are potentially a good target for interventions to prevent unhealthy eating patterns and developing excess weight in children. Parents are influenced, in turn, by their children's behaviors and characteristics. Parents of preschool children have been found to adapt their controlling feeding practices in response to their child's weight: they tend to pressure infants who are lighter and have a smaller appetite, and restrict infants with larger appetites, in particular, if they are bottle-fed.

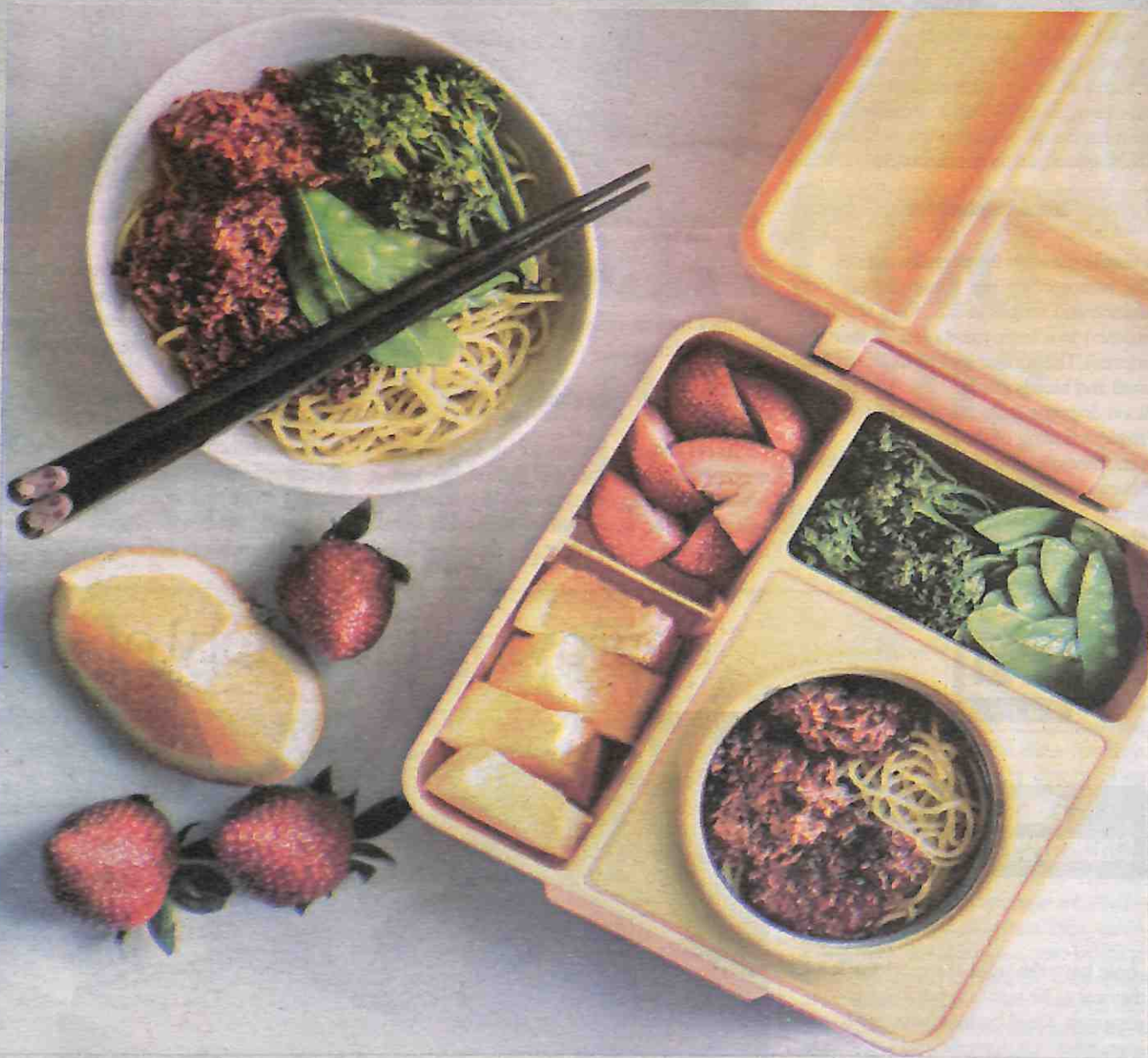
Toddlers need to learn to drink water rather than fizzy drinks which can lead to obesity.

## Points to consider when planning for toddlers

- Consider the toddler's nutritional need; preferences and allergies
- The appearance of the food (vegetables and fruits need to be shaped such that the toddler can easily eat them)
- The skills of the cook
- Time available
- Cost of the food
- Is the food balanced
- Make a menu
- Plan food in season as they are cheaper

# Healthy meals for toddlers

● 'They need a balance meal as well'



- Plan at least one meatless meal a week
- Enjoy grains more often
- Avoid highly seasoned food
- Plan to use left overs
- Know what the toddlers like to eat

## Problems in feeding toddlers

- Eating only certain types of foods
- Refusing to eat vegetables
- Refusing to chew
- Taking a long time to eat and keeping food in the mouth
- They choose their foods ( some want the

same food everyday)

- Toddlers are afraid of trying new foods
- Holding some of the foods in hostage (using a chocolate as a reward for eating raw carrots, the toddler learns that the dessert must be a better way than veggies)
- Not including your child in the conversation (if toddler gets attention and feels like he or she belongs, they then develop social skills and good table manners)
- Leaving the television on during feeding (toddlers need to focus on their food)

## How to solve the feeding challenges

- Give the toddler the food he/ she likes for meal
- Take advantage of snack time, gradually introduce the eating of fruits cut appropriately for the toddler to eat and swallow without choking
- Maintain the feeding time
- Avoid starch foods that will fill the toddler up without providing much nutrients
- Varyate foods, change the methods of cooking the food
- Phase out junk and treats in the house to minimise temptation



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Dogs are better than human beings because  
they know but do not tell.

- Emily Dickinson

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**S**AWs have held a number of Spay Clinics in the last seven years and a lot of the dogs had TVT. Transmissible Venereal Tumor (TVT) occurs in dogs and is a tumor of the external genitalia which rarely affects the mouth or nose. It is spread by sexual activity or social behaviour. It is also known as Sticker tumor or infectious sarcoma and is one of only three known transmissible cancers.

TVT is so successful because the tumors themselves are the infectious agents. The malignant tumor cells from one dog are transferred to another during copulation and by licking, biting and sniffing tumor affected areas.

Generally direct contact is not a highly efficient mode of disease transfer, but TVT thrives in domestic dogs where a single male can produce dozens of litters over his lifetime, allowing the tumor to affect many more females than it could in a monogamous species. *One male dog can infect 20 or more females.* The tumor does not often metastasise (spread to other parts of the body) except in puppies and immunocompromised dogs. When it spreads, it can spread from lymph nodes to the skin, brain, eye, liver, spleen, testicle and muscle.

## What to watch for

- A visible mass on the penis or vagina.
  - The tumor often has a cauliflower-like appearance and ranges in size from small (5 millimetres) to a large mass (greater than 10 centimetres). The surface is often ulcerated and inflamed and bleeds easily.
  - Blood dripping from the penis or vagina.
  - Frequent licking of the genitalia.
- In some cases the dog may not be able to pass urine because of a blockage of the urethra.
- Similar masses in the mouth or nose and nosebleeds or other nasal discharge.

# Transmissible Venereal Tumor (TVT)



## Diagnosis

Biopsy by a qualified veterinarian is necessary for diagnosis.

## Treatment

Tumors may be removed by surgery but surgery may be difficult due to the tumor locations and tumors often recur. However, the prognosis for a complete remission with chemotherapy is excellent. Treatment is dan-

gerous and must only be undertaken by a qualified veterinarian. If treatment is incorrectly given, the chemicals that destroy tumor cells will destroy the dog's healthy, normal cells.

## Prevention

TVT is most commonly seen in tropical and subtropical climates in large populations of sexually active stray dogs. *Spay or neuter your dog* and do not allow exposure to unknown dogs. If symptoms occur after sterilising, it

simply means that the dog was infected before the operation. Treatment is straightforward and a full recovery can be expected. In their natural wild state, canids are rarely affected by this disease because their populations are more spaced and their social behaviours more regulated. It is the way we keep and breed dogs in domestication that makes them prone to this ugly, painful and sometimes terminal cancer. Don't be responsible for inflicting this horrible disease on your dogs. *Sterilise all dogs by six months of age!!*



## Eswatini Standards Authority

## Improving the safety of street vended foods



**P**eople have the right to expect the food they eat to be safe and suitable for consumption. Food borne illness and food-borne injury are at best unpleasant; at worst, they can be fatal.

But there are also other consequences. Outbreaks of food borne disease can damage a country's health image, and lead to loss of earnings, unemployment and litigation. Food spoilage is wasteful, costly and can adversely affect business and consumer confidence.

In Eswatini, as is the case in many developing countries, there has been a tremendous growth in the trade of street vended foods. This informal trade, although still illegal in our country, has continued despite local authorities employing marshals to detain traders in an effort to try and curd its growth.

This then raises a policy question of how effective it is to out-law the trade. Given the socio-

economic changes that our society has gone through, it time to reconsider such a policy stance. The better approach, in my opinion, is to allow such trade and put in place such controls as to guard against harm to the health of our people. Increase in population and urbanisation continues fuel the growth of street vending of foods. This informal trade is a source of livelihood for a large number of low income workers and the urban poor. Besides, it provides a chance of self-employment and income for a lot of the families of the traders, especially

women headed homes.

In an effort to contribute to the improvement of the safety of street vended foods the Swaziland Standards Authority (SWASA) has, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders, developed the national standard SZNS CODEXSTAN CAC/GL 22 Guidelines for design of control measures for street vended foods. This standard lays a firm foundation for ensuring food hygiene. It recommends a HACCP-based approach wherever possible to enhance food safety as described in the Recommended

International Code of Practice – General Principles of Food Hygiene. The standard is commended to Government, Municipalities, industry (Including primary producers) and consumers as it provide provisions to be considered when elaborating street food control measures. The ultimate aim is to assist relevant authorities in upgrading the operation of the street food industry to ensure that the population has wholesome, safe and nutritious foods in accessible places.

This is a very practical and easy to follow standard. It has clear provisions for location, equipment, facilities, maintenance and cleaning, waste management and sanitation. Control operation provisions include cooking and handling, serving food and handling of unsold foods. All key aspects of hygiene control systems are outlined. Of key importance, which is also provided for in the standard, is the personal health of the vendors (Food Handlers). Food handlers should be of a good health status and personal cleanliness.

SWASA provides standards-based training. Relevant authorities can engage the organisation to train them and the vendors on the requirements of the standard. In collaboration with other partners, materials can be developed to better communicate to food handlers, who are mostly semi literate, the aspects of hygiene and food safety provisions of the standard.





## Untipping The Societal Scales

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### QUOTE

I see when men love women. They give them but a little of their lives. But women when they love give everything.

- Oscar Wilde

## Columns & Opinion

Winning a battle doesn't mean one has won the war. The latter continues well after several incidents have been recorded and even wildly celebrated.

Again in war, it is not how you start but what significantly counts is how you end. The same holds for the several sex escapades mankind enjoys with several people or the acquaintances and love relationships they make along the way. Nothing can be counted as casual! Anyone who so regards *umshudvo welican-si* and limits it only to fun is in for a shock be it with a girlfriend, a one night stand, a fiancée or even with one's spouse. Whatever the situation, place and circumstances under which one has to have sex, it is imperative that they come with their best amour coupled with a positive attitude. Truth be told, often times than not, the business of getting half or fully naked for someone for the purpose of intimacy can occur in the most unplanned of places and the worst inopportune of times. Casualty comes to play there and then and couples tend to forget the consequences, be they joyful or sad thereafter the undertaking. What has been divinely defined as a solemn undertaking can be done anywhere, anyhow and by anyone. It does really appear to be casual. However, by all means of balance, it ain't!

That stranger you slept with, the one night stand from a party or your colleague with whom you had sex at the backseat of a car or in a loo, the bush or even in the house has not rendered you casual or simple sex. The battle may have been easy and won in 20 seconds, a minute, five minutes or hours of illicit love making somewhere. The results cannot always be just for the fun of it. If the people involved in there weren't using protection, they will scientifically be infected or re-infected, which scourge they will transport elsewhere. Your fun today becomes trouble for the world because the infected will infect others and the chain goes on. At times you would still fantasizing about the moments when barely a week your spurring partner would call you, *atsi umibwa tintfo langatati* on very sensitive and most private aspects of their body. (S)he is actually saying you are the cause of the foreign elements making their unsightly and unwelcome visitation unto their physiques. Mngcongcodvo Ginarealized from the manner his wife threw her handbag on the floor that *umfulawawugcwele ugola tintsentse*. She withdrew from the very bag, certain documents that had medical emblems and inscriptions *kubonakala* by the handwriting *lenge-makipiloshi*. She threw the papers unto the man's face and upon inspecting them he realised uLaManana had been diagnosed with a venereal disease. He instantly remembered where he could have fetched it himself and brought it home. Before he was rudely advised to visit the clinic as well, he was berated like a naughty child and sprayed with all sorts of threats, divorce even!

A split-second intercourse can spray a bastard seed and the true paternity of that child may be revealed at the worst times of your marriage. Nothing can be casual about that. This beautiful woman gone to a trip with fellow workers lost all control in the arms of a manager and the end result *kwaba ngiko kucindzetelana phansi kwesihle noko*. Lo and Behold! Unbeknown to her, she fell pregnant and coming back home, she quickly organised termination for the foreign package develop-

ing and filling up her married tummy. The procedure went wrong, complicated and near fatal. The husband has to be roped in during the treatment and everything was revealed to her, *make abehushula*. After she had recovered, two things awaited her, prison for the illegal abortion and the wrath of her husband.

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**The moment your wife closes the door *bese udzilita konkhelokusemtimbeni*, she is apt for a war, a really tug. Before you commit unto marriage as a man, you should be assured, your equipment is in order and you have enough stamina *kutetemisa lomntfwanebantfu* for the whole night she desires *kuhholola kwesihle*.**

She had to tell the truth. A bystander, a friend even would have seen nothing wrong with *umlobokati, kukha imibhidvo etaleni* espe-

cially when the sun was out and all the mice may come out to play. Married men have had their well hidden secrets of illegitimate children springing out when they thought everything was under control. That other woman would want to spoil the party, go to the media and spill the beans. Not one woman married to a male husband, no matter how much she would have thought how faithful he was would tolerate a bastard child begotten from casual sex. Her anger and ultimate treatment of the matter will complicate things 20 years after you would have had the fun! You are not going to date a woman, even as a girlfriend and hope you would make love to her only when it suits you. This happens often times but not with married men. He has his wife and can only be with the girlfriend, once in a blue moon. Before the day or night is out, he would have jumped out of bed *ajake ekhaya*. Now that is casual sex. This is a complete and beautiful woman with all the God's given blessings on point, beheld and appreciated by all and sundry. She will tempt and be tempted by available tenders whilst you cannot disentangle yourself from the iron clutches of your wife! You are lucky if she replaces you or you will someday catch her in the act and she blames you for not being always available especially at times when she needed you the most. Or whilst you both think you are doing anything and everything for fun she gets pregnant and she decides, she to keep the child and by extension very much keen to keep the dad as well. For the first time she

realises you were casual in the true sense with her. The man neither wants the child nor the mother. He seriously speaks about his marriage and the next time you see him, he has his wedding band the one he had never shown you before. Societal Scales once had the benefit of a couple's fellowship where a female pastor emphasized about the importance of sex to a married woman. It cannot, never was, and will never be casual. It ought to occur, not necessarily when the man wants it but especially when the woman burns for it. The moment your wife closes the door *bese udzilita konkhelokusemtimbeni*, she is apt for a war, a really tug. Before you commit unto marriage as a man, you should be assured, your equipment is in order and you have enough stamina *kutetemisa lomntfwanebantfu* for the whole night she desires *kuhholola kwesihle*. These men of today, are casual in the marital bedroom where they should be serious. He will have sex when he desires or often times *adzakwe* the entire weekend *abuye* back in the house fatigued, inebriated or wasted from outside sex. Married women complain, not because there ain't sex but most because it is not done properly. This guy whose wife was in the habit of wearing the most and the thickest of pyjamas woke her up one wintry night. Peeling off her night wear, she was swearing to him, *Ngike nje ngikhumulele lite, utan-gibona kahle*. This threat was to the effect that the man was not giving her good sex; almost always!



