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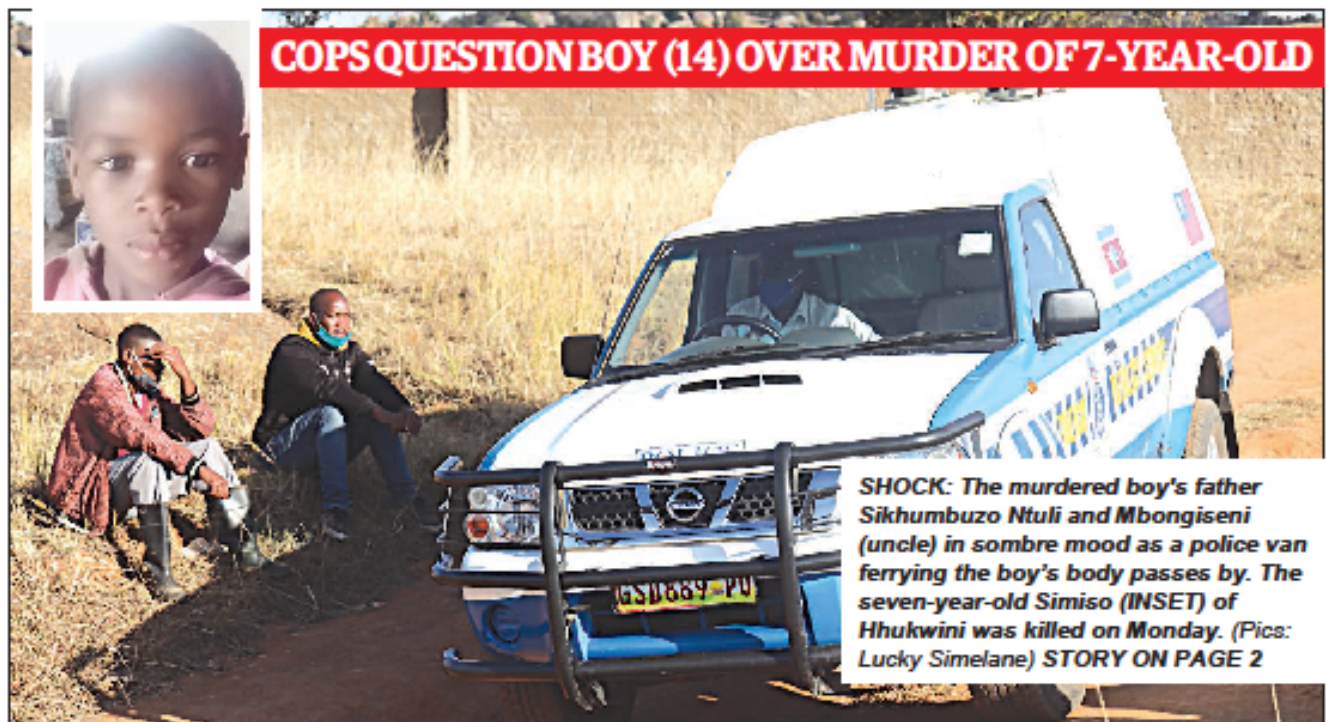
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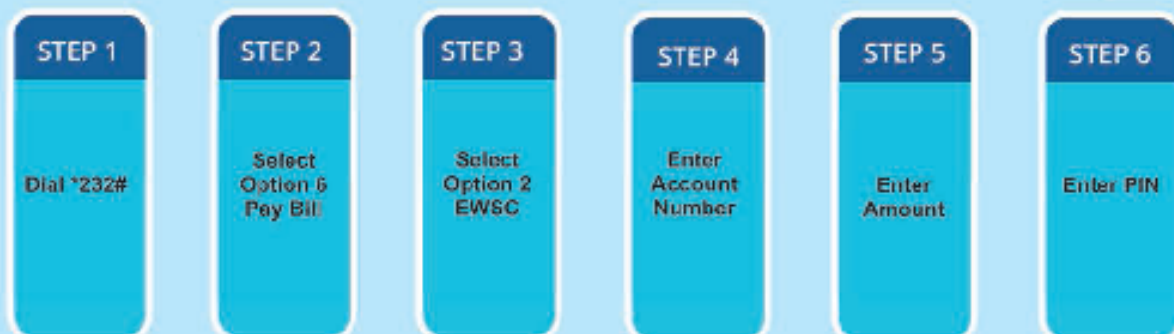
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3 United Holdings Group employees test positive

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Mbabane

THREE United Holdings Group employees have tested positive for COVID-19.

This was revealed by the company's management through a press statement. According to the statement, a total of

32 employees were tested last Wednesday and 29 results came back negative.

The communiqué stated that this was the first group to be tested as part of the company's on-going approach to fighting the novel COVID-19.

Subsequent to their positive results, the three employees are said to have been quarantined and that the ministry of health will assist in this regard.

Given the outcome of the testing done last week, the management of the company has decided to have a company-wide testing for employees, including those in subsidiary companies in order to proactively curtail any possible exposure to other staff members, customers and their families. The testing is said to have commenced on Monday with the assistance of a private service provider.

As per the procedure, the management noted that employees will be expected to go into self-isolation after testing until the results are out.

"As a consequence of the self-isolation and possible quarantine, our service may slow down as some of the isolated staff may not have access to technology connectivity," read part of the statement. For this, the management implored customers and all stakeholders to be patient with them as the company dealt with this challenging and sensitive public health matter.

Before the exercise to test employees was undertaken by the company, the United Holdings Group of Companies had already undertaken measures in the fight against the coronavirus. These measures include observing social distancing, sanitising at all entry points and work-stations, temperature verification, remote working and isolating suspected cases, among others. Also, the company had been actively participating in corporate COVID-19 social responsibility by making donations to various communities and organisations.

Teen (14) arrested for murder of 7-yr-old boy

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE Hlankwini community members have been left devastated after a seven year old boy was found dead after he was reported missing on Monday.

A father had to experience the most painful situation that life can bring to a parent, which is the lifeless body of his son.

Simiso Nhuli was discovered dead yesterday afternoon by police and his family members who were accompanied by some members of the community after he was reported missing on Monday afternoon.

The boy's body was found with a stab wound on his neck under a tree located just a few kilometres from his homestead with all the items he was sent to purchase. Simiso's father Sikhumbuzo was engulfed with emotions after stum-

bling upon his son's lifeless body. According to Mbongiseni Nhuli, who is the boy's uncle, he left home at around 0930 hours to a nearby store where Simiso was sent by his grandmother. The grocery store is located a couple of kilometres from the Nhuli's homestead.

"We left home together at around 0930 hours for our different destinations," he said. Mbongiseni said when he returned home at around 1330 hours, he came across the late boy's elder brother, looking for Simiso after he had not returned from the grocery store after several hours. He said he was startled by that the boy had not returned home.

The uncle said he told the children to go and ask from the grocery store if they saw him while he proceeded home to ensure that they did not use different paths, which might lead to them not to see each other.

However, when he reached home the boy was still not at home.

He said he together with his neighbour went to search for the boy at the nearby places. The uncle said they also asked around, more especially from his friends but they did not have a sign of him. After a fruitless search, the family then called the police and reported the matter to the Lobamba Police Station.

Tip-off

Police arrived at the Nhuli homestead and recorded a statement. The uncle said the police were extremely helpful, as they kept calling them all night even after they had left the home, as they could not conduct a search on Monday evening when they arrived.

Yesterday morning, the uncle said the police were the first to arrive and began the search which was later joined by the community. A 14-year-old boy from Hlankwini is currently in police custody for the seven-year-old's murder. Mbongiseni said after his nephew went missing,

he received a tip-off from some community members about the suspect. The uncle said he was told by neighbours to ask for his nephew from the 14-year-old boy who also resides in the same area. The uncle said he learnt from the tip-off that the young man had a tendency of running after children in the community and forcefully grab money from them on their way to local shops. After the tip-off, he then went straight to the young man's homestead to interrogate him about the whereabouts of the boy.