# Like a war field, there is nothing casual about sex





## QUOTE

Treasure the love you receive above all.  
It will survive long after your good health  
has vanished.

- Og Mandino



## Who are these so-called "Condom People"?

You might be familiar with the paint-splattered 'Got it? Get it.' vehicles that drive throughout our beloved Kingdom; and perhaps you once asked yourself, "What do they got?" and "How can you, (or even I), get it?" You might even recall seeing these same 'Got it? Get it.' signs outside of your local grocery shops, pharmacies, or bars and wonder what they represent. Valid questions deserve proper attention and factual answers, therefore continue reading below to have this curiosity itch alleviated.

**Population Service International**, also known by its acronym: PSI, was founded in January 1970 — 50 years ago — by Phil Harvey and Dr. Tim Black. Since the insemination of our post, PSI/Eswatini, almost 20 years ago, we have heavily impacted the lives of emaSwati through our condom and lubricant distribution and promotion program. Beyond the general public, PSI/Eswatini has a special place in its heart for the youth.

PSI/Eswatini is in the fifth year of its youth condom campaign, Got it? Get it., which is why you might now understand the aforementioned paint-splattered vehicles and boarded signs! Got it? Get it., also known as 'GiGi', promotes condom use to youth and ensures availability of condoms at youth-friendly outlets.

To answer the big question, **PSI/Eswatini is the "Condom People"** and we are not only proud of our local nickname, but we also take great delight in the 50-year condom distribution, international legacy PSI has cultivated across the globe. This month, we commemorate International Condom Day by hosting several events.

### Join us:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> February @ Hlane for the maganu ceremony
- 29<sup>th</sup> February @ Sibebe Resort. Featuring Something Soweto, Kaygee & Bizizi and many more

If you're looking for a different variety and have the cash to spice up things in the bedroom, we also can hook you up with condoms that are **flavoured** for those taste buds... or **ribbed and studded** for those who want more sensation... or **even extra thin** for those who like to live closer to the edge (*uyabona ne?*)

You can send us a ping via the following ways:

- WhatsApp (7802 6114)
- Call '1212' for free
- DM (direct message) us with Twitter or Facebook on the following pages: Litsembe Letfu, New Start Swaziland, or Got it? Get it.

If you feel more courageous, leave us a comment on any of our posts too.



We would like to hear from you. Contact us for your feedback or question. Call 1212 for free and follow us on social media.



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### Special Feature

By Paul Smeaton

## Putin says no to gay 'marriage' in Russia

- President Putin said the definition of marriage as a union of a man and a woman should be added to the Russian constitution.

**R**USSIA — Russian President Vladimir Putin said that the traditional definition of marriage as being between a man and a woman should be added to the Russian constitution, adding that under his leadership Russia would not adopt terms such as "parent number 1" and "parent number 2."

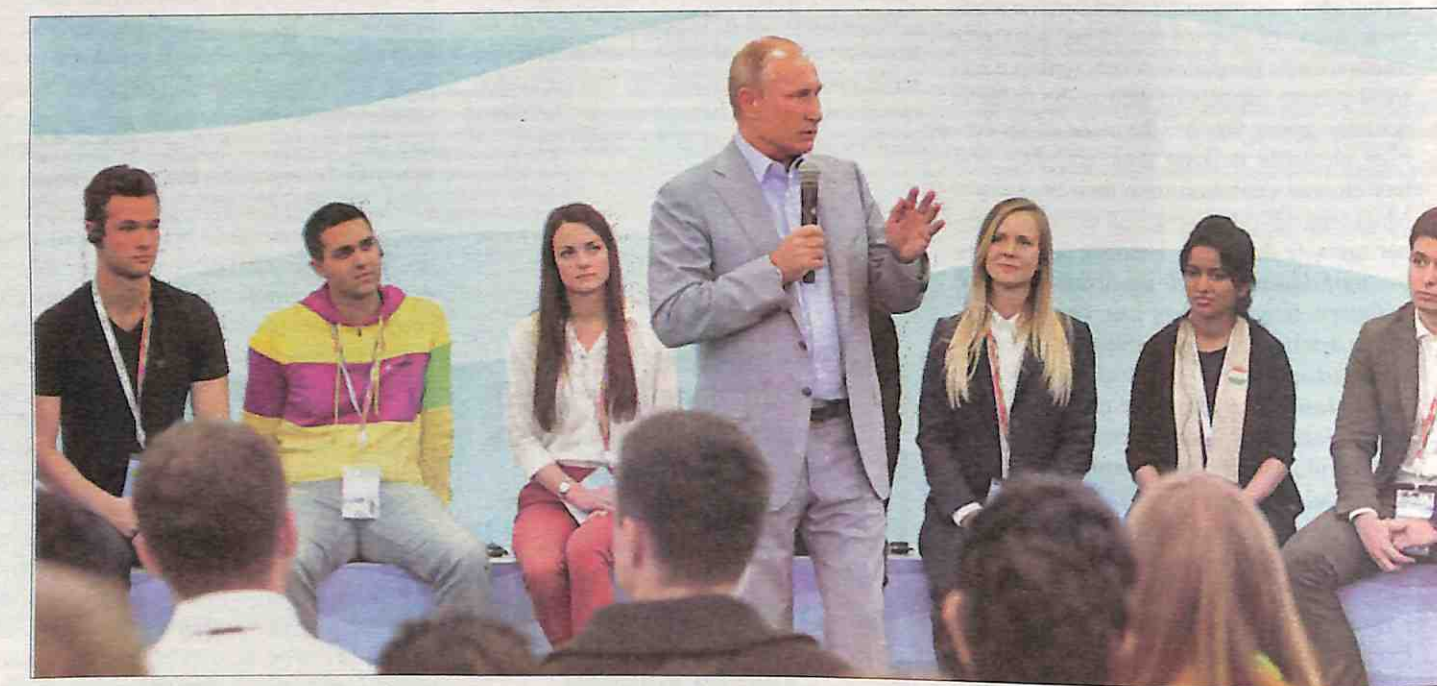
Putin made the comments last Thursday at a meeting to discuss Russian constitutional reform. During a discussion on family values in Russia, conservative lawmaker, Olga Batalina, said that some people would like the word "family" to be defined in the constitution as a "union of a man and a woman."

"We need to clarify some things. A marriage is a union of a man and woman," Putin responded. "A family is a different thing, but the idea is right and it should be supported. We need to only think about how to formulate it and where."

Batalina also claimed that the family is under attack from attempts to introduce new terms like "parent number one" and "parent number two."

"This is not fantasy, this is reality in some countries," she said.

Putin responded: "As for 'parent #1' and 'parent #2', I have already publicly said it and I will repeat it once more: as long as I am president, we will not have parents #1 and #2, we will have 'papa' and 'mamma.'"



President Vladimir Putin meets with working group on proposals for amendments to Russian Constitution at the Novo-Ogaryovo state residence, Moscow, Russia, Feb. 13, 2020. RT / Youtube screen grab.

Last year France passed a law requiring that schools replace the words "mother" and "father" in their documents with "parent 1" and "parent 2." In Italy in 2018, then Deputy Prime Minister, Matteo Salvini, ordered that

the words "parent 1" and "parent 2" be deleted from online government forms and replaced with "mother" and "father."

In 2013 Putin signed a bill to outlaw the promotion of homosexuality, "same-sex mar-

riage," and Gay Pride parades throughout the Russian Federation. The law imposes stiff fines or prison terms for spreading "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations." He also supported measures to stop same-sex couples "married" overseas from adopting children in Russia.



# Focus on SA Scene

## Your Daily Mzansi News

### Boy Mamabolo apologises to Malema for 'false' abuse allegations

**L**IMPOPO - ANC MP Boy Mamabolo has apologised to Economic Freedom Fighters leader Julius Malema and his wife, Mantoa, for abuse allegations.

Mamabolo stirred up trouble in Parliament during President Cyril Ramaphosa's State of the Nation (SONA) address after accusing Malema of abusing his wife Mantoa.

As the EFF was demanding that FW De Klerk leave Parliament before Ramaphosa's address, Mamabolo stood up on a point of order and said the House was being abused, in the same manner that Malema's wife was allegedly being abused. During the SONA debate on Tuesday, Mamabolo

again repeated the allegations.

Mamabolo said he raised the question to Malema because of Ramaphosa's call on MPs to expose gender-based violence.

He started getting messages from "jealous" friends called 'Friends of Mantoa' telling him about the alleged abuse since November last year.

"I was therefore actually wrong to raise the matter in public without consulting with you as my former family friends to verify these false allegations from jealous friends of Mantoa."

"I would like to take this opportunity to apologise and retract the insensitive statements that I have made in Parliament and outside regarding

gender-based violence which was allegedly happening in your household.

"I humbly request you to accept my sincere apology, I wish you a Happy Malema Family (as I've always did) jealous must never break you, stay strong my comrades (sic)."

On Thursday, Malema denied ever abusing his wife or any other woman, and vowed to resign as an MP and president of the EFF should anyone provide evidence proving otherwise.

"I would like to reiterate that I have never laid a hand on my wife or any other woman in my life."

*The Citizen*



**APOLOGISES:** ANC MP Boy Mamabolo.

# STAY IN CHINA

**J**OHANNESBURG - The desperate parents of students stuck in China because of the coronavirus outbreak there called for the immediate evacuation of their children during a meeting with government departments and the Free State premier in Bloemfontein on Wednesday. The government, however, insists that the Chinese authorities should be left to handle South Africans based there. The international relations and co-operation department's Director of Consular services Chris Chetty told the assembled parents that government was working with China to ensure the safety of South Africans in that country and had established a 24-hour helpline.

"There are 197 South Africans in Hubei Province and we have spoken to 122 of them, who say they are safe — apart from anxiety — and are better off in China rather than being moved to other states, since China has better medical services," he said.

Chetty said South Africa would be following the advice of the World Health Organisation (WHO), which had advised that people not be evacuated. The national health department's Deputy Director-General Dr Yogan Pillay, told parents that China's efforts in dealing with the coronavirus outbreak were commendable. "They have taken all the measures to make sure there are less chances of those from outside being affected. We are guided by WHO."

...government tells homesick South Africans



**DISCARDED PLANS:** Last week the government mulled using Thaba Nchu as a quarantine and screening area for evacuated citizens. It has now decided to keep citizens in China. (Delwyn Verasamy/M&G)

And they have advised against trying to bring anyone back home. Even if we bring people back to South Africa, we would have to quarantine them for 14 days first," said Pillay.

It seems, however, that fears that South Africa might not have the capacity to handle the coronavirus strain — Covid-19 — if it evacuates its citizens are at the centre of the government's decision to leave them in the hands of the Chinese authorities.

The Mail & Guardian has seen a government memorandum detailing all the options available and what action

should be taken in relation to Covid-19 as well as the pressure the government is subjected to as it is portrayed as being insensitive towards its citizens holed up in China.

The majority of the students there are in Wuhan, in the Hubei Province, the epicentre of the outbreak. The number of daily confirmed cases excluding Hubei, have reportedly decreased from 890 to 444 and the number of confirmed cases increased by 2 618 in Hubei, which forced authorities there to increase the number of health workers. *Mail & Guardian*

### Gauteng battling with male condom shortage

**J**OHANNESBURG - The Gauteng Department of Health is experiencing a shortage of male condoms yet no one wants to touch female condoms that are in abundance.

From reason such that they take too long to insert and that they are not user friendly, female condoms are not the preferred method for many sexually active people according to the department's Philani Mhlungu. While the department is scrambling around to ensure that suppliers deliver condoms, Mhlungu said they have a consistent supply of female condoms "Poor demand generation contributed to the low up-take for female condoms. Based on informal interviews with the public, female condoms were said to be 'not user friendly', 'time consuming to insert', and 'prefer males to use a condom', to name a few."

"Following a demand generation workshop held in October and November 2019, the province has seen a gradual improvement in distribution. More training is planned for March 2020," he said. This comes

after the DA's Jack Blosoms revealed that the department was failing "dismally" to distribute condoms to prevent HIV/AIDS infection. Bloom said only 91 million out of the target of 165 million male condoms had been distributed and only 2.7 million out of the target of 4.1 million female condoms. "The reason given for missing the target for female condoms is that 'Uptake of female condoms is still low'."

More work needs to be done to promote and market the condom," Bloom said, adding that the situation was problematic as about 50 000 people still get infected with HIV in Gauteng every year. Mhlungu admitted that they had challenges with condom distribution because of suppliers who could not meet demand. He said in the third quarter for 2019-2020 they ordered 85 323 600 condoms.

"This was to cover the Gauteng Department of Health in terms of distributing 55 000 000 pieces targeted for the quarter. Of the 10 suppliers, only three were able to deliver stock for Quarter 3, which was completed in January 2020." *The Star*

### 'I will never let any man abuse me'

**J**OHANNESBURG - Economic Freedom Fighters leader Julius Malema's wife, Mantoa, has accepted President Cyril Ramaphosa's apology after ANC MP Boy Mamabolo falsely accused the EFF leader of abusing his wife.

Mantoa said though she accepted the president's apology, Parliament should never be used to humiliate women. "It should never be a platform where women are a weapon in an attempt to neutralise political opponents in a general masculine, toxic exchange."

As I'm sure you would agree, this is an insult to all women, especially those who are victims of this scourge." Mantoa further denied being abused by her husband, and said she would never let any man abuse her, as her duty was to teach her three sons that abuse should never be tolerated. She said: "As a woman, I have no option, none whatsoever, but to be person-

ally committed to the fight against abuse of women. All women are — because our society gives us no other option.

As a result, I will never let any man abuse me, neither will I ever look away when other women are abused. "I have a duty to be faithful to the history of my body, which is mobilised all the time, to settle masculine competitions between men. Thus, the assault on me, under your watch in Parliament was, in essence, an assault on your daughter, your wife, your mother and all the women in the country."

"Personally I'm nurturing three boys of my womb, and they will grow up to become gentlemen. I cannot make them gentle and responsible men by concealing violence in my own home and private space, doing so will be teaching them that violence can be tolerated."

*The Citizen*

### Mpianzi's family wants those guilty of wrongdoing charged

**R**USTENBURG - The family of a Parktown Boys' High School Grade Eight pupil who drowned while attending an orientation camp near Brits in North West wants those found guilty of wrongdoing to be criminally charged.

This as they embark on a civil case following the death of 13-year-old Enock Mpianzi, who drowned in the Crocodile River while at the Nyati Bush and Riverbreak Lodge.

"If people committed criminal offences during this harrowing event, charges need to be laid against people who were at the event when it took place, alternatively maybe the principal, even the government."

Criminal charges must be instituted and whoever is liable must be called to account," the family's legal representative, Ian Levitt, told News24 on Thursday night.

He said a civil claim would also be

instituted once the forensic investigation report, which is being compiled by Harris Nupen Molebatsi Attorneys, was completed. The report was meant to be released on Thursday evening.

However, two hours before it was due to be released, the department postponed it, saying it would be "insensitive" to release it without the family's blessings. Levitt said the family was struggling to come to terms with Enock's death, adding they were in a bad state. *Daily Mail*



# Focus on Africa News

Continental News

FOCUS ON LESOTHO'S PRIME MINISTER'S MURDER CHARGES

## LESOTHO PM LEAVES COUNTRY AS MURDER CHARGES LOOMS

**M**ASERU-Lesotho's Prime Minister Thomas Thabane has failed to appear in court to face charges of murdering his estranged wife in 2017.

An aide and Mr Thabane's son say the 80-year-old leader is receiving treatment in neighbouring South Africa.

His current wife Maesaiah Thabane has already been charged with the murder.

Mr Thabane would be the first African leader to be charged with a domestic

murder while in office, in a case that has shocked the tiny mountain kingdom. He has not commented on the allegations.

He was expected in court at 09:00 local time (07:00 GMT) to face murder charges, reports the Reuters news agency.

"He is not attending court, he has gone for a medical check up in South Africa," his personal secretary Thabo Thakalekoala told news agency AFP, adding that it was a "routine" medical

check.

a public ceremony in 2017

Mr Thabane said on state radio on Thursday that he had served the nation "diligently" and he would retire at the end of July. "I've worked for a peaceful and stable Lesotho. Today... at my age, I have lost most of my energy," he was quoted as saying.

He did not mention the allegations against him. The ruling All Basotho Convention had given him a deadline of Thursday to resign.

### How did the murder take place?

**L**ipolelo was gunned down at close range on the side of a dirt road while returning to her home in a small village on the outskirts of the capital, Maseru. She was involved in bitter divorce proceedings with Thabane when she was killed.

At the time, the prime minister was living with Maesaiah, 42, as if she were his wife.

But Lipolelo had already won a separate legal battle to be recognised as First Lady, rather than Maesaiah. Maesaiah accompanied Thabane to his inauguration, following his estranged wife's death.

Two months later she and Thabane

got married in a Catholic ceremony held at a packed stadium in Maseru.

Maesaiah posed for photographers at the prime minister's residence earlier this week

Maesaiah was charged with her rival's murder on February 5, and is out on bail of about \$67 (£52). She has also been charged with the attempted murder of a family friend Thato Sibolla, who was with Lipolelo at the time of the shooting and is expected to be a key witness in the murder case.

Maesaiah has not yet been asked to enter a plea.

Bbc news



### The characters at the heart of Lesotho's murder drama

**M**ASERU-The wife of the prime minister of Lesotho has been formally charged in court with murdering his previous wife.

It is the latest twist in a story that has garnered huge international interest with its mix of power and intrigue. But who are the four characters at the centre of this drama?

#### Maesaiah Thabane - The accused

Many years ago, she gave up a village life to go and find work in the capital, Maseru.

This is where the 42-year-old met her future husband, Prime Minister Thomas Thabane, who is nearly twice her age. Sometime after Thabane had separated from his then-wife Lipolelo Thabane in 2012, Maesaiah began living with him and took on the duties of a first lady.

In 2017, a colourfully dressed Maesaiah accompanied him to his

inauguration for a second term as prime minister. This was

just two days after Lipolelo

was gunned down. Two months later she became Thabane's third wife, marrying the

prime minister in a Catholic ceremony held at a packed stadium in Maseru. Since then, Maesaiah has been repeatedly accused of having

undue influence over the government, accusations that her husband has denied.

Thabane is one of the continent's oldest leaders and has spent most of his working life as a politician. No stranger to political rivalry, Thabane once fled to South Africa, alleging a coup plot by the military and had to be escorted back by the police to the mountain kingdom.

#### Lipolelo Thabane - The victim

According to a friend, she was the exact opposite of the woman accused of murdering her - a quiet and unassuming woman who played the role of a traditional housewife.

"She accommodated all the Thabane clan and family, and adopted the four children from the prime minister's first marriage. One child was

autistic. She raised all of them and gave them the best schooling," said the friend, who spoke to the BBC on condition of anonymity.

Lipolelo proved to be a fighter when Thabane filed for divorce, challenging the decision in court.

"She was prepared to accept that he had another woman, but divorce was out of the question because she did not want to lose the benefits that come with being a first lady," the friend added.

Her life ended brutally on June 14, 2017 at the age of 58. She was shot dead at close range on the side of a dirt road while returning to her

home in the small village of HaMasana on the outskirts of Maseru.

At the time of her death, she was still fighting divorce proceedings, even though she had been living apart from her husband for five years. Two years earlier, during her husband's first term in office, she had won a court battle to continue to be recognised as Lesotho's first lady.

A court overturned an instruction Thabane gave to his officials to cancel Lipolelo's spousal benefits and instead offer them to Maesaiah, who had been living with the prime minister as if she was his wife.

Thomas Thabane - The husband

Prime Minister Thabane, 80, is known as a strategic operator but did not anticipate this scandal that may spell the end of his political career. He has also been questioned in connection with Lipolelo's murder but has made no comment on the case. In 2017, he described it as a "senseless killing".

He divorced his first wife, Yayi, before marrying Lipolelo and then Maesaiah.

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Holomo Molibeli - The policeman

He is Lesotho's most senior policeman, and it is his investigation that has placed the prime minister and his current wife at the centre of a murder case that could bring about their downfall.

He implicated the couple in court papers filed to stop Thabane from removing him from his post.

Court documents seen by the AFP News Agency contained a letter from Mr Molibeli to the prime minister dated December 23, 2019.

In it he wrote: "The investigations [into the murder] reveal that there was a telephonic communication at the scene of the crime in question... with another cell phone... The cell phone number belongs to you."

But Thabane has in turn accused Mr Molibeli of presiding over a brutal police force saying that was the reason he wanted him gone.

BBC News

### If Thabane tries to flee justice, we will issue arrest warrant

**M**ASERU - If it is established that Lesotho Prime Minister Thomas Thabane is trying to flee justice, then the police will issue an arrest warrant, the country's deputy police commissioner said yesterday.

The officer was speaking after Thabane failed to appear in court in connection with the killing of his first wife. Thabane was due in court at 9 a.m. (0700 GMT) over the death of Lipolelo Thabane, who was shot dead in June 2017 near her home in the capital Maseru two days before he took office. But the 80-year-old leader did not appear. Police said on Thursday that Thabane was to be charged with Lipolelo's murder.

Thabane's current wife, Maesaiah Thabane, 42, has already been charged with ordering the killing but is currently out on bail. "He has gone to South Africa to see a doctor," Thabane's son Potlako said by telephone. "He's not fled the country," he added.

Thabane's Private Secretary Thabo Thakalekoala said the prime minister would be back in Lesotho some time this weekend. Lipolelo, then 58, and Thabane were going through an acrimonious divorce at the time of her death, when an unknown assailant shot her dead in her car.

Maesaiah and Thomas Thabane, who married two months after Lipolelo's killing, have denied any involvement in her death. Reuters

### Tight police presence outside Court ahead Thabane's appearance

**M**ASERU - Lesotho police maintained a strong presence at the Maseru Magistrates Court yesterday morning where Prime Minister Tom Thabane appeared.

Thabane was expected to be charged with murder, attempted murder, and malicious damage to

property.

His supporters were also gathered in Maseru to rally behind the embattled prime minister.

Police Spokesperson Mpitso Mopeli said: "Police are deployed around Maseru Magistrates Court where the prime minister will appear in court today." EWN

### Supporters to rally around embattled Thabane at court appearance

**M**ASERU - Supporters of Lesotho Prime Minister Tom Thabane gathered at the Maseru Magistrates Court where he was expected to appear and be charged with the murder of his estranged wife, Lipolelo.

Some of those supporters have said they are viewing the action as an affront to Thabane, who is facing calls to step down.

On Thursday, he made another statement saying that he would retire by the end of July or earlier.

Thabane is expected to appear between 8am and 9am and by that time both the courtroom and the premises are expected to be full.

However, it's now clear that Prime Minister Thabane's NEC was taken by surprise when he appeared on government's Radio Lesotho yesterday, saying he would step down by the end of July. He did say, however, that he would step down when parliamentary and party processes had been concluded.

EWN



# Focus on World News

Global News

## 'IT'S UNACCEPTABLE!'

**L**ONDON - Queen Elizabeth II had "grave concerns" about Kate Middleton before she joined the Royal Family, branding her work ethic "unacceptable", a book has revealed.

Amid claims that Meghan Markle and Prince Harry tried to "have their cake and eat it" when it comes to royal life, it appears the Duchess of Cambridge was also accused of a similar thing. Kate, who now has a very good relationship with the Queen, dated Prince William for nearly a decade before they finally tied the knot. It was the Queen who, according to Katie Nicholl's 2011 book 'The Making of a Royal Romance', did not want William to propose to Kate until she was employed.

In fact, two years before William popped the question, Her Majesty raised concerns about her future granddaughter-in-law.

The pair had met several times at formal occasions, but the monarch knew "little of the girl who had enchanted her grandson". Ms Nicholl wrote: "Privately [the Queen] had grave concerns and believed that Kate needed to have a job and an identity in her own right before an engagement was announced." She added: "[The

...Queen's brutal Kate Middleton snub exposed

Queen] is one of the hardest-working royals, despite her age, and that a future member of the Royal Family was without a full-time job was unacceptable to her."

A source apparently told her: "It is Her Majesty's opinion that if Kate is one day going to be William's consort, then she needs a proper job."

"Swanning from one five-star holiday resort to another is not the prerequisite for a young woman possibly destined to be Queen." In this way, the Queen wanted Kate to understand that being a member of the Royal Family is not easy - they have to work hard. She could not enjoy all the benefits of being married to the future King without putting some effort into being a public figure, doing charity work and fulfilling her duty.

In this way, she had to accept that she couldn't just sit and wait for William to propose - the Duchess was dubbed 'Waity Katey' during this time - because she would not just be marrying a man, but marrying into the institution of the Royal Family. Similarly, the Duchess of Sussex

was told that she had to accept everything that comes with royal life, or not at all - and of course, Meghan and Harry have now chosen 'not at all'. The main difference between these two experiences seems to be that Kate was warned about this long before she got married, and so had time to adjust and change her behaviour. Meanwhile, Meghan and Harry's romance was far more of a whirlwind, experiencing it in the public eye after just a few months.

By the time they got engaged, the Sussexes had not even known each other for two years. However, in Kate's situation, after the Queen decided that she should be doing more, it was suggested to the future Duchess that she got involved with charity work.

This led her to start working with Starlight, a charity for terminally ill children.

Kate also worked briefly at fashion house Jigsaw before moving on to work with her family on their business Party Pieces.

In this way, she stepped up her work to reflect what a future Queen Consort might be expected to do. *The Express*

## Russia is interfering again in 2020 election

**WASHINGTON** - A senior intelligence official told lawmakers that Russia is interfering in the 2020 election to re-elect Donald Trump, it emerged Thursday Night.

The New York Times revealed that the official was part of a briefing to the House Intelligence Committee, which is chaired by Democratic Trump enemy Adam Schiff, and told lawmakers of both parties about Russia's backing for a second Trump term.

The committee members were briefed that Russia favours Trump, CNN reported, and were also told about its efforts to hack and attack election infrastructure and the Kremlin's continued attempts to use social media platforms in its campaign of distrust. Vladimir Putin's operatives want to both help Trump and create public doubts about the outcome of the election, the officials briefed lawmakers during the

session about 'the integrity of our upcoming elections.' One lawmaker told the Daily Beast that the officials briefed them that: "It continues with the same target, and the same purpose, and it's clear that they [the Russians] favour one candidate over the other."

Trump was furious when he learned that Schiff had been briefed that intelligence officials believe Russia is trying to aid his re-election - and wrongly believed it was only the Democrat who had been briefed.

The president believed the information would be used against him, sources told the New York Times.

Schiff was the lead Democratic house manager at Trump's impeachment trial, which ended in his acquittal earlier this month.

In the wake of learning that Schiff had been briefed, Trump had a furious confrontation with the acting Director of National Intelligence, Joseph Maguire. *Daily Mail*

## Scientists have completed a coronavirus vaccine

**NEW YORK** - Scientists at Greffex, a Houston, Texas-based genetic engineering company, claim they've created a coronavirus vaccine.

The company told the Houston Business Journal that it had completed development of the vaccine and it is ready for animal testing and review by US regulators.

It comes after UK scientists announced they'd begun testing their shot, and researchers at the University of Texas at Austin announced they'd made compound they believe can serve as a vaccine.

Countless scientists around the world are racing to do the same, though they're taking many different approaches. Developing a vaccine, however, is just the first step toward distributing one. Most estimates suggest that from testing and production it could take between 18 months and two years, though Greffex has not announced its timeline. Greffex said that, for the

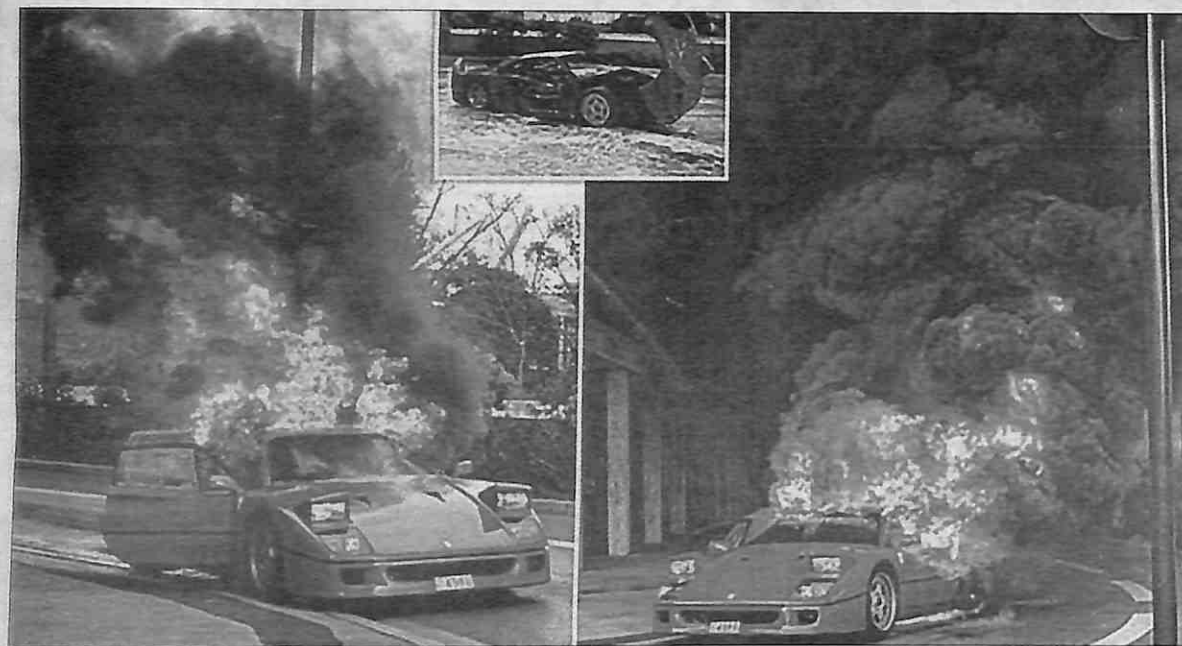
sake of safety, its scientists did not use any form of the coronavirus itself - either live or inactivated - to make its vaccine. Most vaccine contain either live attenuated virus or an inactive form of the pathogen. However, the coronavirus is so poorly understood, has spread so quickly and has killed enough people that scientists at Greffex did not want to risk exposure that could trigger the life-threatening illness known as COVID-19.