At first the boy did not reveal the truth, as he denied ever seeing Simiso but eventually confessed that he saw the boy and talked to him. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the murder of the seven-year-old boy. She stated that the police are currently conducting an investigation.

Man arrested for evading tax for 28 yrs

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

EFFORTS by the Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA) to encourage individuals to pay their income tax on an annual basis has proved futile for one man, as he will now have to face the wrath of law after he was arrested for tax evasion spanning almost 28 years.

The actions of Sabelo Dlamini of kaMqophane have resulted in the Commissioner of Taxes incurring a loss of over E500 000 in unpaid taxes, after he failed to register himself as a taxpayer in 1992, while earning an income. According to his court records, Dlamini was said to have contravened the Income Tax Order of 1975 from 1992 to 2020, when Dlamini, who was liable to be registered as a taxpayer, neglected to apply to the Commissioner of Taxes for his registration as a taxpayer. This was as required by the Income Tax Order, which then resulted in the Commissioner of Taxes suffering the loss and prejudice of taxes amounting to E511 000. During his appearance before Magistrate Lemile Zulu yesterday, Dlamini was warned to appear before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlalatsi pending the setting of his trial date.

Dlamini, who hired the legal services of Sabelo Bhembe of Bhembe Attorneys and is currently out of custody, is set to appear before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlalatsi on September 24, 2020 for the setting of his trial date.

TAIWAN COVID-19 SPECIALISTS BACK HOME

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE country yesterday bid farewell to the four Taiwanese medical specialists who were in the country for two months to help boost the COVID-19 response.

The farewell event of the four specialists was graced by Minister of Health Lizzie Nkosi, Principal Secretary Simon Zwane as well as Republic of China (Taiwan) Ambassador to Eswatini Jeremy Liang. On behalf of government, Nkosi thanked the specialists for their selfless-

ness of leaving the safer environment of their home country and came to Eswatini while exposing themselves to COVID-19. "You made a decision from the very beginning to teach, train and mentor our teams and further refined our case management protocol," she said.

Nkosi said these specialists made a huge difference in decreasing the infection rate of health workers at the Lubombo Referral Hospital. She said they further helped by training health workers on the correct use of PPE and equipment. The minister revealed that the dedicated specialists were supposed to leave a month ago but

they extended their stay for a month.

On May 3, 2020 the country received the four specialist doctors from Taiwan.

The four specialists were led by Chief of Taiwan Medical Mission in the country Dr. Tu and Liao, Say-Tsung who is the Director of Taiwan Medical Mission Rheumatology.

The team comprised Lin Yu-Hsuan, who is an intensive care unit nurse, Li Hsin-Ya, who is a respiratory therapist, Li-Yhan Chen an infection control specialist, as well as Kevin Shu-Leung Lai, who is a pulmonary intensive care specialist.



THANK YOU: The Taiwanese specialist doctors pose during their farewell event together with Health Minister Lizzie Nkosi.

Make Sidvashini inmates warm, Judge Mumsy orders

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane

HIS Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) has revealed that it has not given up on requesting government to increase its budget to cater to offenders' needs in order for inmates to be provided with sufficient warm clothing during this winter season.

This was after High Court Judge Mumsy Dlamini issued a court order on June 26, ordering a correctional officer employed under the Welfare section to inspect every inmate housed at Sidvashini Correctional institution and ensure that there is sufficient clothing to keep each

inmate warm during the COVID-19 outbreak. According to the court order, this was done following the Correctional Services Regulations introduced by the department, 'denying' inmates the right to receive warm clothing from their relatives.

This regulation forms part of a number of measures implemented after His Majesty King Mswati III declared a National Emergency in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

According to the Department of Correctional Services, these measures have immensely affected the operation of correctional centres, as it had to ensure that this national response plan was adhered to, as declared by the King.

HMCS Public Relations Officer Gugu Dlamini in receipt of the court order, stated that the department was fully cognisant of the task bestowed to a correctional officer, in ensuring safe, humane and dignified living conditions for all inmates.

Observance

"All correctional centres across the country have established welfare offices which, amongst other duties, are set to ensure the adherence to human rights based matters. This includes observance of the Constitution of Swaziland, Correctional Services Act, and Minimum Standard Rules for the Treatment of Offenders, amongst other charters," she stated. She added that the emergence of

the COVID-19 pandemic had brought about an unprecedented era, not only within the correctional sphere, but across the country and the whole world.

"This pandemic has presented challenging times, experiences and expectations, some of which have been very difficult to achieve because of the newly-set regulations by the government. Over the years, the department has banked its hopes on donations, living from hand to mouth, with the hope that eventually the budget will be increased.

"However, while the need for more subventions is evident to all, one cannot afford to deviate from the core mandate, that is, security and rehabilitation. This has made it very difficult for inmates

to receive their personal clothes willy-nilly, as there are procedures that need to be followed," she explained.

According to the department, in the event that the need arises, according to the procedure, an inmate may make such a request to the relevant authorities seeking assistance with regards to the provision of clothes by relatives. "This request is considered by authorities and if it becomes evident that there is a need, such permission is granted. With the emergence of the deadly virus, such has been impossible as all visits have been suspended, as per the King's command. However, the office of the commissioner general will continue to ensure through possible means that all offenders are kept safe from the virus or any other threatening ills until such time they finish their sentences," the department emphasised.

'SIPHO ESCAPED FROM BARBERTON PRISON'

...Principal Magistrate David Khumalo says Shongwe must be surrendered to RSA

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MANZINI Principal Magistrate David Khumalo has ruled that Victor Gamedze's murder suspect, Sipho Shongwe must be surrendered to the South African government so that he can answer for the offences he is wanted for back in that country.

Yesterday, the principal magistrate in a lengthy judgment ruled that the accused be extradited back to the requesting state which is South Africa.

Khumalo ordered that Shongwe must go back to continue with his 25-year sentence. This was after the principal magistrate in his judgment ruled that Shongwe was released through forged documents at the Barberton Correctional Facility in South Africa.

Giving a background of the matter the principal magistrate said it is great relief for the court to finally conclude the matter which began way back in 2018 with various applications brought before the it.

The request made by South Africa was that Shongwe be extradited back to there where he will be facing charges which include escaping and absconding, forgery and uttering, and that of having to complete the remainder of his sentence.

Shongwe is alleged to have escaped from Barberton maximum facility prison while still serving two life sentences which included murder, attempted murder and robbery charges.

Shongwe, according to the court, was sentenced in March 1, 2001. On March 28, 2008, Shongwe was released based on a liberation warrant and a court order.

This according to the South African government was flawed as the documents used in liberating the accused person were forged. The crown paraded 13 witnesses which included immigration officers, law enforcement officers from South Africa and the High Court officials who confirmed that the release of Shongwe was flawed.

The principal magistrate informed the court on how the Scorpions were hot on Shongwe's heels after receiving a hint that he was released



Murder suspect Sipho Shongwe.

through fraudulent means but couldn't effect an arrest as they were informed that Shongwe was in Eswatini. In 2009, the Scorpions were disbanded and the Hawks took over. Ever since there was nothing much done on the case until 2017 when there was a change of head officers at the Barberton Correctional Facility.

Convict

The new officer in-charge at Barberton Maximum Correctional Facility is alleged to have noted that there was one convict who could not be accounted for yet he was supposed to be serving life.

The officer identified as Nkosi is alleged to have then reported the matter to the police who revived the cold case.

An investigation officer identified as Mashabela was handed the matter and the Director of Public Prosecutions Elizabeth Leonard recommended that a new warrant be made and more charges be laid against Shongwe.