Scientists at the genetic engineering company have instead built their vaccine on an adenovirus.

Adenoviruses are among the most common causes of viral respiratory infections, accounting for between two and five per cent of colds.

They're also widely used in the making of vaccines. Other companies are basing their candidate vaccines on ones previously developed during the SARS outbreak but abandoned once the virus subsided within six months.

*Daily Mail*



**IN FLAMES:** The Ferrari F40 sent towering plumes of black smoke into the sky after the rear of the vehicle ignited in Monte Carlo. When firefighters finally extinguished the flames the car was left as a blackened and melted hulk (inset), before it was towed away by authorities. The Italian manufacturer only made 1,311 F40s, which can reach speeds of 228mph, in the late 1980s and early 1990s. (*Daily Mail*)

### BRIEFS

#### Putin sacks prominent hardliner

**MOSCOW** - Russian President Vladimir Putin has fired a veteran, once close adviser Vladislav Surkov who until recently managed Moscow's relations with war-torn Ukraine. Surkov, seen as a hardliner by many in Kiev, was dismissed in a terse two-line statement on the Kremlin website. His sacking, which coincided with a flare-up in fighting in eastern Ukraine, had been rumoured for weeks. The decree was issued a week after the Kremlin said a senior Ukrainian-born Russian official, Dmitry Kozak, was now in charge of managing Moscow's relations with Ukraine, effectively sidelining Surkov.

*Reuters*

#### China reports 114 new deaths

**BEIJING** - The Chinese health authority said it received reports of 394 new confirmed cases of novel coronavirus infection and 114 deaths from 31 provincial-level regions and the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps. Among the deaths, 108 were in Hubei Province and one in Hebei, Shanghai, Fujian, Shandong, Yunnan and Shaanxi, respectively, according to the National Health Commission. Another 1,277 new suspected cases were reported, said the commission. On Wednesday, 1,779 people were discharged from hospital after recovery, while the number of severe cases decreased by 113 to 11,864.

*DPA*

#### Trump blasts best-picture Oscar

**COLORADO** - President Donald Trump ridiculed the historic best-picture Oscar win for South Korean film "Parasite," telling a campaign rally he wished for the return of Hollywood classics like 1939's "Gone with the Wind." "Parasite," a dark social satire about the gap between rich and poor in modern Seoul, earlier this month became the first non-English-language film to take Hollywood's top prize. It also won three other Oscars - best director and original screenplay for Bong Joon Ho and best international feature film. "How bad were the Academy Awards this year?" asked Trump at the rally in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

*AFP*

#### Prayer leader stabbed inside mosque

**LONDON** - A prayer leader in his 70s was stabbed in a London mosque and the assailant was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, police and mosque officials said. "The attacker was apprehended by the worshippers until the police arrived and arrested him," the London Central Mosque Trust said in a statement. "The muezzin did not sustain any life-threatening injuries but was seriously injured and is being treated at the hospital." London's Metropolitan Police said detectives did not believe the incident was terrorism-related. "A 29-year-old man, who is believed to have been attending prayers, was arrested inside the mosque on suspicion of attempted murder," they added in a statement.

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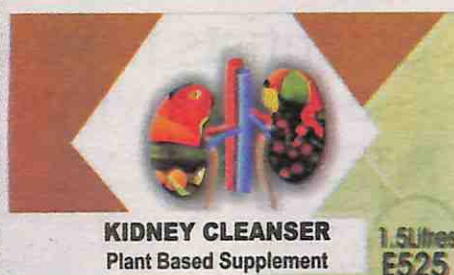


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*Death brings pain that time can only heal, no words could ease what we truly feel but with God, her joy is eternally sealed, and cherish her memories that death can't even steal*

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Mbali Trevos  
Mashinini

Friends and relatives of Mbali Trevos Mashinini are notified that he is late. Funeral on Saturday at his parental home. ....after a night vigil e Mkhaya (Siphofaneni). Rest in peace Guliwe. RN137394

REST IN PEACE



Mafela Elphas Dlamini  
(Bhadlabhadla)

Kwatiswa bantfwabenkhosi baka Makhuluma, baka Sibhebhu baka Hlophe ekhabonina, baka Dvuba ekhakhakhe kuMalutha, Indvuna yesihonco saseMbekelweni, bangani ba Mafela Elphas Dlamini (Bhadlabhadla) kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngelisonfo 23/02/2020 emvakwemlindzelo ekhaya eMbekelweni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



Thoko Beatrice  
Handrieter LaMamba

On behalf of Joseph Handrieter and family sadly announce the passing on of Thoko Beatrice Handrieter LaMamba. There will be a memorial service at the cathedral at 3pm followed with a night vigil on Friday in Ngwane Park at her home. She will be laid to rest at 5am on 22 February Saturday at Ntabamhloshana.



Lucas Ntubaka  
Makhanya

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Lucas Ntubaka Makhanya kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhakhakhe ka Dlamini emphini ka Gwabhe baka Dlamini eBaleni kanye nebakubo eBuseleni. Utawufihlwa ngemgcibelo mhlaka 22.02.2020 ekuya lakhe enyakeni emvakwemlindzelo. Inkonziso yasekuseni icala nga 4 ekuseni. Simemetelo sikhishwa bakaMakhanya.



Ntandoyenkhozi  
Harmony Mathunjwa

Friends and relatives of Ntandoyenkhozi Harmony Mathunjwa are notified of her sudden demise. She will be laid rest at Mkhulamini on 22.02.2020 after a night vigil. Memorial service will be at Maliyaduma Roman Catholic Church Friday at 3pm. Announcement by her mother Londiwe Maseko.



Lihna Loziga  
Magagula

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa Lihna Loziga Magagula lobekatiwa ngekutsi ngu Gogo Phakama akasekho emhlabeni. Usishiye emvakwemlindzelo lokufishane. Kwatiswa bakubo baka Dlamini, kalobamba nebekhakhakhe ka Magagula nebekhabo Nina ka Tfwala. Kulindzela ngemgcibelo, kungcwatjwe ngelisonfo. Siteshi kuse Matshonga ka Bhalasha. Lokhipha simemetelo ngu Nzinga Magagula egameni lemndeni.



John Armado  
Madolo

Relatives and friends of John Armado Madolo are notified that he has answered the Lord's call his memorial service will be held on the 22nd February 2020 at St Marks High School Hall at 1pm, After the memorial service. He will be cremated at Dups. Announcement by family.



Petros Solo Dlamini

Relatives and friends of Petros Solo Dlamini ex-police officer is late. Funeral Saturday 22.02.2020 at ka Logoba (his parental homestead) after a night vigil on Friday 21.02.2020. his inlaws ka Mdluli at Mashobeni south are notified and the Dlamini at ka Mfishane eZishini. Highlander is also notified. Announcement by his wife.



Pholile Jabulile Shoba  
nee Mamba

Friends and relatives of Pholile Jabulile Shoba nee Mamba is late. Funeral will be on Sunday after a night vigil on Saturday at Ngculwini. Rest in Peace Mamba Lendze. Announcement by her husband Mandla Shoba.

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# WHY WILDER IS BIGGEST PUNCHER IN BOXING HISTORY

**L**ONDON-Midway through the most famous fight in ring history, the most feared puncher of heavyweight boxing's golden age landed the mightiest of all the blows thrown that steamy night in Zaire.

At which point The Greatest whispered in his ear: "That all you got, George?"

This was the moment when a grizzly bear of a man who had been variously described by his victims as hitting like a sledgehammer, a runaway truck, a steam-hammer and a lightning bolt, knew the game was up.

Minutes later, Muhammad Ali knocked out George Foreman to become the heavyweight champion of the world for the second of three times.

Against all odds, contrary to all predictions, in defiance of all logic, Big Bad George had been Rumbled in the Jungle.

That knot of Ali's genius not only reeled in the WBC and WBA titles, but also dragged Foreman down the rankings of the heaviest hitters of all time.

Maybe he was still a bigger puncher than the smaller Rocky Marciano but any argument that he might be more thunderous than the immortal Joe Louis or the decapitating Jack Dempsey had dissipated and the question arose as to whether Sonny



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Liston, despite his two defeats by Ali, also wielded more concussive power.

Ten fights in a mere three years later, Ali stirred the pot once more by proclaiming the unsung Earnie Shavers as the hardest puncher he ever faced — and that included Foreman, Joe Frazier and Ken Norton, who broke his jaw.

## Mowed

Of the second-round punch which rendered him woozy for the rest of his 15-round victory over Shavers, Ali said: "My ancestors in Africa felt the shock."

Then along came Mike Tyson and the age-old bar-room debate began again. Iron Mike mowed down all before him to become the youngest ever world

heavyweight champion.

All the huge punchers add the power of intimidation to the weight of their blows but none struck such dark, deep fear into the hearts of their opponents as Tyson. It raised hairs on

the back of our necks merely to be in the arena as he came out to fight clad in just his black boots and shorts with white towelling over his shoulders, exuding menace.

Our much-loved Frank Bruno packed a wallop of his own but when it came to confronting Tyson a second time, he knew what to expect. On his lonely walk to the ring in Las Vegas, he crossed himself more than 20 times.

The Almighty and the referee took mercy on him within three rounds.

Another valiant Brit, Julius Francis, was flattened five times in less than four minutes. Of the final punch, this 17-and-a-half stones of fighting manhood recalled: "Mike actually lifted me off my feet with that uppercut."

Even when in decline after three years in prison and two defeats by Evander Holyfield, Tyson retained devastating one-punch power.

In the fight after he made a real meal of Holyfield's ear, he was in trouble again, losing the first four rounds against one-time world champion Francois Botha. A single, perfect right hook in the fifth dropped the bull-like South African flat on his face for several minutes.

As Tyson says of himself: "Everyone has a plan until I hit 'em in the mouth."

Not until after he took a savage beating from Lennox Lewis, who has a claim of his own to a place among the top 10 heavy-hitters, did the force finally leave him. Though not with it the many who still revere Iron Mike as the biggest puncher of all.

Now that notion is under modern challenge. Deontay Wilder has emerged from sleepy Tuscaloosa in deep Alabama to challenge all the old preconceptions with the highest KO ratio

yet — 95 per cent from 41 brutal stoppages in 43 unbeaten fights. Many have come in the first round, many by one-punch devastation.

That knockout record would be even higher had Tyson Fury not risen from the canvas as miraculously as Lazarus from his death-bed after being dropped unconscious in the last round of their first collision.

It is a cautionary thought for the Gypsy King as he heads from that draw to a second helping that the only other heavyweight to take Wilder the distance, Bernmaine Stiverne, was crunched in the first round of their second fight.

Not only that but in another rematch, Wilder has most recently dispatched the dangerous Luis Ortiz for the second time with one explosion of dynamite.

So now, as he and Fury prepare tonight's rematch in Las Vegas, discussion rages through the blood fraternity as to whether Iron Mike and the Bronze Bomber have overtaken the legends of yore in the punching stakes and, if so, which of them is the slugger supreme.

## Redeemed

This is a complex conundrum. If knockout statistics were all that counted, then Anthony Joshua with a 87 per cent ratio would rank above Dempsey and Tyson among others. Not quite yet, AJ, after just 23 fights including that shock loss, albeit redeemed since, to Andy Ruiz Jr.

Nor do the win-loss-draw records alone validate mega-hitting power. If they did, Marciano with his unblemished 49 victories, including the stoppage of Joe 'the Brown Bomber' Louis in his last fight, would bestride this

## JEFF POWELL'S TOP TEN HEAVYWEIGHT HITTERS

1. Deontay Wilder
2. Mike Tyson
3. Joe Louis
4. Jack Dempsey
5. George Foreman
6. Earnie Shavers
7. Sonny Liston
8. Rocky Marciano
9. Joe Frazier
10. Lennox Lewis

pantheon. If only Shavers had used his powers to flatten the 11 men who beat him.

There are also such issues as the quality of opponents, the strength of each era and career longevity. As well as the ever-increasing size of heavyweights and the ongoing improvements in training, diet and sports science which are producing bigger, stronger, faster behemoths. Nor can this assessment take into account the pound-for-pound power of such fabled punchers down the divisions as Thomas Heams, Roberto Duran, Marvin Hagler, Prince Naseem Hamed, Gennady Golovkin, Canelo Alvarez or Japanese phenomenon Naoya Inoue who is swatting flyweights for fun.

Manifestly, Tyson or Wilder would obliterate each and every one of them in a heartbeat. Which brings us to the crux of this weighty matter. David Haye, an 81 per cent knockout artist himself who stands alongside Holyfield as one of only two cruiserweight champions to win a world heavyweight title, is in no doubt who is now the mightiest of them all.

"I've sparred with Wilder," he says. "I've felt it. I know. His power is phenomenal. Even in 20-ounce gloves in the gym, he stuns everyone he spars with. He stunned me often. My haymaker is a hell of a right hand and I think I buzzed him once or twice."

"But nothing like he buzzed me. It's scary what he can do to opponents in fights wearing 10-ounce gloves. For sure, he is the biggest puncher ever."

Ben Davison, Fury's trainer for the first Wilder fight but replaced since, agrees. He said: "I had my close-up view from the corner as Deontay knocked down Tyson. I've never seen such power. It's unique. Like everyone else, I still have no idea how Tyson got up."

There is a marked difference in style between my top two contenders. Iron Mike at his 5ft 10½in best went in low for the kill on high-speed feet with lightning hands, throwing left and right hooks to head and body with snarling, brain-scrambling ferocity. The Bronze Bomber stands a surprisingly slender 6ft 7in, but that rangy frame generates devastating power through elongated arms, those whiplash levers detonating instant concussion.

So who's it to be? Tyson the elemental, primitive force. Or Wilder, this extraordinary freak of nature who defies convention.

As a Tyson man for years, the time has come for me to bow to Wilder when he says: "I think I deserve to be recognised now as the biggest puncher ever."

Yes, Deontay.  
Mirror, mirror on the wall,  
You are the scariest of them all.  
*Daily Mail*

**Deontay Wilder will face Tyson Fury in Las Vegas today with the highest KO ratio yet.**



# GIVE ME FREEDOM!

...Lewis Hamilton reveals key demand in talks on new contract if six-time world champion is to stay at Mercedes

**B**ARCELONA - Lewis Hamilton is making Mercedes wait to open contract talks, though he revealed that 'freedom' will be a central demand when negotiations finally start.