The investigating officer later received a tip that the wanted person was arrested in Eswatini for other offences.

The principal magistrate stated that once investigations were complete, a request was made by the South African director of public prosecutions to have Shongwe extradited. This is the request that the court was dealing with yesterday.

Khumalo said this explains what was happening between the period of 2008 to 2018 when Shongwe was released.

When presenting his findings, the principal magistrate stated that the burden to prove the crimes the accused is wanted for lies with the State making the extradition application which in this case, is South Africa.

He said the requesting state has to show that the fugitive in question is wanted to be tried for crimes he committed.

The principal magistrate dismissed the defense by Shongwe that he could not have had a hand in the facilitation of the forged document. Khumalo cited that there is the section called common purpose whereby a person delegates another person to execute his duties.

The principal magistrate stated that in this case, Shongwe had exhausted all his legal avenues and when the forged documents were presented for his release, whoever came up with the documents had a mandate from Shongwe.

Shongwe's behaviour after being released from prison, according to Khumalo showed that he was avoiding being flagged at port of entries as he avoided immigration officials at all costs.

The principal magistrate said it was no coincidence that Shongwe avoided his passport being stamped on the South African side whenever he visited that country.

"He knew from the outset that liberation was unlawful and it was tantamount to his absconding," Khumalo stated in his judgment.

The principal magistrate ruled that Shongwe should be surrendered to the South African authorities.

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Shongwe used OR Tambo transit section to avoid being flagged from wanted list

BUSINESSMAN and Victor Gamedze murder suspect Sipho Shongwe is alleged to have been able to stay off the radar for a very long time by tricking South African immigration officials.

It was revealed yesterday before court that Shongwe never had his passport stamped on the South African side whenever he visited that country.

It also surfaced that Shongwe only had his passport stamped on both sides of the border when visiting other countries like Mozambique.

Manzini Principal Magistrate David Khumalo said Shongwe was very strategic in ensuring that he avoids detection at ports of entry.

Shongwe is said to have done his homework by getting to know how to avoid immigration officials at OR Tambo Airport.

This is the only place where Shongwe's passport is said to have been stamped.

The principal magistrate said witnesses testified on how Shongwe stamped his passport on the transit section. This worked to Shongwe's advantage because according to an immigration officer who testified in court the transit section at OR Tambo is not able to flag down undesirable persons or wanted suspects.

This is a weak link which Shongwe is alleged to have manipulated in the immigration system. This strategic ducking of immigration officials was not ruled out as a coincidence by the court, but it was seen as something that was done strategically by Shongwe as someone who knew that he had absconded his sentence.

COVID-19 confirmed cases exceeds 800

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE numbers of COVID-19 confirmed cases have exceeded the 800 mark.

Out of 382 coronavirus tests that were received by the ministry of health yesterday 17 tested positive for the virus.

This was confirmed by Minister of Health Lizzie Nkosi in a press statement. Nkosi said the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases to date is 812. Out of the 17 confirmed COVID-19 cases eight of them are from the Manzini Region. The clinical condition of five patients of the region is asymptomatic while one has a mild disease and one is moderate.

Hhohho Region recorded the second highest number of confirmed cases. There were five cases from the region that were confirmed by the minister.

Only one patient from the region had an asymptomatic clinical condition while four of them showed mild symptoms.

Lubombo Region confirmed four cases and they all have asymptomatic clinical condition.

Manzini Region still leads as it has 442 confirmed cases, followed by Hhohho Region with 204, Lubombo Region has 87 cases while Shiselweni still has 79 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Nkosi announced 28 new recoveries; the total number of recoveries to date is 408.

After the high number of recoveries that were confirmed the number of active cases sits at 376.

CUMULATIVE CONFIRMED CASES BY AGE GROUP AND GENDER

AGE GROUP	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
0-9 yrs	37	36	73
10-19 yrs	36	40	76
20-29 yrs	82	90	172
30-39 yrs	131	120	251
40-49 yrs	71	57	128
50-59 yrs	40	39	79
60-69 yrs	11	10	21
70-79 yrs	5	5	10
80+ yrs	1	1	2
TOTAL	414	398	812

'We cannot bank on coronavirus vaccine'

LONDON - Hand washing and physical distancing may play an important role in defeating COVID-19 as finding a vaccine, a global health chief said on Monday.

Dr Hans Kluge said it is 'possible' a vaccine will be available within a year but warned that this would not be a 'silver bullet'.

The Europe chief of the World Health Organization made his comments in an interview with the Daily Mail.

He does not believe a vaccine will automatically end the pandemic as there are no guarantees it will work for everybody.

Dr Kluge also raised fears that not all countries will get 'equal access' to one. This means measures like hand washing and distancing may be the most effective weapon until the virus becomes endemic or people develop immunity, he said. When asked if a vaccine 'changes everything', he replied: "No. Everyone thinks that a vaccine is a panacea. First of all, we don't know if a vaccine will work in all age groups."

"Nobody knows when there will be a vaccine. My dream would be within a year. It's possible, but it's also very possible it will not be in one year."

"But everyone talks about it as if it's a silver bullet. But it's absolutely not. I mean, 100 years ago we had Spanish flu and what was the best strategy? The same as now, hand washing and distancing." *Daily Mail*

'Sipho must first answer Gamedze's murder case'

THE Principal Magistrate David Khumalo declared that Shongwe.

"Must go back and continue with his sentence," Khumalo stated.

He further explained that once in South Africa, Shongwe will be at the disposal of the Case Management Committee which will explain to him the duration of his sentence.

The conditions in which Shongwe would be taken back to South Africa is that he must first answer to the crime of murder he is facing in the country.

Sentence

The principal magistrate stated that if convicted for the crime of murder in Eswatini, the accused person will be expected to serve his sentence and then after that be taken back to South Africa to serve time there.



The principal magistrate also pointed out that should Shongwe be acquitted in the charge he is currently facing, he will then be automatically surrendered to South Africa.

The principal magistrate said everything lies at the hands of the minister involved; the prime minister.

Khumalo ordered that Shongwe remain in detention pending his trial.

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DONATIONS: Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku holds one of the blankets which he donated during the launch of Philani Maswati Charity Organisation's campaign; 'Donate a Blanket for the elderly' at his offices yesterday. (R) CHAIRMAN: Philani Maswati Charity Organisation Chairman Lutfo Dlamini getting ready for the proceedings. (Pics: Delisa Thwala)

LOCALS URGED TO DONATE BLANKETS TO PHILANI MASWATI

STORIES BY DELISA THWALA
Mabane

DEPUTY Prime Minister Themba Masuku yesterday launched the Philani Maswati Charity Organisation campaign dubbed 'donate a blanket for the elderly' in his offices.

During the launch, DPM said this is a good initiative and the perfect time to support Her Majesty the Queen Mother's passion and dedication to protecting the vulnerable. "Winter is harsh on everyone and now that we are amidst the novel COVID-19, we need to make sure that the elderly are warm. It is a good initiative, we are thankful to those who have already started donating," said the DPM. He added that it is everyone's responsibility to make sure that parents are warm before donating the blanket or a coat. "Make sure your parent is warm before helping others. Let us donate to those who do not have anything and make sure they are warm. To see this through, we need to be united," he said. The target is to make sure every Inkhundla gets a share of the blankets. Sponsors of the initiative by Philani Maswati include Prime Bakery, Swazi Plastics and Sikhumbuzo Foundation among others. Philani Maswati Chairperson Lutfo Dlamini said they want the drive to go beyond expectable means. He said they want to get more people and companies involved in the drive as many blankets are needed. Dlamini also announced that they have secured a sponsor at Matsapha where they will be purchasing the blankets for E130 each. "If people have blankets they no longer use, jackets and coats, they can drop them at any of our sponsors' offices. If they cannot get to the offices, a payment of E130 can be made through Eswatini MTN Mobile Money," said Dlamini.