Taking a break from testing in Barcelona, where his Silver Arrow looks ominously fast, the six-time world champion addressed life beyond his current £40million-a-year deal which expires at the end of the coming season.

"We haven't sat down yet," said Hamilton. "I know Toto (Wolff, the team principal) is keen to talk, but right now my focus is on making sure I am fit and ready for the season. The contract is not something I want to get bogged down in at this stage."

A contract extension — or a move to Ferrari — may be worth

as much as £60m a year.

But almost as important to Hamilton is a repeat of the light rein he negotiated back in 2017. He is obliged to only do a small number of media duties but has autonomy to pursue outside interests, such as his Tommy Hilfiger designing.

A relaxed Hamilton, 11lb lighter at 11st 5lb after his winter training. "People talk about freedom as if it is a bad thing, but it is not at all. Mercedes have allowed me to be who I want to be rather than keep me constricted and ask me to speak a certain way or dress a certain way."

"There were question marks over all the different things I do, but everyone can see the results I have had over the last two years. The flexibility helps me to be more engaged and an even bet-

ter driver than I thought I could be.

"It is now about trying to figure out what the next five to 10-year plan is, and how the decision I make now will impact the future."

"Does it allow me to put certain things in place so that, when I hang up my helmet, I am able to continue to pursue other interests? That will be in the small print of what we agree and what we will mostly be talking about."

How will he negotiate? "Last time, Toto and I just sat on my couch to shoot the breeze," said Hamilton. "He tries to ask for something, I combat it — it is a back and forth. It took eight to 10 hours."

*Daily Mail*



## 'You must be thinking about someone else'

**L**ONDON-Eddie Jones found himself caught up in fresh controversy yesterday after making a bizarre, race-related outburst.

England's head coach was forced to apologise to a reporter for saying 'maybe all half-Asian people look the same to you'. His remark came after he had been asked about meditating — which he previously claimed to do daily to help cope with the demands of a high-pressure role.

Jones fronted a press conference in the build-up to England's Six Nations encounter with Ireland at Twickenham on Sunday and in light of the sudden death of television presenter Caroline Flack, he faced a question about the measures taken to help protect England players' mental health.

Next, Jones was asked if he still meditates — having once suggested that he takes such steps to preserve his own mental wellbeing. Smiling, he replied: "I don't think I've ever spoken about meditation. You must be thinking about someone else — maybe another half-Asian person. Maybe we all look the same."

Jones, whose mother is Japanese-American, learned that his comments had caused shock and incredulity. Having become aware that it may have come across as an accusation of racism, he swiftly met the reporter and said sorry for any offence or misunderstanding. Soon after that, an RFU spokesman said: "Eddie made an off-the-cuff comment which was not intended to cause any offence. He has subsequently spoken to the journalist privately, explaining this and apologised, which was accepted."

*Daily Star*

## 'He's going to be one of the best No 8s

**M**ADRID - Federico Valverde will be one of the best in No 8s in the world, according to Casemiro.

The Real Madrid midfielder heaped praise on his team-mates for his breakthrough season and believes the Uruguayan has the quality to reach the very top of the game.

He told *Liberio* magazine: "I said he's going to be one of the best No 8s in the world in two years. I think I was wrong because he's quickly moving up the lad-

der. "He's having an incredible season, he's one of the most important players for us and he's growing in every game. "He's doing a phenomenal job, but he's 21, he has to go easy and we can't put so much pressure on the kid. "I've been 21 and I know what's going on in his head, but what I like most about him is that he's a quiet person who likes to listen. "He's shown with all these good games that he's a very important player and he's still just as calm," he concluded.

*Sports Mail*



## Fury, Wilder banned from weigh-in face off

**L**ONDON-Tyson Fury and Deontay Wilder have been banned from squaring up to each other after the pair became embroiled in a shoving match on Wednesday ahead of their heavyweight rematch.

The Nevada State Athletic Commission opted to bar the arch rivals from close contact between the two giants.

It comes just one day after Wilder and Fury engaged in a shoving match during the final press conference before Saturday's showdown in Sin City.

Prior to the verbal exchange, the Bronze Bomber pushed the Gypsy King away initially before the Mancunian retaliat-

ed with a shove of his own before security stepped in to separate the pair.

The Commission's decision means that neither man will be able to look the other in the eye until they are across one another in the ring on Saturday night.

"In my 25 years in boxing I've never heard of an administrative body stepping in and prohibiting a face off," Todd duBoef, president of Top Rank told ESPN. "It's the pinnacle moment before the fight. I am just shocked."

Fury was his charismatic self during Wednesday's press conference in Las Vegas, where he labelled Wilder 'the third best heavyweight in the world'.

The Briton displayed his twinkle toes as he dances in front of the heavy-hitting Wilder yelling: "I am going to pop you like a balloon. I will put everything on it — you are going down."

"I got straight up twice after you hit me with your best shots. You are terrified, your little knees are knocking. When I shoved you across the ring, you flew like a featherweight. "Keep that belt warm for me, get it polished for me." Fury and Wilder meet once again following their blockbuster draw in Los Angeles in December 2018, in which Fury climbed off the canvas twice to see out 12 rounds. *Daily Mail*

## McIlroy cards 65 to lead by two shots from Thomas, Watson

**L**ONDON-Rory McIlroy was in control of all facets of his game as he charged into the first-round lead with a six-under-par 65 at the WGC-Mexico Championship.

McIlroy smashed his drives prodigious distances in the thin Mexico City air and complemented his long game with precise putting in earning a two-shot advantage over Americans Justin Thomas and Bubba Watson at Club de Golf Chapultepec.

"I like this place, like the golf course, and have always played well at altitude for whatever reason that is," said the world No 1 after capping off his day by sinking a 10-foot birdie at the last. McIlroy won the World Golf Championships (WGC) tournament in Shanghai in November and victory this week would see him complete the set of all four WGC events. The Northern

Irishman has been in stellar form early in the new PGA Tour season, with a tie for fifth in Los Angeles on Sunday his worst result in four starts. Accuracy from the tee is crucial at the tree-lined Club de Golf Chapultepec but McIlroy did not hold back, hitting three drives of more than 365 yards. But it was his putting that pleased him most a week after an ill-fated experiment with a 35-inch model that was slightly longer than his usual putter.

"Once I got out there (last week), that inch difference with the putter moves your eye line and you stop seeing your lines the way you usually do," he said. "I saw the tournament through with it. It didn't work quite the way I wanted so... happy to have old faithful back in the bag and it worked well today."

*The Sun*

## 'I have learned'

**B**ARCELONA-Barcelona sporting director Eric Abidal has conceded he was wrong to air his grievances with the squad in public after his much-publicised fallout with talisman Lionel Messi.

The two have engaged in a war of words through the media after Abidal was critical of the Barca squad after Ernesto Valverde was sacked, accusing them of not working hard enough for the former coach. "Many players weren't satisfied or working hard and there was also an internal communication problem," Abidal told *Diario Sport*. "The relationship between the Coach and the dressing room has always been good but there are things as an ex-player that I could smell. I told the club what I thought and we reached a decision [on sacking Valverde]." Abidal's comments irked Messi who responded on Instagram to defend himself and his team-mates: "When you talk about players, you have to give names because if not, it gives air to things which are not true," he wrote. And speaking about his part in the public spat on Thursday, Abidal acknowledged he went about it the wrong way.

*Daily Mail*





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## ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



## MANCHESTER CITY WON'T BE FORCED TO SELL STAR PLAYERS

**L**ONDON - Manchester City will not be forced into a fire sale of their top players if a two-year Champions League ban remains in place and could even benefit financially from their time out of Europe, according to a top football finance expert.

City, who are appealing against UEFA's judgment to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, will lose tens of millions in revenue for each season outside the competition.

Manager Pep Guardiola and CEO Ferran Soriano are both confident City will be in the Champions League again next season.

And it is claimed that working within different Financial Fair

Play rules in the Premier League will remove the need to sell players.

"There would be no need for a firesale," the University of Liverpool's Kieran Maguire told Sportsmail.

"They will actually benefit from not being in Europe because FFP limits under UEFA are €30million losses over three years, compared to £105m under Premier League limits."

Meanwhile, Leicester boss Brendan Rodgers has given up hope of being awarded City's 2014 title after his Liverpool side finished runners-up.

He said: "It's gone really. It won't change anything. It doesn't take away from what we did."

*Daily Mail*

## MADRID STARS 'ANGERED, SURPRISED' BY JURGEN KLOPP'S ACCUSATIONS

**L**IVERPOOL - Atletico Madrid's players were reportedly left angry and surprised after Jurgen Klopp accused them of play-acting in their Champions League last-16 victory over Liverpool.

Klopp was unhappy with the approach of Diego Simeone's side at the Wanda Metropolitano on Tuesday night, and even claimed that they were trying to get Sadio Mane sent off.

Post-match, Andy Robertson said the home side 'started falling over' while Virgil van Dijk added: "That is the way they play, that's Spanish football."

Atletico's stars are said to be surprised by the complaints, and believe Klopp and Co should be 'gracious' in defeat and focus on the shortcomings of their own side, according to ESPN.

Mane was withdrawn at half-time of the 1-0 defeat, courtesy of an early Saul Niguez strike, and Klopp claimed he feared a red card for the Senegalese.



Jurgen Klopp

"It's part of football, I don't like it," Klopp said. "The plan was to get Sadio out of the game with a yellow card."

"I was afraid that his opponent would go down if Sadio only took a deep breath. After 30 minutes, three Atletico players were on the ground, not even injured."

Klopp also accused the players and fans of over-celebrating after the final

whistle: "They got a result, the stadium wasn't here to see sensational football, they got the result and so they are happy."

"There are a lot of happy faces tonight from Atletico. "It's only 1-0, we're not 5-0 down. We don't think it will be easy at our ground. For all Atletico fans who can get a ticket for the game, welcome to Anfield." *Daily mail*

## Steve Bruce admits Joelinton not interested in scoring

**L**ONDON - Steve Bruce admits Newcastle United have paid £40 million for a striker who is not overly interested in scoring goals.

Joelinton was a club-record buy from Hoffenheim in the summer but his only Premier League goal came in August.

The Brazilian has now gone 23 games without netting and is coming in for fierce criticism from supporters and observers.

Bruce has hinted that he may take Joelinton out of the team for Saturday's trip to Crystal Palace after revealing he has a slight thigh problem.

The head coach is still backing the 23-year-old to come good, but he concedes he is not a natural goalscorer.

"The great strikers, the goalscorers, all they're interested in is scoring a goal - Joe is not like that," said Bruce.

"He is more a team player."



He has to be a bit more selfish. He has to think about himself more and score a goal. He doesn't get himself in the

positions enough, that's something we're working on.

"But you can put on as many finishing drills as you want, unfortunately Joe will be measured by one thing - goals."

Bruce, though, is pleased with his overall contribution.

"His team, his work-rate, he never shies away," he added.

"With that attitude I'm sure he will come good."

"You have to understand he's only 23, a baby. At times he's found it difficult, but I'm convinced he'll come good."

"The only thing we can do is keep encouraging the lad. He might not be a natural goalscorer, but we know there is talent there."

Dwight Gayle is on standby for a start at Selhurst Park but Andy Carroll remains sidelined with no comeback date having been set. *Mail Online*

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## Chelsea handed major boost ahead of crucial Tottenham clash

**L**ONDON - Chelsea have been given an injury boost ahead of their London derby against Tottenham as Tammy Abraham is expected to be fit after overcoming an ankle knock.

The Chelsea striker missed his side's 2-0 defeat by Manchester United on Monday but he has been in full training ahead of today's clash at Stamford Bridge.

The Times report Abraham, who has 13 Premier League goals to his name, was taken out of training as a precaution in the build-up to their league clash with Manchester United and he did not recover in time.

News of his return will delight manager Frank Lampard as Michy Batshuayi failed to take his chance against the Red Devils.

*The Sun*





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# EUROPA LEAGUE



## DEYVERSON NETS FIRST GOAL FOR HOSTS

**AMSTERDAM** - Goals from Brazilian duo Deyverson and Kenedy saw Getafe gain the upper hand in their last-32 Europa League first-leg against last season's Champions league semi-finalists Ajax.

Deyverson swept home Mathias Olivera's cushioned pass to open the scoring at the Coliseum Alfonso Perez - his first goal for the club since joining on loan from Palmeiras in January. Kenedy's deflected strike off Sergino Dest in virtually the final action of the match then put Jose Bordalas' men in control of the tie. Erik ten Hag's men

were one of the sides that had dropped down from the Champions League but failed to show any of the pedigree that saw them reach the last four of last year's elite competition. Instead the Eredivisie champions came up against Bordalas' unrelenting outfit, who pressured the Ajax defence into making countless mistakes with the type of play that has ensured they sit third in La Liga. The hosts consequently gained encouragement and after an impressive opening half an hour took the lead through on-loan striker Deyverson.

The Spanish side worked a free-kick effectively before a long ball was cushioned well by Mathias Olivera, into the path of the Brazilian.

The forward made no mistake with his finish, sweeping home to send the home fans delirious. However, it was the away supporters who got involved in proceedings following the goal, with Deyverson going to ground after seemingly being hit by a missile thrown from the crowd. A public announcement was made shortly afterwards and the restart was delayed. But it did little to quieten the home fans who had

seen their side completely dominate their opponents. The performance was far from what ten Hag had come to expect from his men and he had to wait until the 86th minute before Klass-Jan Huntelaar registered their first shot in the game.

But despite the veteran's right-footed effort going wide of the post, the Dutch side failed to register a single shot on target despite having 65 per cent possession. To make things worse for Ajax, it got even better for Bordalas' men ahead of the return leg in Amsterdam when Chelsea loanee Kenedy burst forward with virtually the last kick of the game. *Daily Mail*



Brazilian's Deyverson

## FRASER FORSTER RESCUES WASTEFUL BHOYS WITH PENALTY

**GLASGOW** - If this is how VAR plays out, don't bet the mortgage on its introduction to Scottish football just yet. Celtic, for one, won't be digging deep to stump up the cash.

The first penalty given against a Scottish team by a video assistant referee proved no disaster in the end.

Fraser Forster brilliantly tipped a 79th minute spot kick by Jens Stage on to the base of the post and Celtic averted defeat in a game they really should have won comfortably.

An away goal and 1-1 draw away from home offers a real opportunity to progress to the last 16 of the Europa League in Glasgow next Thursday. Yet this was a strange, schizophrenic affair. One where Celtic scored early, shipped a needless equaliser after Olivier Ntcham ball-watching, made chance after chance and still finished up grateful they hadn't lost.

Wherever VAR goes controversy follows. So it was here. With 11 minutes to play and the game finely poised Copenhagen players and fans screamed



for a handball in the area against Ryan Christie.

The Russian referee trudged to the touchline to view the monitor, home coach Stale Solbakken and Copenhagen goalscorer Dame N'Doye urging supporters to ramp up the pressure. It worked.

It was a night for the keepers in the end. Forster threw himself low to save the penalty after the excellent Karl-Johan Johnsson denied Celtic time after time.

He couldn't keep them out forever.