800 blankets donated during launch

DURING the launch, almost 800 blankets were pledged and donated to Philani Maswati Charity Organisation.

To start off the donation was a certain Liswati who made a donation of 450 brand new blankets to the organisation. He was followed by the DPM who donated three blankets. Others who donated included Swazi Plastics with eight blankets, next was Sikhumbuzo Foundation with 20 blankets. Making a sizeable donation also was Prime Bakery with 240 blankets. They said the reason behind their donation was that they understood that the elderly are the cornerstone of the society.

"Let us not wait for Philani Maswati to come asking for help, let us stand up and do the right thing, it was easy for us to donate because we understand the need to be warm in winter," said Dumisani Ngcamphala.



ESWATINI POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

PRESS STATEMENT - EPTC BILLING SYSTEM

Following an article published in one of the local newspapers, which alluded to "Billing Headache as EPTC system crashed" the Corporation wishes to take this opportunity to clarify the following:

The Corporation wishes to assure our valued and loyal customers that our billing processes are in place and they will get their accurate bills for June 2020 and all other months on time.

The EPTC Board of Directors has approved the implementation of the Corporation's long-term strategic plan where one of the key objectives is to invest heavily on developing a robust and resilient telecommunications infrastructure that will enable digital transformation of Eswatini. The corporation's infrastructure has been aging over the years due to insufficient extensive investment.

To this end the Corporation has started a transformation programme to modernise the backbone infrastructure which includes upgrading billing platform and other services.

As part of the transformation programme, the Corporation has partnered with the Royal Science and Technology Park (RSTP) for the provision of access to its' state-of-the-art data center services. The Corporation wishes to thank the CEO of RSTP for this strategic partnership which has housed our disaster recovery site that will guarantee business continuity and excellent quality of service to our stakeholders. We would also like to pass our sincere thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Mswati III for his visionary leadership to establish the technology and science parks as they are a great asset to the nation.

Customer facing services are available at our service centers, admittedly with slight delays in implementation of service requirements as we continue to monitor our systems daily.

The Corporation would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused to our valued and loyal customers and affirm EPTC's commitment to providing customer service excellence.

Issued by P.M. Dlamini
EPTC Managing Director



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PERSONAL ACCOUNTS		BUSINESS ACCOUNTS	
Fees/Charges		Fees/Charges	
Savings or other Accounts		General Business Account	
Monthly Account Fee	E17.10	Monthly Account Fee	E139.40
Deposits		Deposits	
Individual cash OTC	E0.00	Cash deposit SMME	1.00% on excess of E30,000
Cheque Deposit	E35.40	Cash deposit Corporate	1.5%
Deposit of post dated cheque	E100.00	Cheque Deposit	E35.40
		Deposit of post dated cheque	E100.00
Withdrawals		Withdrawals	
Own bank ATM withdrawal	E10-E500 E7.10 per transaction E501-E1,000 E14.15 per transaction Above E1,000 E27.10 per transaction Above E2,000 E31.80 per transaction 2.3% Min E60.00	Own bank ATM withdrawal	E10-E500 E7.10 per transaction E501-E1,000 E14.15 per transaction Above E1,000 E27.10 per transaction Above E2,000 E31.80 per transaction 2.3% Min E60.00
Other banks ATM	Below E5,000.00-2% Min E34.00	Other banks ATM	Below E5,000.00-2% Min E34.00
Cheque encashment	Above E5,000.00-2.6% Min E141.00	Cheque encashment	Above E5,000.00-2.6% Min E141.00
Branch withdrawals OTC etc.	Below E4,000 2.8% Min E49.00 Max E111.00 Above E4,000 2.8% Min E128.20	Branch withdrawals OTC etc.	Below E4,000 2.8% Min E49.00 Max E111.00 Above E4,000 2.8% Min E128.20
Cross Border Remittances		Cross Border Remittances	
Outgoing	0.66% Min E82.25 Max E439.95	Outgoing	0.66% Min E82.25 Max E439.95
Incoming	0.5% Min E96.85 Max E530.95	Incoming	0.5% Min E96.85 Max E530.95
Account Opening and Closing Fees		Account Opening and Closing Fees	
Activation of dormant account	E0.00	Activation of dormant account	E0.00
Closing of account	E0.00	Closing of account	E0.00
Opening of account	Min E30.00	Opening of account	E500.00
Statements		Statements	
e-mailed statements	E2.40	e-mailed statements	E2.40
Mini statements (ATM)	E7.10	Mini statements (ATM)	E7.10
Branch statements (paper)	E34 + E11 per extra page Max E560.00	Branch statements (paper)	E34 + E11 per extra page Max E560.00
Cellphone banking statements	E5.25	Cellphone banking statements	E5.25
Point of Sale Fees		Point of Sale Fees	
Withdrawal	E45.20 + 1.7%	Withdrawal	E45.20 + 1.7%
Deposit	E0.00	Deposit cash	1.00% on excess of E30,000
Balance Enquiry		Balance Enquiry	
Own bank ATM	E5.65	Own bank ATM	E5.65
Other banks ATM	E5.90	Other banks ATM	E5.90
At branch	E9.45	At branch	E9.45
Cellphone banking	E2.10	Cellphone banking	E2.10
App	E2.10	App	E2.10
Card Fees		Card Fees	
Blocked card	E21.00	Blocked card	E21.00
Pin replacement	E58.90	Pin replacement	E58.90
Card replacement	E106.10	Card replacement	E106.10
Payments and Transfers		Payments and Transfers	
SWIFT	0.70% Min E96.85 Max E680.00	SWIFT	0.70% Min E96.85 Max E680.00
RTGS transfer	0.5% Min E96.85 Max E580.95	RTGS transfer	0.5% Min E96.85 Max E580.95
Establish stop order/debit order/amend stop order	E41.25	Establish stop order/debit order/amend stop order	E41.25
Stop/cancel cheque	E82.50	Stop/cancel cheque	E82.50
Special clearance	E189.70	Special clearance	E189.70
Bulk payments	1.1% Min E100.00	Bulk payments	1.1% Min E100.00
Electronic transfers (internal)	E11.80	Electronic transfers (internal)	E11.80
Electronic transfers (3rd parties)	E41.95	Electronic transfers (3rd parties)	E41.95
Branch manual account transfer	E29.45	Branch manual account transfer	E29.45
Post dated cheques	E100.00	Post dated cheques	E100.00
Cheque books	Small E94.30 Large E353.45	Cheque books	Small E94.30 Large E353.45
Other Payment Methods Related Fees		Other Payment Methods Related Fees	
Push from EDSB to MTN	Min E15.00 Max E40.00	Push from EDSB to MTN	Min E15.00 Max E40.00
Mobile Money/E-Mali to EDSB	E10.00	Mobile Money/E-Mali to EDSB	E10.00
Pull EDSB to E-Mali	E20.00	Pull EDSB to E-Mali	E20.00
Insta-money/e-wallet/imali and similar products	E6.30 per E500.00	Insta-money/e-wallet/imali and similar products	E6.30 per E500.00
Value-added Services		Value-added Services	
Electricity	E6.00	Electricity	E6.00
Airtime	E2.10	Airtime	E2.10
Penalty Fees		Penalty Fees	
Dishonoured cheque	E100.00	Dishonoured cheque	E100.00
Unpaid stop/debit order etc.	E100.00	Unpaid stop/debit order etc.	E100.00
Audit certificate	Full E502.40	Audit certificate	Full E502.40
Declined transactions	E7.90	Declined transactions	E7.90
Personal Loans		SMME Loans	
Monthly administration fee	E119.00	Monthly administration fee	E119.00
Initiation fee	8% Min E500.00	Initiation fee	2.5% Min E500.00
Property Finance		Property Finance	
Monthly administration fee	E119.00	Monthly administration fee	E119.00
Initiation/documentation fees etc.	3.5% Max E105,000	Initiation/documentation fees etc.	3.5% Max E105,000
Vehicle Finance		Vehicle Finance	
Monthly administration fee	E119.00	Monthly administration fee	E119.00
Initiation/documentation fees etc.	2.6% Max E5,000	Initiation/documentation fees etc.	2.6% Max E5,000
Overdraft Facilities		Overdraft Facilities	
Initiation fee	2.5% Max E105,000	Initiation fee	2.5% Max E105,000
Penalty for unused facility	E202.65	Penalty for unused facility	E202.65
OTHER FEES		OTHER FEES	
Exchange Control		Foreign Currency Notes	3.5% Min E96.55
Exchange control application	E541.90		
Attestation of form	E90.80		
Letters of Credit			
Establishment	1.30%		
Amendment	E196.80		
Extensions	Min E121.40 Max E606.00		
Advising and negotiation	0.88%		

SCHOOLS FORESEE SHORTAGE OF CLASSROOMS TO CONTAIN PUPILS

STORIES BY WONDERBOY DIAMINI
Siti

SOME schools in the Lubombo region are foreseeing a situation whereby they will run out of classrooms to contain pupils from next Monday amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Schools are expected resume lessons for Form Five pupils next week. The ministry of education and training has issued strict measures which need to be observed in order to minimise chances of pupils and their teachers contracting the novel coronavirus.

Amongst such measures, teachers have to ensure social distancing in classrooms.

Pointed

Some schools have pointed out that they will eventually run out of classrooms to contain the pupils while observing social distancing.

This was ascertained when this publication made visits to some schools around the region. At Lubombo Central High School, teachers were found preparing for the reopening of schools. The enthusiastic teacher capacitated themselves about precautionary measures which ought to be observed when the learners set foot at the school premises. The teachers were led through practical demonstrations on how to welcome the learners



DEMONSTRATING: Teachers at Lubombo Central High School going through practical demonstrations on how to handle learners when they arrive in classrooms.

ers and further lead lessons in the classrooms. Principal at the school, Pilatu Vilane said the staff members were ready to welcome their pupils back in class and continue with lessons.

Vilane said however, there was evidence that they will eventually run out of classrooms when more grades are called to resume lessons.

Apparently, only the Form Five class will be resuming lessons next Monday, at least for now while the ministry of education and training observes the situation.

Vilane disclosed that already, the Form Five class will occupy six classrooms. He said the Form Three class will occupy at least seven classrooms when they join the lessons. The school has a total of 16 classrooms. This means the school will be left with only three classrooms to occupy any other additional grade. "We will definitely run out of classrooms if more grades are recalled to resume lessons," Vilane explained. This is a situation which was said to be faced by many other schools across the region.



SPRAY: An official capacitates teachers on COVID-19 measures.

Lubombo Central digs into coffers to cater for pupils

AS schools resume lessons next Monday, some schools have gone an extra mile to prioritise the safety of pupils while undertaking their lessons.

This was gathered during a visit to Lubombo Central High School yesterday. School Principal Pilatu Vilane disclosed that his administration has had to dig into the school's coffers to buy material which will be used in ensuring safety. Vilane said for instance, the school will provide face masks for pupils. This is to ensure that all learners have masks when attending lessons. Vilane said this would also prevent a situation

whereby some pupils would not be in a position to afford buying a mask. "We have a majority of pupils coming from poverty stricken families, so we are aware that some of them will find it difficult to get a face mask," said the principal. Moreover, Vilane said the administration also had to redirect some funds to purchase equipment such as sanitisers and a sprayer. The principal said they also had to construct hand washing sinks to be used by both teachers and pupils. In the meantime, teachers were educated on how to use all the equipment that have been availed.

It's homemade brew for 2 months - Pigg's Peak imbibers

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Pigg's Peak

AFTER government announced that the manufacturing, distribution and sale of alcohol will be banned for the next two months beginning from today, most bars and bottle stores in Pigg's Peak were empty just like the first day of selling of alcohol a few weeks ago.

Contrary to expectation, liquor outlets in Pigg's Peak were not as busy.

Few customers only came for a few bottles and left.

One liquor shop that saw a little hive of activity was Nkomazi Bottle Store where imbibers came in intervals to buy their favourite drinks.

Some of those who came to buy alcohol on the last day said they were aware of the fact it was the last day, but that did not mean they should panic buy as alcohol has been pronounced as one of the causes of the increase in COVID-19 case in the country.

Another imbibitor who spoke on condition of anonymity said with the ban of alcohol again, they would be drinking homemade brews. He said the homemade brew would help them during the two months ban.

"We have been quenching thirst with the home-made brews even before and we are going back to it again. What is good about it is that it is cheaper than the beers and it has more or less the same effect at the end of the day," he said.

Worth noting was the fact that there was strict adherence to the health guidelines that are supposed to be followed by every business. These included temperature scanning, hand sanitizing and social distancing inside the liquor outlets.

EEC gets over 2 200 power outage reports

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mantini

THERE were over 2 200 power outages reported at Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) by Monday.

This follows the strong winds that were experienced over the weekend throughout the country, leaving the affected individuals without electricity.

According to Marketing and Corporate Communications Manager Khaya Mavuso, they had beefed-up their teams to attend to all customers who experienced power outages, mainly between the Mbabane, Elangeni and Matsapha corridor.

"This is where weekend winds uprooted trees that in turn damaged power lines among other damages. The Stonehenge Depot in Mbabane was hard hit with 1 206 reported power outages mainly in Nkoyoyo, Mpolonjeni, Motshane, Mangwaneni, Msunduzi, Mantabeni, Siphocosi and Pine Valley," he said. There were over 10 teams deployed to assist in these areas. Adding, other affected depots include Elangeni, which had 280 faults, Matsapha Depot standing at 259, Pigg's Peak Depot 138 and Malkerns standing at 107. He further requested customers to bar with

them while exercising patience as their teams work around the clock to normalise the situation. "What we noted over the weekend is that power would be restored for customers but only for the winds to once again cause damage, which in turn leaves the same customers whose power was restored in the dark."

For the safety of our staff, we could not attend to these faults in some areas where the winds were still rampant. However, now that the winds have subsided, our teams are already on the ground to restore power for all affected customers," he stated. Further, Mavuso noted that the extent of the damages could not be quantified as yet because their teams were still on the ground capturing data in damages as more customers were reporting power outages.

ADVISE TO CUSTOMERS

- Plan ahead to avoid damages
- Trim tree branches especially incases of dead limbs that could bring down power lines
- Schedule a professional roof inspection.
- An annual inspection can help you fix small things like loose shingles before winds or rains can turn them into major problems that will result in power outages.

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William Pitcher's on-campus students advised to collect belongings

BY BONGIWE DIAMINI
Mantini

WILLIAM Pitcher Teacher Training College has called upon all first and second year hostel resident students to collect all their belongings from the institution.

This was communicated by the college's Vice Principal Ntombifuthi Mhlongo through an urgent notice that was issued on Monday, June 29. The notice states that the students should collect their belongings either today or Thursday between 9am

and 2pm. In an interview with this publication, Mhlongo explained that this resolution was made in an effort to create room for third-year students who will be resuming classes next Monday.

Lockdown

According to the vice principal, when tertiary institutions were closed indefinitely before the partial lockdown was effected in March, students took movables and left some of their items on campus.

Mhlongo said now that the prime minister had announced that completing students will resume classes on July 6 which is next Monday, the college

administration saw it fit that there be more room for the third-year students who reside on-campus.