When Henrik Larsson fired Celtic into the UEFA Cup Final on a balmy night in Boavista in 2003 a precious goal was destined to become collector's item.

It took 16 years for Scotland's champions to score another away goal in a knock-out game in European competition.

*The Sun*

## Lacazette puts Gunners in control of Europa League last-32

**LONDON** - For a few worrying minutes it looked like Arsenal were going to crumble in the city famous for its ancient Greek ruins.

But, as Mikel Arteta demanded his Arsenal side stood up to be counted against Olympiacos, to claim a result that gives them a firm foundation to build their bid to reach the last 16 on. Arteta is slowly restoring a side whose season was on the verge of collapse under Unai Emery. He has instilled a resilience into Arsenal again and there were more signs of that here as they overcame a shaky start to leave the Greek capital victorious, thanks to Alexandre Lacazette's late winner.

In days gone by their shaky start in the Greek capital would have been the prelude for an Arsenal collapse. Not anymore.

Composure was regained, with Arsenal answering Arteta's call for character and not

to go hiding in an intimidating atmosphere, control of the game slowly seized and a crucial last-32, first-leg victory eventually secured.

Alexandre Lacazette was the 81st minute match winner, his goal drought well and truly over with the Frenchman scoring for the second game running after ending his two-month dry spell against Newcastle.

Once again, though, Arsenal were indebted to their exciting youngster Bukayo Saka.

The youngest player on the pitch had the coolest head and delivered the inch-perfect cross for Lacazette to take his assists tally to nine this season, more than any other Arsenal player.

The goalless draw Arsenal were heading for would have been a creditable enough result to take into next week's second leg at the Emirates.

*The Sun*

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## Blue Army looking forward to clash against juggernauts Brazilians

**J**OHANNESBURG – Following their recent, stunning victory against Golden Arrows, Vaal University of Technology FC coach Stanley Nkoana spoke with enthusiasm and confidence on Thursday at Nedbank's offices in Sandton about their next match - a David v Goliath affair against juggernaut Mamelodi Sundowns.

The Blue Army - as VUT FC are known - are seemingly ready to go up against the mighty Brazilians tomorrow in their last 16 tie in the Nedbank Cup (kick-off 3pm), if their coach is to be believed. VUT FC currently ply their trade in the fourth tier of the Gauteng SAB Regional League, while Sundowns are the Absa Premiership defending champions, and have won South Africa's premier cup competition on four occasions, the latest a 2015 triumph.

On the question of being intimidated, Nkoana refused to level any criticism against Sundowns coach, and domestic league-and-cup serial winner, Pitso Mosimane, saying: "Coach Pitso is a good coach, he has proved himself. I respect him as a coach."

Even so, Nkoana and Co seemed unfazed by the Sundowns threat, revealing that he has deciphered Mosimane's gameplan as the two sides build towards the encounter.

"We do respect Sundowns, the PSL champions," Nkoana explained, "but in football anything can happen. As much as we respect them, we do deserve respect on Sunday ... we are prepared for any Sundowns player."

"You don't know VUT players. If we didn't have (good) qualities, we wouldn't have overcome Arrows," Nkoana continued, referring to the Blue Army's 6-5 penalty shootout victory - the match ended 2-2 after extra-time - in the Cup's Round of 32.

"Each and every team has a weakness, and I know where to go in terms of attack and preventing (Sundowns) from attacking us. That's my secret that I'm going to take to Lucas Moripe on Sunday," Nkoana said confidently, albeit cryptically.

**Kick Off**

## HIGHLANDS TARGET VICTORY AGAINST 'RESTED' CHIEFS

**J**OHANNESBURG - Highlands Park assistant coach Allan Freese says their aim is to be in the draw for the quarterfinals of the Nedbank Cup.

Freese was speaking ahead of their last 16 tie with Kaizer Chiefs at the Makhulong Stadium today.

The Lions of the North assistant believes Chiefs might have a slight advantage going into this clash having rested during midweek while Highlands had to play League against Bidvest Wits which ended in a 2-2 draw.

"Look, we respect Chiefs okay. But we also think that in Cup games anything can happen. We will go into this game like we played last night (Wednesday) and go back to

recover and plan for Chiefs differently. We played a game during the week and they didn't play, so, they should have a better advantage than us. But on the field is 11 against 11," said Freese.

"We had a good game against Wits, that's why I'm saying they (Chiefs) might have advantage of having had a longer rest. But this is football, you play when you are required to play."

There is also what we call a rotation of players nowadays, so we will use that system as well. I just believe that we really going to give Chiefs a really good game and at the end of the day we would like to be on the next draw."

**The Citizen**

# BENNI'S SERIOUS PLEA TO SA FOOTBALLERS

**J**OHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana legend and former Cape Town City coach Benni McCarthy has appealed to footballers to accept advice from elders in order to get the most out of their careers.

McCarthy was speaking at the Nedbank Football Financial Summit held in Sandton on Thursday, after he was announced as the new ambassador for the company's innovative project.

The Summit ties into the Nedbank Cup and what the financial institution hopes to achieve through their long-standing relationship with football in the country, given the sad state of many former players who struggle to deal with life after football.

McCarthy, who is renowned for having carried the South African flag to the highest stages during his illustrious career, has since detailed



**Benni McCarthy.**

why he took on his new role while also issuing a plea to current and future generations of local footballers.

"As somebody that has succeeded on the football field and also off

the field, I want to be able to give back and do the same for this generation of our players that seem to struggle with off-the-field antics," said McCarthy.

"Their lives either get cut short

and before we know it the talent is gone or they end up looking for odd opportunities and handouts based off their talent while they were playing."

"This is because they did not get the right advice or were allowed the platforms to talk about problems and difficulties that we face in our lives - it wasn't offered to everyone."

"Now Nedbank is doing that, so I wish that players are a bit more open-minded about listening when elders or people that have been in that situation tell you something."

"You never know enough to say that you don't need this kind of advice or help, so yeah, it is here to promote our football but it's also to guide our current and young, future footballers to manage their lifestyles and securing better lives for themselves now, rather than later." **Kick Off**

## This is a crucial time for Amakhosi

**J**OHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs' resurgence this season has made it hard for them to put all their eggs in one basket, but defender Daniel Cardoso is not fazed by the pressure, saying playing regular competitive football is what keeps them on their toes.

There's been a resounding air of dominance that has been wafting around Amakhosi's camp this season, tipping them to be on course to end their four-year trophy drought as they top the Premiership standings and have reached the last 16 of the Nedbank Cup.

Bouncing back to winning ways as league champions would put a perfect ending to their barren run, but the club's rich history, which sees them as the "Cup Kings of South African football", prevents them from turning a blind eye to cup competitions. And that's why the next two games, in the Nedbank Cup and league, are must-wins for coach Ernst Middendorp and his charges. The Naturena-based team are away to Highlands Park on Saturday in the second round of South Africa's premier club knockout competition. Their next assignment will be away to sworn enemies and fellow title contenders Orlando Pirates for the second round of the



**Daniel Cardoso.**

Soweto Derby in the league - an encounter that could very well have a say in where the crown will go come the end of the season in May.

And despite only a week separating Chiefs' next two crucial matches, being in their best form on both matches is a must.

After all, doing well in the league by finishing in the top three, or winning the Nedbank Cup, will guarantee them continental football next season.

**The Star**

## KHAMA BILLIAT CHEATS DEATH

**J**OHANNESBURG - Zimbabwe Warriors and Kaizer Chiefs star Khama Billiat was Thursday night robbed at a Mall in South Africa by some gun totting thugs.

Reports say Khama was disembarking from his car when the thugs pounced on him, pointed guns to his head and demanded 'everything' he had.

A shocked Khama Billiat did not try to fight back or show any signs of resistance but lifted his arms and told them to take 'anything and everything they wanted'.

The robbers stripped Khama of his neck chains, body searched him and took some money in his pocket before proceeding to ransack his expensive Range Rover Lumina whereupon he voluntarily opened the glove compartment with even more cash jewellery, and some deodorants.

The robbers also took Khama's bags that had Kaizer chiefs training kits and drove off in their getaway car, leaving the shaken Billiat stunned.

## Sundowns Closer to top 5 in Africa



**Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane with Vaal University of Technology.**

although Esperance de Tunis are following not too far behind.

Meanwhile, Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates are unchanged at

17th and 16th position respectively, while Bidvest Wits have moved out of the top 20 to 21st position.

**Soccer Laduma**





**NBUSO SIGUDLA**  
(Guest writer)

Soccer, lacrosse, baseball, football—getting involved in youth sports is a rite of passage for many children, enabling them to learn physical and social skills on the playing field.

Picking the best sport for your child and providing the right level of encouragement can be a challenge, but with a little research, you will find the sports programme that best fits your youngster and your family's budget and schedule.

**Benefits of sports for kids** - Playing sports has a range of physical, emotional, and interpersonal benefits:

**Better vision** - Children who spend time outdoors playing, especially organised sports, are less likely to develop vision problems.

**Healthy weight** - Obesity is increasing in children, but data show that children who are more active, especially after school, are more likely to be of normal weight.

**Motor skills development** - Sports participation helps with coordination and learning new skills.

**Social skills development** - Playing on a team means learning to work with others and support them.

**Self-confidence** - Success as a team member and an athlete builds confidence.

**Sportsmanship** - Learning the rules of the game, respect for coaches and referees, and

# ORGANISED SPORTS FOR KIDS



how to stay positive even when losing are all valuable life lessons.

## DECIDING ON THE RIGHT SPORT

Choosing the best sports programme for your child is easier when he or she already has a passion or a talent for a particular sport. Some communities might only offer a few sports to choose from, but if your town has multiple options or if your youngster is open to trying a new activity, consider first the age and physical ability of your child to decide on a sport.

## NEXT, GET THE ANSWERS TO THESE KEY QUESTIONS

■ How well organised is the programme your child is interested in?

■ Does the programme have a vision and a

mission, and do they match your values?

■ What is expected of parents in terms of involvement?

■ Are you comfortable with the practice and competition schedules, and do they fit your child's ability? Do the coaches select teams in a way that you find acceptable?

■ Is the programme safe? For example, is there an appropriate ratio of adults to children? Is the equipment in good condition and is it inspected regularly? Do coaches require warm-up and cool-down exercises before and after games and practices to help prevent injury?

Will any injury your child might sustain need to be covered by your insurance or is insurance available through the sports programme?

It's important to find a sports programme that matches your child's abilities. Can your child

succeed with the level of competition he or she might face? If your child has special needs because of, for example, ADHD, asthma, or a physical disability, ask if coaches can accommodate these needs. In some communities, coaches are parents just like you, so they might ask for your help and for more information about your child's needs. You also must consider your ability to support your child's participation.

Will you be able to get your child to all practices and games and provide any needed supplies? Being part of a sports team or programme has many benefits, but it can also be costly. Your family will need to commit money, time, and resources, such as transportation. If your budget is limited, ask the programme organisers if fees can be waived or reduced. You might also be able to borrow equipment or buy gently used uniforms.

When they're playing sport, children learn to lose. Being a good loser takes maturity and practice. Losing teaches children to bounce back from disappointment, cope with unpleasant experiences and is an important part of becoming resilient.

Playing sport helps children learn to control their emotions and channel negative feelings in a positive way. It also helps children to develop patience and understand that it can take a lot of practice to improve both their physical skills and what they do in school.

To keep your child interested and enjoying sport, make it a positive experience for them. Focus on having fun, having a go and being active, rather than winning or losing.

You can help your child develop a positive sporting attitude by praising the team's or other children's efforts, even if they don't win. Point out to your child how important it is to try and do their best.

# CYCLING UPDATES



## Dischem ride for Sight

**By Mbusi Motsa**  
(Guest writer)

The past weekend we saw some local cyclists who went to compete in the Dischem Ride for Sight 116km Road race in the East Rand.

Well done to all of you for braving this distance which sent shivers down my spine just thinking of it.

### LOCAL SENSATION

Since it is my habit to give credit where it is due, I owe gratitude to the nation's pride Muzi Shabangu who rode exceptionally well and was one minute behind the winner of the race. Who can blame me for writing about him for the last three articles?

### WEEKEND TRAINING RIDES

The past Saturday Newcom Wheels and Inyatsi Cycling Club did a joint circular three hour training ride which started at Lozitha to Lobamba and back. Thanks to Inyatsi for joining us. This was very common in

the past when competition was still not as rife as it is now. Most teams don't want to expose their training to the next team. We are hoping that today we will be joined by another team as we tackle the Mankayane hills all the way to Sicunusa and back. The ride will resume at Mhlalubovu.

### ALTITUDE TRAINING

Technically, I would like to touch briefly on altitude training. Recently we went to do the Barberton MTB Race and as we rose up the 10km Plus hill it became more and more difficult because the air was getting thinner and thinner. Because our training was not at that height above sea level we were struggling to process the air with less oxygen. I have seen our national team struggling when we went to compete in Lesotho long ago and again in Rwanda. As a coach it is important that when you are leading your team to a race that is at high altitude you prepare your troops for it.

You have options available firstly it is to take your athletes to train at an area with a similar altitude for



10 to 14 days which will lead to the body adapting to racing at that level. Another option is simulation. You can use an altitude simulation tent or room. Another option is to use a mask which which lessens the oxygen during training.

Locally our highest points are in places like Pigg's Peak or Bulembu where we can take teams for training camps in prep for international competitions.

### LOSING WEIGHT THROUGH CYCLING

Many a time I have been asked if cycling is good for weight loss and since I am not a good example for this people keep asking me why I'm not lean yet I cycle a lot. Firstly let's explain that

cycling is a cardiovascular exercise and that means that it burns calories. If you increase distance you burn more calories and it speeds metabolism which then eats into the fat cells. I have started to ride consistently and already I have shed some kilograms. My aim is to lose at least seven kilograms by mid year and already I have a plan aligned with my goal.

The trick is not to overindulge in food. You cannot burn calories and then eat way more than your body needs.

My advice to those who wish to lose weight are as follows;

■ Be consistent and aim to do long rides on the weekend which are over three hours.

■ Join a club so that you commit to a group who will always encourage you when it gets tough.

■ Build mileage gradually so that you don't burn out and be unwilling to return to ride.

■ Make hills your friend. As a matter of fact you burn more calories when climbing than flats or downhill.

### CAPE TOWN TOUR

We are about two weeks to the pinnacle of SA cycling that is the Cape Town Tour.

Over thirty thousand cyclists will be racing in Cape Town on the 8th of March and quite a few locals are heading that way





## ESWATINIBANK CUP 2020



# WHO WILL MAKE IT THROUGH TO THE QUARTERFINALS ?

By Melusi Mlotso

**S**OCCKER - The search for the 2020 EswatiniBank Cup champions continues today at various venues as 12 teams will be looking to keep their hopes of winning the 17th edition crown alive this afternoon.