"There are about 170 of these students and those who reside at the hostel are about 150, so in order to be able to observe social distancing, there needs to be more room," she said.

Mhlongo added that previously, some students shared dormitories, a thing that cannot be acceptable in the social distancing era. The vice principal advised the concerned students to collect their items without fail because by Monday, the hostels need to have been cleaned and prepared for the completing students.



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MANZINI MUNICIPALITY LAUNCHES DYNAMIC WEBSITE

The Municipal Council of Manzini has launched a recently upgraded website. The website is accessible from the domain name www.mzcitycouncil.sz. It is also mobile friendly in the sense that it can be accessed from the mobile phone.

The municipality explores its stakeholders and the general members of the public to visit the website and enjoy a dynamic platform that is more informative, interactive, relevant and is in line with current global standards.

The organisation has made an undertaking to ensure the website's content is frequently updated

so that it becomes a valuable resource to those who will visit it. Information dissemination and communication forms part of the Municipality's key strategic objectives in a quest to ensure stakeholders and the general members of the public are kept abreast with developments taking place in the city.

The website, which is an addition to the Municipality's multiple tools of communication, also brings to the fore the advantage of exposing the city to potential investors and local and international tourists.

Tour operators, investment promotion entities and all other stakeholders are encouraged to help

market the website so that the city can attract more local and foreign direct investments as well as tourism.

Notwithstanding the advent of social media, global experience has proven that the website continues to be a vital communication and marketing tool for any organization.

Having a fully operational website means that information about the Municipal Council of Manzini will be accessible round the clock and will reach far and wide.

The Municipality trusts that the website will help put the City of Manzini brand on the world map whilst also strengthening its personal touch and rapport that exists between the organization and its customers.

FEATURES OF THE WEBSITE

The following are some of the features of the website:

- 24/7 customer satisfaction survey
- 24/7 customer feedback/service request form
- Direct interaction with Councilors
- Municipal services directory and applicable user fees
- Key legislation applicable in the Municipality
- Downloads of service request forms
- Manzini events calendar
- Mayor's speeches
- Current news and Covid-19 updates

personal touch and rapport that exists between the organization and its customers.

... Youth empowerment: RSTP incubated company develops website

In line with its strategic objective of youth empowerment and local economic development, the Municipal Council of Manzini contracted a young company that is presently under incubation at the Royal Science and Technology Park in Matsapha to develop the website.

Yethu Media, a youth driven company which has only been around for three years, is already

causing business interruptions to giants in the industry. "The Municipal Council of Manzini is one of our biggest clients so far and we shall forever be grateful to it for giving us this opportunity."

We are aware that the Municipality would have easily given the job to known giants in the industry but decided to give a young company like ours a

chance. Indeed, this is real youth empowerment.

We are also happy that we have not disappointed. We appeal to other corporates to support the Royal Science and Technology Park by giving opportunities to the small businesses that are under incubation in that institution", said Goodboy Nkhululeko Shongwe, one of the directors of Yethu Media.



DEVELOPER: Nkhululeko Shongwe.

... COVID-19: HOW TO CURB SPREAD DURING WORKPLACE MEETINGS

According to the World Health Organisation, workplace physical meetings are one of the potential vehicles for the spread of Covid-19. The organization advises on the following key considerations to prevent or reduce the risks:

● Before the meeting:

- Consider whether a face-to-face meeting is really necessary.
- Can the meeting be scaled down so that fewer people attend?
- Pre-order sufficient preventative supplies and materials, including tissues and hand sanitisers, for all participants. Ensure availability of face masks for participants.
- Advise participants in advance that if they have any symptoms or feel unwell, they should not attend.
- Take contact details (mobile telephone number, email, residential address) of all participants for purposes of sharing with health authorities in the event any participant is diagnosed with Covid-19. Anyone who does not agree to this condition cannot attend the meeting.
- Identify an isolation room where someone who is feeling unwell or shows symptoms can be isolated.

● During the meeting:

- Provide a briefing on Covid-19 and the preventative measures that have been put in place to ensure participants' safety.
- Encourage regular handwashing or use of hand sanitiser by all participants.
- Arrange seats so that participants are at least 1 metre apart.
- Open windows and doors to ensure the venue is well ventilated.
- Don't remove your mask or put it under your mouth when talking.

● After the meeting:

- Retain the names and contact details of all participants for at least a month.
- Sanitise high touch surfaces such as tables, seats, telephones, computer keyboard etc.
- If someone at the meeting was isolated as a suspected Covid-19 case, inform the participants and advise them to monitor themselves for symptoms for 14 days and take their temperature twice a day.



AUCTION: Some of the cattle that will be auctioned on July 29 2020 by the Municipal Council of Manzini.

... Municipal Pound: Auction sale end of July

The Municipal Council of Manzini has a number of animals that have continued to be kept in its pound unclaimed.

These comprise eight cows, seven donkeys and a goat. The animals were collected by municipal rangers after being found in the Manzini urban area, whilst others were brought to the municipal pound by Eswatini Road Safety after being found straying on

national roads around the country. The Pound Act, 1966, permits the Municipality to sell by public auction impounded animals after being unclaimed within 42 days of being impounded.

The aforementioned animals will, therefore, be sold by public auction at the Manzini Municipal Pound on the 29th July 2020.

The animals have been kept at the

pound for 11 months already. Owners were notified but did not come through to collect them.

For purposes of observing physical distance, only 20 prospective buyers will be able to participate in the auction sale.

Interested buyers will be required to pay a refundable E500 participation fee at the Rates Hall on or before the date of the auction sale.