## Will Illovo send Green Mamba packing?

**Illovo vs Green Mamba FC**  
(2:pm Mayaluka Sports Ground)

It will be the case of David versus Goliath story when the hard fighting National First Division outfit, Illovo take on elite league Green Mamba. The Big Bend-based outfit have proven to be not pushovers in the tournament after they convincingly booked their place in the last 16 by humbling elite league side Mhlume Peacemakers by 3-0 last weekend in the same venue during the last 32 encounter 'Tinyosi' as the team is affectionately known

among its supporters, will be pinning its hopes to the duo of their striker Gcina Matsebula and Sibusiso Gamedze to trouble the opposition. However, the on form Correctional Services side will surely not want to take this match lightly and they will want to separate boys from men. The resurgence of pint-sized midfielder, Njabulo Thwala will give 'Inyoka Eluhlazana' an edge over their inexperienced opponents. Former Mbabane Highlanders shot stopper, Sidumo Vilakati is expected start the match in the absence of first

choice goalkeeper, Thokozani Mkhulisi who is out for the tie due to the infamous yellow card rule.

**Illovo**

**Coach :** Vusi Mahlalela

**Captain :** Luvuyo Joe

**Key players:** Sibusiso Gamedze, Sibongiseni Ngwenya

**Match winner:** Ayanda Gadlela

**Green mamba**

**Coach:** Caleb Ngwenya

**Captain:** Njabulo Thwala

**Key players:** Musa Dlamini, Sanele Chauke, Mthunzi Mkhontfo

**Match winner:** Mcolisi Mkhontfo

## Madlenya ready to ambush Ingwemabalabala

**Madlenya vs Royal Leopard**  
(4pm, Mayaluka Stadium)

Madlenya will be aiming to skin alive 'Ingwemabalabala' when the two sides collide in the crunch last 16 encounter.

The Siphofaneni-based outfit which are under the tutelage of William Gamedze, have a good cup record as they reached the quarterfinals in the Ingwenyama Cup and they will surely want to repeat this feat in the EswatiniBank Cup.

Youngsters in the likes of Sethu Ngcamphalala and Melusi Thwala will

be one to watch by the opposition. However, beating Royal Leopard looks like a mountain to climb for the Siphofaneni-based outfit.

The police service side were the biggest winners of the previous round after they massacred Shiselweni side Nsingizini Hotspurs by 12-0 and they will want to maintain the same form against MTN National First Division side.

Free-scoring South African striker Thabiso Mokenkoane will be hoping to increase his tally this afternoon as he is the current top goal scorer of the tournament with eight goals and fur-

ther steer his side into the last eight of the prestigious knockout competition.

**Madlenya FC**

**Coach:** William 'Masondeza' Gamedze

**Captain:** Mndeni Lukhele

**Key players:** Sethu Ngcamphalala, Melusi Thwala, Mazwi Mamba

**Match winner:** Bongwa Matsebula

**Royal leopard**

**Coach:** Edwin Matsebula

**Captain:** Berry Steenkaamp

**Key players:** Sifiso Matse, Mzwandile Mabelesa, Lungelo Tsabedze

**Match winner:** Thabiso Mokenkoane

## Can Callies shock Buffs?

**Tambankulu Callies vs Royal Leopard**  
(3 pm, Tambankulu Stadium)

**A**mbitious MTN National First Division side Tambankulu Callies will be out to transform their recent good cup run into the EswatiniBank Cup when they welcome three times champions Young Buffaloes at the own backyard Tambankulu Stadium.

The Lubombo-based side recently made headlines in the Ingwenyama Cup where they managed to reach the semi-finals of the cup competition by knocking out giants Manzini Wanderers.

All eyes will be on the sugar belt side as they have been handed a mammoth

task to face one treble kings of the prestigious, knockout competition.

Callies duo of Vusi Mavuso and Mazwi Sihlongonyane are expected to give the opposition a tough afternoon if they want to create a legacy in the competition that carries a CAF Confederation Cup ticket.

Whilst on the other hand, Buffaloes have proven to be a hard nut to crack in the tournament with their consistent impressive performance for the third year.

Amathole Ezinyathi will certainly not want to allow their good history to easily go into the drain by deploying their seasoned performers in the likes of

Nhlanhla Gwebu, Fanelo 'Order' Mamba and Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze to outsmart the tricky opposition.

**Tambankulu Callies**

**Coach :** Mduduzi 'Nyama' Shongwe

**Captain:** Sebenele Malaza

**Key players:** Vusi Mavuso, Mazwi Sihlongonyane

**Match winner:** Wandile Simelane

**Young Buffaloes**

**Caretaker coach:** Sabelo Mnisi

**Captain:** Nhlanhla Gwebu

**Key players:** Sihlangu Mkhwanazi, Lindo Mkhonta, Wandile 'Skosh' Shabangu

**Match winner :** Allie Matse

## Malanti hoping for win against Kappa boys

**Malanti Chiefs vs Denver Sundowns**  
(2pm, Somhlolo National Stadium)

**S**truggling outfit, Malanti Chiefs will want to redeem themselves in this tournament by reaching the quarterfinals of the EswatiniBank Cup.

The 2008 champions will be expect-

ed to revive their old memories by overcoming the revamped 'Kappa Boys' who are enjoying a rich vein of form.

Malanti Chiefs coach Christopher 'Gazza' Tembo has to motivate the likes of Sandile 'Lion' Mazibuko, Bhakisisa Shongwe and Thokozani

Dlamini to outfox Sundowns.

Sundowns are no longer pushovers as they have managed to grind positive results in recent competitions under the guidance of Ghanaian coach Chistopher Ennin.

The Thailand-born mentor Ennin seems to have found the right for-

mula for the side by getting the best out of his seasoned performers in Phinda Ginindza, Linda Maphalala and Mxolisi Bhembe, who are likely to cause havoc on the inconsistent opposition.

**Malanti Chiefs**

**Coach :** Christopher Tembo

**Captain:** Lindokuhle Fakudze

**Key players :** Innocent Jere, Sandile

'Bhubesi' Mazibuko,

**Match winner:** Thokozani Dlamini

**Denver Sundowns**

**Coach:** Christopher Ennin

**Captain:** Enzo Motsa

**Key players:** Phinda Ginindza, Linda Maphalala, Sibonelo Dlamini

**Match winner:** Mcolisi Bhembe

## Milling eyeing Tambuti scalp

**Milling Hotspurs vs Tambuti**  
(3pm, Mavuso Sports Centre)

**T**ricky side, Milling Hotspurs are aiming to claim the scalp of Tambuti this afternoon in the second hurdle of the EswatiniBank Cup.

The hub side will be looking to make their name in the 17 years old historical competition by humbling the inconsistent Tambuti on home soil at Mavuso Sports Centre. Milling are currently enjoying home ground advantage especially in the league and it is yet to be proven if they would be able to overcome the Lubombo side.

Inspirational Milling captain Linda Mbuli will be leading the Clement 'King Clay' Mdluli troops inside the field of play as they look to

overcome the opposition side.

On the other hand, Tambuti boast of experienced players who can upset the Manzini-based outfit in the likes of Muntu Mamba, Mcebo 'Kitaza' Mdluli, Ugochukwu Ohakwe

**Milling**

**Coach :** Clement 'King Clay' Mdluli

**Captain:** Linda Mbuli

**Key Players :** Lungelo Mngometulu, Gcinumuzi Ndzimandze, Bandile Shongwe

**Match Winner:** Mancoba Maseko

**Tambuti**

**Coach :** Terisayi Changara

**Captain:** Muntu Mamba

**Key players:** Ishmael Zwane, Roy Mamba, Ugo

**Match winner:** Reagan Kangumbu



## Can Sea Birds fly over Birds?

**Manzini Sea Birds vs Mbabane Swallows**  
(4pm, Somhlolo National Stadium)

**T**here will be no love lost when Manzini Sea Birds meet capital city giants, Mbabane Swallows this afternoon at the country's only football mecca, the Somhlolo National Stadium.

A match between the two sides has never failed to live up to expectations as the hub outfit have been able to frustrate the crowd pullers on numerous occasions and this stage is one for the two sides to continue with their rivalry.

Sea Birds will surely want to shock their star-studded opponents who struggled to beat Manzini Super League outfit, Sisonke FC last weekend following their convincing 4-1 win over Rangers.

Mbabane Swallows, on the other hand, will want to reach the finals

of the tournament in order to play in CAF next season something that is on the priority list of the historical club.

Swallows coach Honour Janza is blessed with a couple of seasoned performers comprising of Tony 'TT' Tsabedze, Wonder Nhleko and the ever improving Sizolwethu Shabalala.

**Manzini Sea Birds**

**Stand in coach :** Bongani Dladla

**Captain:** Sibusiso Dlamini

**Key players:** Colani 'Chocco' Sibandze, Ndumiso 'Sikhokho' Shongwe, Laurent Abah

**Match winner :** Wandile Nhleko

**Mbabane Swallows**

**Coach :** Honour Janza

**Captain:** Tony Tsabedze

**Key players :** Nhlanhla Ngwenya, Menzi Sithole

**Match winner:** Sizolwethu Shabalala





By Mhlonishwa Motsa  
(Corporate Affairs Manager)

**FASA BHAKANIYA...** They say the fun is in the foreplay and with all pun intended, like a scene in a romantic movie, Moneni Pirates seems to be experts in creating a toe-curling tension boiling into a sexual anticipation like it's in a Sydney Sheldon novel with their skill and flair. The EswatiniBank Cup slogan was given a definition in our game against Hlatikulu Tycoons as the mighty Buccaneers displayed a rare flare.

### This one goes to our players!

With coach Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini gone, the Mhlongo led charges dominated the 1st round of the MTN Premier League of Eswatini, made memories in the Ingwenyama Cup, and are now stamping authority in the EswatiniBank Cup.

The Mighty Buccaneers are known for the *kasi* flair and 'tikkie takka' style of football and like finger-strokes of a trained lover smoothing sweat-beads in the forehead of a partner, the youthful side leaves you with a desire to remain within and to lie blind in the furls of their silky skill.

The scent of victory within the buccaneer's camp is so thick and pungent from resounding wins in the game against Tycoons such that even Piggs Peak Black Swallows is trembling in their boots.

The Eswatini Bank Cup is a remedy for the fans who feel let down by the gods after the Ingwenyama Cup semi-finals lose to Green Mamba. We mentioned in this column that we will be taking no prisoners in this Cup and we did exactly that against Tycoons. No-one in the 2019/20 Season was ever ready for the kind of sexy football that the team has displayed so far.

It's a toe-curling experience that gives multiple orgasms to the love smitten buccaneers on the stands. Once again we say bravo to the fans for the support.

### The Youth Factor

All football fanatics that have watched the 'Sea Robbers' this year can attest that the team has treated them to a rare breed of soccer. Pirates paraded exciting players in the



# SIDLALA KAMNANDZI; SEXY FOOTBALL GALORE - UP THE BUCS



season so far and what makes them more exciting to watch is the fact that they are young. Players such as Sinini Shongwe and Lizwe Zwane took the Premiership by storm with the later even winning the Player of the Month Award for September 2019.

Pirates still shocked many by introducing more young players in their line up, players such as Mpilwenhle Dlamini and Meshack Lushaba who won the Man of the Match twice in the Under 20 COSAFA games in Zambia.

It is, however, the resurgence of attacking midfielder Sifiso 'Mkhalele' Mdluli that has shocked many as he single handedly destroyed Tycoons and scored a brace to win the game for us.

This was not the only game Mkhalele won for us as he is the only player in our squad to score a hat trick this season.

The MTN League has suddenly become interesting as the buccaneers are amongst the contenders for the title this year and teams such as Mbabane Swallows, Royal Leopard and Young Buffaloes who dominated the league for years are finally getting a run for their money.

### EswatiniBank Cup

The weekend will see another tricky clash against

Piggs Peak Black Swallows on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium in the exciting Eswatini Bank Cup.

We cannot be fooled by the standing of the Hhohho side in the MTN Log and we will be going straight for the kill.

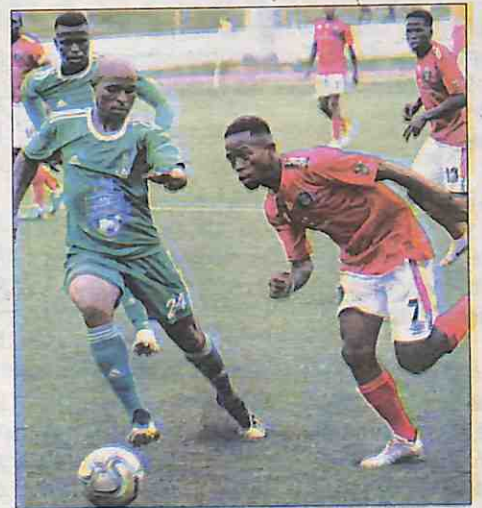
Black Swallows is a very tricky side and we cannot afford to take them for granted and we believe that our players are aware and ready to execute the plan given by coach Mhlongo.

We would like to again call for the 12th player to come in numbers as this game will amongst the headliners for the weekend.

All fans and supporters coming to the stadium are encouraged to come in their best behaviour and to cheer the team as usual, regardless of the result.

We would like to also request our supporters to open accounts with the bank that support football and to also use all services provided by the EswatiniBank.

We would like to also encourage fans to continue buying food and drinks from the team's stall in the stadium, keep giving financial encouragement at the end of the game and to also buy replicas and merchandise from the team.



**CAN'T PASS:** Green Mamba's Thabo Mngometulu blocks Moneni Pirates' Njabulo Shongwe during the Ingwenyama Cup semifinals at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Green Mamba won 2-1.







● Atletico Madrid's players were angered by Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp's complaints after they beat the Reds 1-0 in the first leg of their Champions League last-16 match, and think the German should focus more on his own team's shortcomings.  
(ESPN)

● Manchester City and Barcelona will have to pay in excess of 90m Euros (£75m) for Inter Milan's Slovakia defender Milan Skriniar, 25, this summer.  
(Calciomercato)

● Arsenal are considering triggering the £34m release clause in 24-year-old Bayer Leverkusen and Germany defender Jonathan Tah's contract.  
(Bild - in German)

● Spain full-back Marcos Alonso remains a target for Inter Milan - but Chelsea are set to raise their asking price for the 29-year-old.  
(Calciomercato - in Italian)

● Crystal Palace chairman Steve Parish says he is confident of keeping manager Roy Hodgson at the club after offering him a new contract.  
(Sky Sports)

● Chelsea's Brazil winger Willian, 31, is out of contract at the end of the season but says he has no plans to move his family from their London home.  
(Mail)

● Inter are prepared to offer players to Verona as part of a deal for their Albania defender Marash Kumbulla, 20, who has also been linked with Liverpool.  
(Inside Futbol)

● Manchester United boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was keen on signing Christian Eriksen before the 28-year-old Denmark midfielder left Tottenham for Inter Milan last month.  
(Manchester Evening News)

● La Liga strugglers Leganes are furious Barcelona were allowed to sign Denmark forward Martin Braithwaite, 28, outside the transfer window, and hope they will be granted the same permission to sign a striker.  
(AS)

● Juventus and Inter are interested in signing Chelsea's Emerson Palmieri but have yet to make an official bid for the 25-year-old Italy full-back, according to his agent.  
(Goal.com)

● Real Madrid are monitoring highly rated Rennes and France Under-21 midfielder Eduardo Camavinga, 17.  
(Marca)

● Chelsea's Denmark defender Andreas Christensen, 23, will be fit to face Tottenham on Saturday having flown to Milan to have a protective mask made after breaking his nose against Manchester United on Monday.  
(The Athletic)

● Manchester United are said to have deemed a move for West Ham midfielder Kai Corbett, 17 - a trialist at Bristol City last month - to be too expensive.  
(Bristol Post)

## A ZONE IV 2020 SWIMMING CHAMPIONS



**MEDALS:** Local swimmer Robyn Young displaying her medal after winning a bronze in the 100m on Friday in the ongoing CANA Zone VI Games on in Botswana.