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PERSONAL/ RETAIL BANKING	Current Account	Savings	CORPORATE AND BUSINESS BANKING	Current A/C	CTRAD
Monthly Account Fees			Monthly Account Fees		
Blue			Enterprise Banking (SME)		
Monthly Management Fee	19		Monthly Account Fee	91	30
Service Fee	1.2% min (E12 Max 23)		Service Fee	2% (min E17 max E57)	1.2% (min E12 Max E23)
Achiever			Commercial Banking		
Monthly Management Fee	54		Monthly Account Fee	100	
Service Fee	2.3% min (E23 Max 48)		Service Fee	2% (min E17 max E57)	
Executive Banking			Corporate Banking		
Monthly Management Fee	63		Monthly Account Fee	130	
Service Fee	3.3% (min E27 max E100)		Service Fee	2% (min E17 max E57)	
Private Banking					
Monthly Management Fee	80				
Service Fee	4.2% (min E28 Max E76)				
Deposits			Deposits		
Cash Deposit	E10 + 1.45% per deposit		Cash Deposit	E10 + 1.45% per deposit	
Cheque deposit	E30	E30	Cheque deposit	E30	
Deposit of post dated cheque	E100		Deposit of post dated cheque	E100	
Withdrawals			Withdrawals - Enterprise Banking (SME)		
Own bank ATM withdrawal			Own bank ATM withdrawal		
<E500	E7.00	1 Free Withdrawal Per month	<E500	E7.00	
<E1000	E16		<E1000	E16	
<E1500	E21		<E1500	E21	
<E2000	E26		<E2000	E26	
<E2500	E32		<E2500	E32	
<E3000	E38		<E3000	E38	
<E3500	E43		<E3500	E43	
<E4000	E48		<E4000	E48	
Other banks ATM	E45 +1.3%		Other banks ATM	E45	
International ATM withdrawals	E45+1.3%		International ATM withdrawals	E45	
Cheque encashment	E45 +1.8%		Cheque encashment	E45 +1.8%	
Branch withdrawals OTC etc.	E45 +1.8%	E45 +1.8%	Branch withdrawals OTC etc.	E45 +1.8%	
Cross Border Remittances			Cross Border Remittances		
Outgoing	E150+0.7% (Min E150 max E740)		Outgoing	E150+0.7% (Min E150 max E740)	
Incoming	E80+0.7% (Min E140 max E700)		Incoming	E80+0.7% (Min E140 max E700)	
Account Opening and Closing Fees			Account Opening and Closing fees		
Activation of dormant account			Activation of dormant account		
Closing of account			Closing of account		
Opening of account			Opening of account		
Current Account (Achiever/Executive/Private)	100		Current Account (Enterprise/Commercial/Corporate)	E100	
Transact Plus	50		CTRAD (Enterprise)		E50
Savings Account		50			
Statements			Statements		
e-mailed statements	Free		e-mailed statements	Free	
Printed statements	E18	15	Printed statements	E18	15
Mini-statements (ATM)	E4.90		Mini-statements (ATM)	E4.90	
Branch statements (paper)	E27 + E12 per page	E27 + E12 per page	Branch statements (paper)	E27 + E12 per page	27+10
Online statements (internet banking)	Free	Free	Online statements (internet banking)	Free	Free
Point of Sale Fees			Point of Sale Fees		
POS Purchase	E5.50		POS Purchase	E5.50	
Balance Enquiry			Balance Enquiry		
Own bank ATM	E2.30		Own bank ATM	E2.30	
Other banks ATM	E6.50		Other banks ATM	E6.50	
At branch	Free		At branch	Free	
Cellphone banking	Free		Cellphone banking	Free	
App	Free		App	Free	
Card Fees			Card Fees		
Card replacement			Card replacement		
Blue	100		Business Banking	160	
Achiever	110				
Executive Banking	140		Quarterly MasterCard Fees		
Private Banking	160		Business Banking	23.75	
Quarterly MasterCard Fees					
Blue	0				
Achiever	15				
Executive Banking	23.75				
Private Banking	30				
Payments and Transfers			Payments and Transfers		
SWIFT			SWIFT		
Outgoing (all destinations)	E150 + 0.7% (min E140 Max 700)		Outgoing (all destinations)	E150 + 0.7% (min E140 Max 700)	
Incoming (all destinations)	E80 + 0.7% (min E140 Max 700)		Incoming (all destinations)	E80 + 0.7% (min E140 Max 700)	
RTGS transfer	E150 + 0.75% (min E150 max E740)		RTGS transfer	E150 + 0.75% (min E150 max E740)	E150 + 0.75% (min E150 max E740)
RTGS amendments	E265		RTGS amendments	E265	E265
Establish stop order/debit order/ amend stop order	E30		Establish stop order/debit order/ amend stop order	E30	E30
Stop/ cancel cheque	E84		Stop/ cancel cheque	E84	E84
Special clearance	0.8% min E180, No Max		Special clearance	0.8% min E180, No Max	0.8% min E180, No Max
Bulk payments	E30		Bulk payments	E30	E30
Bulk payments (Paper based) Other bank	E105		Bulk payments (Paper based) Other bank	E105	E105
Electronic transfers (internal)	E13		Electronic transfers (internal)	E13	E13
Electronic transfers (3rd parties)	E13		Electronic transfers (3rd parties)	E13	E13
Branch manual account transfer	E50		Branch manual account transfer	E50	E50
Cheque books			Cheque books		
40 Forms	E45		40 Forms	E45	
200 Forms	E190		200 Forms	E190	
Other Payment Methods Related Fees			Other Payment Methods Related Fees		
Instant Money			Instant Money		
<E500	E8		Per Transaction Fee	E8	E8
<E1000	E12				
<E1500	E15				
<E2000	E18				
<E3500	E20				
<E5000	E20				

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Value-added Services			Value-added Services		
Water	E3 per E300 (Min E4, max E10)		Water	3 per 100 (Min E4, max E10)	3 per 100 (Min E4, max E10)
Electricity	E3 per E300 (Min E4, max E10)		Electricity	3 per 100 (Min E4, max E10)	3 per 100 (Min E4, max E10)
Airtime	E3		Airtime	3	3
Dial	E8		Dial	8	8
Penalty Fees			Penalty Fees		
Returned cheque	E100		Returned cheque	100	E100
Unpaid stop/debit order etc.	E100		Unpaid stop/debit order etc.	100	E100
Audit certificate			Audit certificate		
Certificate of Account Balance	E85		Certificate of Account Balance	85	E85
Certificate & Interest &/or bank	E140		Certificate & Interest &/or bank	140	E140
Full Audit Certificate	E500		Full Audit Certificate	515	E515
Declined transactions	Free		Declined transactions	Free	Free
Personal Loans			Business Loans		
Monthly administration fee	E50		Monthly administration fee	E65	
Initiation/documentation fees etc.	1.25% of advance		Initiation/documentation fees etc.	1.25% of advance	
Vehicle Finance			Vehicle Finance		
Monthly administration fee	E50		Monthly administration fee	65	
Initiation/documentation fees etc.	F4.540		Initiation/documentation fees etc.	F4.540	
Overdraft Facilities			Overdraft Facilities		
Initiation fees	E420		Initiation fees	1% min E300	
Temporary Overdraft	1% min E480		Temporary Overdraft	1.7% (min E1100)	
Expired facility fees etc.	Prime + 15%		Expired facility fees etc.	Prime + 15%	
OTHER FEES			OTHER FEES		
Exchange Control			Guarantees		
Exchange control application	E705		Letter		
Attestation of form	E104		Cash Covered fully secured by cash	0.9% per 6 months, min E340	0.9% per 6 months, min E340
Form filings	E260		Other than cash	1% per 6 months, Min E500	1% per 6 months, Min E500
Compilation and submission of forms	E382		Property		
Letters of Credit			Cash Covered	0.9% per 6 months, min E300	0.9% per 6 months, min E360
Establishment	0.7% (min E425)		Bank Financed	1% per 6 months, Min E650	1% per 6 months, Min E630
Amendment	E375 + Transmission Charge		Amendment Fee	E500 + Swift charge	E500 + Swift charge
Extensions	E375 + Transmission Charge		Establishment Fee (Bid, Tender, Letter of Intent et al)	1% per 6 months, min E635	1% per 6 months, min E605
Advised but not negotiated through our advice	E400		Consolidation Fee	E460	E460
Advising and negotiation	E300		Search fees Inquiry after 3 months (IBC)	E400	E400
Bills (Imports/Exports)			Research Fees	E460	E460
Documentary bills outward	0.65% min E320		Postage for GBs & both Import & Exports LC	Actual cost passed to customer	Actual cost passed to customer
Plus mailing & handling fee for foreign bills	E305		Foreign Currency Notes		
Documentary bills inward	0.65% min E320		Purchases	3%, min E10 No Max	3% min E10 No Max
Plus mailing & handling fee for foreign bills	E305		Sales	3%, min E10 No Max	3% min E10 No Max
Clean foreign bills outward	0.65% min E215		Foreign Exchange Contracts		
Plus mailing & handling fee for foreign bills	E340		Establishment	E260	E260
Clean foreign bills inward	0.65% min E215		First Delivery	E120	E120
Plus mailing & handling fee for foreign bills	E90		Additional/Early deliveries, Early Surrenders	E190	E190
Prebest fees (plus attorneys' fees)	E450		Extensions	E390	E390
Delivery of Documents	0.65% min E220				
Foreign Currency Accounts - Inter Account Transfer					
USD Account	11				
EUR Account	11				
STD Account	13				
YEN Account	5400				

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PRINCIPAL SURVIVES HAIL OF BULLETS FROM UEDF

STORIES BY STARSKY MKHONTA
Nhlanguano

A principal is still not sure how he survived a hail of bullets that riddled his vehicle which were allegedly fired by members of the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) on suspicion that he was transporting dagga.

Vikingozi Kenneth Simelane, a principal at Mshengu High School under Gege constituency is still traumatised after what he described as an ambush attack which occurred on Thursday evening, while he was returning to his house from school.