## ESWATINI SWIMMING SCOOPS FOUR MEDALS IN BOTSWANA

By Colisile Sacolo

**S**WIMMING - The Eswatini Swimming national team were off to a bright start in the 2020 Cana Zone VI games which are currently taking place in Botswana.

The local side have already banged in four medals in the regional championships which kicked off on Friday afternoon at Gaborone.

Two of the country's top female swimmers Robyn Young and Harley Hoy both clinched two medals apiece in their respective categories.

### Freestyle

Robyn was the Liswati to reach the podium finish on Friday with a bronze medal in the 100m back stroke before winning another bronze in the 50m backstroke.

Meanwhile, Harley also displayed good performance after winning a silver medal in the 200m backstroke yesterday morning before winning a silver medal in 200m freestyle girls under 12 sections later on the day.

Male swimmer Simanga Dlamini was due to be in action late yesterday afternoon.

This was confirmed by Eswatini Swimming Association national team coach Welcome Nhlabats, who said they were happy with the performance of the local swimmers.

"We had all swimmers swimming



**ESWATINI PRIDE:** Harley Hoy also won a silver medal in 200m freestyle girls under 12.

today (Thursday) they all got personal best times and Hayley Hoy was the 4th in the 100 back and Robyn got bronze medal in 100

back. We are proud of the swimmers and we hope they will continue hoisting the country's flag by winning more medals," he said.

## All set for B teams Beach VB Tourney

By Jongile Kuba

**V**OLLEYBALL - The Eswatini National Volleyball (ENVA) will today host B team Beach Volleyball tournament.

This will be the association's second beach Volleyball tournament in two weeks and it will be held at Matsapha Police Academy.

ENVA vice Secretary General Eric Zwane confirmed the tournament would be taking place and encouraged teams to regis-

ter. "The competition is still on and it will start at 9am with registration opening at 8:30am. Just like we did last week we will have both males and females competing and we hope to get another good turn out," he said.

This week's first place winners will take home E1 200 whilst the runners-up get E800. Third place finishers will get E500 for their efforts. The off season competition is another one of the association's efforts to keep players active and promote the Beach Volleyball in the country.

## Zithande AC to compete in SA

By Jongile Kuba

**A**thletics - Zithande Athletics Club will be out of the country this weekend to attend the TWK Assegai Marathon in Piet Retief South Africa.

This was revealed by Zithande Coach Nsizwa Thwala who said they were excited to be attending their first international race of the year.

"Zithande will be out of the country this weekend for the 42.2 km marathon in Piet Retief. This will be our first race outside the country as we continue to prepare for

## Manyatsi Nhleko QS continues with ESRIC Business League dominance

By Jongile Kuba

**G**OLF - After dominating the whole of last season Manyatsi Nhleko QS golf team continued their winning ways on Wednesday at the Royal Swazi Sun.

With the new season coming with new changes, with teams having to cut down from four to two players, Manyatsi Nhleko QS pair of Eerfaan Dada and Richard Dlamini continued to dominate in this year's competition.

The pair managed to top the field with an impressive score of 79 points and was followed by Amadi Ecolibri in second with 78 points.

In the third place, was Railway B team with 77 points with Galp Formula finishing fourth on 76 points.

Taking up the last podium spot were Railways A team who finished with 75 points.

Novelties winners were also awarded on the day with the Nearest to Pin 3 going to Sandile Simelane as Sive Dlamini, Raymond Dlamini and Ephraim Kunene got Nearest to Pin 6, 14 and 18 respectively. Longest Drive 7 went to Mbongwa Dlamini as Valentine Maziya got Longest Drive 15.

Worth noting, young golfer Jamie Pennington was awarded with a E150 000 sponsorship by ESRIC as the company continues to invest in golf within the country.





# WE ARE DESPERATE FOR A WIN – 'NYANGA'

Stories by Melusi Mlotso

**S**OCCER - Manzini Wanderers mentor Nyanga 'Crook' Hlophe says they are desperate for a win against Mbabane Highlanders tomorrow during the EswatiniBank Cup 16 clash slated for the Somhlolo National Stadium.

The veteran mentor stated that they needed to redeem themselves during the crucial last 16 tie following their poor run in the Ingwenyama Cup.

"We have to redeem ourselves following our poor show in the recent cup competition and in the league.

"We now have to restore our image against Highlanders even though they are a bigger team and we will be pushing for nothing other than a win."

"I would also like to urge our supporters to stop throwing cans inside the field of play if results don't favour us," he said.

Meanwhile, team captain Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya said they would fight with everything they have to win the match.

Highlanders coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati says they would die with their boots on tomorrow during their clash against the hub giants.

"Manzini Wanderers is a big team that



**Manzini Wanderers mentor Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe shaking hands with Mbabane Highlanders head coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati. (Pics: Melusi Mlotso)**

commands a huge following in the country. We are preparing hard for them. Come Sunday, we will be on top of our game and my players are ready to die with their boots on," he said.

Vilakati further called for fair play and urged supporters to come in their numbers. He also revealed that they won't be disrupted by playing in two tournaments.

Team assistant captain, Sabelo 'Sawa'

Gamedze, said preparations were going well and they know their opponents.

"We are ready for Wanderers.

We watched them play last week against Rail United, however, we won't be fooled by that result," he said.

The Siphofaneni-born player further urged supporters to come in their numbers for the encounter, saying that they would make them happy.

## ... We're optimistic to progress to next stage – Mhlongo

**S**OCCER - Moneni Pirates caretaker coach, Bongani Mhlongo says they are optimistic that they will reach the quarterfinals of the EswatiniBank Cup as they face Black Swallows in the last 16 of the prestigious knockout competition tomorrow.

The former Mbabane Highlanders assistant coach mentioned that they were working hard at training ahead of the match against the rookies.

"We are preparing well and we respect Pigg's Peak Black Swallows as they have a new technical team.

"However, we are optimistic that we will progress to the next progress of the

tournament," he said.

Pirates' Mthunzi Motsa said they know their opponents and would work hard against them.

Black Swallows new coach Tavaka Gumbo said he watched his opponents played and he would capitalise on their weakness to win the encounter.

"I'm still new in the country.

However, I have watched Pirates, they are a good side.

I will focus on their weakest points tomorrow," he said.

Team captain Jonathan Bafoe echoed his coach's words, saying they were confident ahead of the match.



**Moneni Pirates caretaker coach, Bongani Mhlongo with Pigg's Peak Black Swallows coach Tavaka Gumbo.**

## E20 000 SALARY FOR 'MAGIYANE' AT SIHLANGU

By Melusi Mlotso

**S**OCCER - New Sihlangu Semnikati assistant head coach Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini is reportedly earning E20 000 a month. This, therefore, means that the reputable gaffer will take home E240 000 annually as he has a two-year contract with the Eswatini Football Association (EFA).

The former Moneni Pirates coach was appointed last month to assist Dominic Kunene at the national pride, Sihlangu Semnikati.

The latter is reportedly earning E30 000 while his predecessor Kostan Papi took home E70 000 a month.

A source close to the matter revealed that the new Sihlangu technical team were paid their first salaries last week.

"Yes, Magiyane is earning E20 000 while Dominic takes home E30 000. They have already received their first salaries," said the source.

Eswatini Football Association Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe said this was an administrative issue.

"This is an administrative issue. In fact, the issue of salaries is between the employer and employee," he said.

Dlamini comes with valuable national team experience after previously leading the national Under 17 and Under 20 squads.

The first assignment for the new look technical team will be against Congo Brazzaville in the ongoing AFCON 2021 CAF qualifiers next month.

The national pride have lost two of their opening games in Group I against

Guinea Bissau and the star-studded Senegal last year.

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**They have already received their first salaries," said the source.**

## RIO BOOST FOR BULL

BY Melusi Mlotso

**S**OCCER - Mbabane Highlanders faithful will be happy to learn that attacking midfielder Lindani 'Rio' Matsenjwa is back after missing last weekend's match against Hawane Shooting Stars due to an ankle injury.

The stylish former Young Buffaloes midfielder began training with the team at the beginning of the week in readiness for the Manzini Wanderers clash tomorrow in the EswatiniBank Cup slated for the Somhlolo National Stadium.

Highlanders Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Melusi Dlamini confirmed that the former Young Buffaloes player has recovered from injury.

"Yes it's true that Rio has been training for the whole week after

missing the last 32 match.

"Whether he plays tomorrow, that will depend on the coach," he said. Dlamini added that the spirit was high at the camp and they were looking forward to tomorrow's match.

He also invited the team's supporters to come in their numbers.

Meanwhile, it has been gathered that South Africa-born winger Kenneth Moloto is still out after he sustained an ankle injury recently. On the other hand, in Manzini Wanderers camp, Ghanaian forward Johnson Mensah, Sanele Mngomezulu, Sicelo Simelane are doubtful for the clash as they also have injuries.

Meanwhile, striker Mhlengi Mngomezulu has been nabbed by the infamous yellow card rule.



**Lindani 'Rio' Matsenjwa**

## ALGERIAN OPPONENT FOR WANDILE MAZIYA

By Melusi Mlotso

**T**AEKWONDO - Local taekwondo star Wandile Maziya will have to overcome Algerian opponent Guerfi Mohamed in his quest to qualify for the 2020 Olympic Games.

This follows the draw of the African Olympic qualifiers that was conducted in Morocco yesterday afternoon.

Maziya will take on Mohamed this afternoon during the preliminary round bout of the 58kg bout.

Maziya is likely to face another north African opponent in Moroccan opponent Lakehal Omar in the quarterfinals if he advances.

Meanwhile, another local ath-

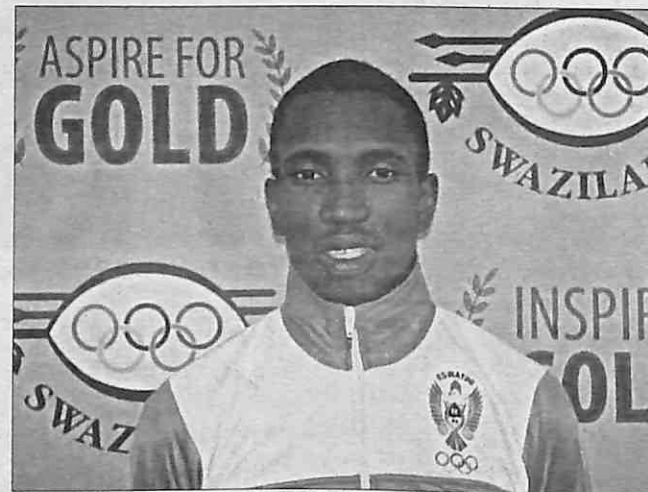
lete Saneliso Motsa will know his opponent this afternoon during the draw of the 68kg.

Eswatini Taekwondo Federation President and leader of delegation Zakhele Dlamini confirmed the draw when contacted yesterday.

"It is true that Wandile has been drawn against an Algerian opponent and we are confident that he will advance into the next round.

"The draw for Saneliso will be conducted tomorrow (today)," he said.

The two athletes are part of the ten member Eswatini Olympics Games tentative squad that was announced on Thursday afternoon at the Eswatini Olympics and Commonwealth Games Association (EOCGA) offices.

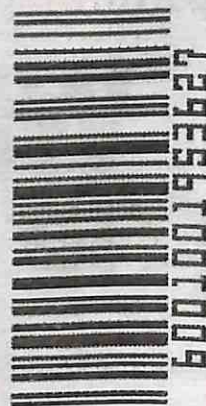


**Local taekwondo star Wandile Maziya.**



# SPORT

YOUR DEDICATED SPORTS FEED



February 22, 2020

## FIXTURES

### PREMIER LEAGUE

14:30 Chelsea	vs	Tottenham Hotspur
17:00 Southampton	vs	Aston Villa
17:00 Sheffield United	vs	Brighton
17:00 Crystal Palace	vs	Newcastle
17:00 Burnley	vs	Bournemouth
19:30 Leicester City	vs	Manchester City

### NEDBANK CUP

15:00 Mbombela United	vs	Real Kings
15:00 Happy Wanderers	vs	TS Sporting
15:00 Highlands Park	vs	Kaizer Chiefs
20:15 Bloem Celtic	vs	Maritzburg United

### SPANISH LALIGA

14:00 Celta de Vigo	vs	Leganés
17:00 Barcelona	vs	Eibar
19:30 Real Sociedad	vs	Valencia
22:00 Levante	vs	Real Madrid

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● Bull and Weslians promise fireworks in 'Idlala kamnandzi' last 16 humdinger

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## FORCES DERBY HEADLINES WEEK 17 MTN LEAGUE FIXTURES

By Sihusiso Masilela

**S**OCCKER—Army side Young Buffaloes title credentials will be put to the test on Wednesday when they meet rivals Royal Leopard in the MTN Premier League security forces derby.

The two sides will clash at the Somhlolo National Stadium in a top of the table clash as part of the triple header billed for the country's only football Mecca.

'Amathole Ezinyathi' will be aiming for positive results against the police side as they want to extend their lead in the log standings where they are currently sitting tops with 41 points.

Other matches that would take place at the same venue would see Pigg's Peak Black Swallows take



**TO LOCK HORNS: Young Buffaloes and Royal Leopard players.**

on Denver Sundowns and the bottom four clash between Sea Birds and Malanti Chiefs will end the day. According to a fixture released by Premier League of Eswatini

Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati, Mavuso Sports Centre will host the traditional hub derby between Moneni Pirates and Manzini Wanderers. Peacemakers will play

their next match next weekend where they would host capital city giants Mbabane Swallows at the Mhlume Stadium following the demise of their coach Alou Badara.



## FIXTURES

### WEDNESDAY

Mayaluka Stadium	vs	Green Mamba	6.30pm
Tambuli	vs		

### Somhlolo National Stadium

Young Buffaloes	vs	Royal Leopard	4pm
D Sundowns	vs	Black Swallows	6.30pm
Sea Birds	vs	Malanti Chiefs	8.35pm

### Mavuso Sports Centre

M. Hotspurs	vs	M. Highlanders	6.30pm
M. Wanderers	vs	M. Pirates	8.35pm

### Saturday 7/3/2020

Mhlume Stadium	vs	M. Swallows	3pm
Peacemakers	vs		

## LOG

### MTN Premier League

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Young Buffaloes	16	13	2	1	42	8	34	41
Mbabane Swallows	16	9	6	1	25	7	18	33
Royal Leopard	16	9	4	3	21	10	11	31
Moneni Pirates	16	8	4	4	23	14	9	28
Green Mamba	16	7	3	6	24	13	11	24
M. Highlanders	16	4	10	2	12	10	2	22
Denver Sundowns	16	5	6	5	16	18	-2	21
Milling Hotspurs	16	4	6	6	13	20	-7	18
Tambuli	16	3	9	4	20	28	-8	18
Manzini Wanderers	16	4	5	7	18	27	-9	17
Sea Birds	16	4	4	8	16	23	-7	16
Mhlume Peacemakers	16	3	4	9	14	24	-10	13
Malanti Chiefs	16	4	0	12	12	27	-15	12
Black Swallows	16	3	1	12	16	38	-22	10