It is said Simelane was preparing to connect to the Nhlanguano-Gege main road from Mashobeni South where his school is located, and just when he was near the Mkhondvo bridge, he heard whistles coming from the sideways and what then followed were thunderous shots, which left him panicking as he was not sure who was attacking him.

Not exactly of what was happening, Simelane thought criminals were planning to hijack him. He said after sparks of gunfire coming from all directions, he sensed that his life was in danger



and given that it was already late in the night, he decided to speed away.

As he was speeding away with his car, his attackers who he later realised were soldiers continued opening fire and that also led to the vehicle's tyres riddled and were punctured.

"I kept driving and as someone who was now frightened by what was happening, my aim was

ALMOST: Mshengu High School Principal Kenneth Vikingozi Simelane explaining how he survived a hail of bullets. (Pics: Starsky Mkhonta)

to make it to the tar road from the factory companies, but as I was still feeling I was in danger, I did not stop and I accelerated. As I was speeding, there in front of me was the Army's 4x4 bakkie and next to it were soldiers who signalled that I should stop," said Simelane.

Simelane said as he was no longer feeling safe, he did not stop when coming across the army bakkie as he felt it was risky to stop. However, the soldiers realised that they almost gunned down an innocent person, who happened to be where they had waited for a dagga dealer after receiving a tip off.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said police were still investigating a shooting incident, where a man was attacked allegedly by members of the army.

"It's a matter we are still investigating," Vilakati said briefly when called yesterday.



LUCKY: A cracked windscreen caused by the bullets.

Principal still recovering from loss of wife

"THIS has happened at a time while I was still trying to come to terms with losing my wife," the victim said.

The Principal Vikingozi Simelane said he almost followed his wife to the grave after the soldiers showered his car with bullets after suspecting him to be the dagga dealer.

Simelane, whose products as a teacher include some reputable persons said he was trying to understand why his life was almost taken when he wanted to remain a caring and loving father to his daughter, based in Botswana he fathered from a Tswana wife, who passed on last year in the same month of June.

"It's the same month the mother of my only daughter passed away. I am trying to understand what exactly this means. Soldiers almost took away my life in the same month my wife passed away," said Simelane.

Simelane was returning from school to his residence in Nhlanguano town.

Workshop

He had taken home a member of the school committee, who had joined him to a COVID-19 workshop in readiness for the reopening of schools. He is considering seeking legal opinion for what happened and mentioned that with witnesses there and also evidence also there as seen in the car where there are bullet holes, he would have a strong case against the army.

Some of the relatives and close friends were shocked after learning how Simelane almost got killed for nothing by soldiers and some have advised him to take the legal route in order for justice to be done. He taught in several schools, including St Mark's High School.

He has been the Principal at Mshengu High School since 2014.

When UEDF Public Relations Officer Lieutenant Tengetile Khumalo was called, she said they had not received any report on the matter at hand. "My office will duly respond from an informed position once I receive a report," she said.

...Soldiers threaten to kill him in presence of security officers

AFTER having been missed by several bullets, teacher Kenneth Simelane sought refuge at Montigny Investments, but the soldiers who were chasing after him got inside the premises and started threatening him with guns and verbally attacking him.

Simelane said he was subjected to unbelievable humiliation at the Montigny Investments, as the soldiers bulldozed their way into the premises; he was pushed, shoved and was bombarded with insults by the soldiers, demanding that he hands over the dagga they suspected was in the car he was driving.

"Having branched to Montigny Investments where I met security officers, they got hold of me and I still thought these were criminals who were planning to rob and kill me. I was surprised when the soldiers followed me inside Montigny Investments and started harassing and threatening to shoot me to death with the rifles they carried," said Simelane, who was still trembling and eyes cloud-

ed with tears.

Adding, Simelane said he was pushed and threatened with guns by the soldiers in the presence of the security officers at the Montigny Investments gate. He said the soldiers kept demanding that he should show them the dagga he was transporting. He said with his vehicle's tyres flattened by the gunshots and several bullet holes, he let them search it but they did not find anything.

"After having been convinced that there was no dagga in the car, they realised their blunder as they had mistaken my car with another one which was enroute to pass on the same road from Mashobeni.

"I heard them talking to each other that it was not the car they had targeted. On the same night, the car they wanted was intercepted on the same road and caught the suspect. I almost got killed for nothing," said Simelane.

Simelane said he didn't believe that the soldiers were not aware that the car they were chasing and showering with bullets was not for the dagga suspects they were looking for but wanted to

kill him.

"Now that they found nothing in the car, they have some explanation to make. The humiliation, harassment and all the insults they directed at me while at the Montigny gates, were too much for me and it's my turn to ask my legal team to decide how much am I worth," said Simelane.

Simelane said he was still not sure how all the volley of bullets which were aimed at him missed him.

One bullet hole was found through the boot, which could have hit him in the back and several other bullet holes are visible on the driver's side of the car and also on the windscreen.

"They have to account for their action and all that they did to me, explaining why they were doing all this to me. They attacked me like I was a hardened criminal, who was all along was in the wanted list. I almost got killed and you start wondering how many innocent lives have been lost in this fashion because of the trigger happy officers," said Simelane.



PRESIDING: Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.

Man busted with 22kg dagga

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A father has claimed that the two days he spent in police custody has been detrimental to his minor children's welfare after he was convicted of being found in possession of over 20 kilogrammes of dagga.

Simanga Mncina through his attorney Sabelo Mngomezulu expressed this in his mitigation after he was arrested and charged with contravening the Opium and Habit-Forming Act after he was found in possession of 22.4 kilogrammes of dagga and 900 grammes of dagga seeds.

Mncina will join the thousands of dagga dealers behind bars after he was found to have been in illegal possession of the illegal substances during a police raid at Ekufikeni on May 3, 2020.

However, during his appearance before the court, Mncina appeared along with five others who were later acquitted and discharged of the charges after they tendered their not guilty pleas before the court.

Actions

Claiming that his two minor children aged two and five years needed to be fed, Mncina expressed that he was remorseful for his actions and the two days in police custody were punishment enough.

"Your Worship, my client has pleaded guilty to the offence, thus aligning himself with the commission of the offence.

He has showed remorse in his actions, as he has had to spend two days in police custody to think about the consequences of his actions.

He has expressed that he has understood that being in possession of dagga is unlawful and is pleading with the court to consider that he intended to sell this consignment in order to care for his two minor children," Mncina, through Mngomezulu, expressed.

After hearing his mitigation, Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi sentenced Mncina to pay a fine of E5 000 and in default of payment, serve two years in prison for being in possession of dagga.

For being found in possession of 900 grammes of dagga seeds, he was sentenced to serve 10 months in prison, with the option to pay a fine of E1 000. Both of his sentences are to run concurrently.

"Your Worship, my client has pleaded guilty to the offence, thus aligning himself with the commission of the offence"



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WORLD VISION'S COVID-19 PPE ASSISTANCE HITS E9.3M

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

WORLD Vision Eswatini has given assistance worth E9.3m in their contributions, assisting government in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

This was revealed by the organisation Country Director Francis Dube during the presentation of the equipment to the ministry of health.

The equipment, which consisted of mainly Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), lab coats, plastic basins, face masks and medical gloves to mention but a few, which was worth E600 000, and therefore took the figure of the equipment given by the organisation in their COVID-19 relief program to E9.3m.

Other presentations have been made to the Mbabane Government Hospital, the Mankayane Government Hospital, the Hlatikulu Hospital, the Motshane Clinic as well as the Hhukwini Clinic.

When making his remarks during the event, Dube said the organisation's focus had always been to fight poverty, especially in children; hence they were determined to helping the Eswatini Government in the battle

against the pandemic.

"We are very happy to be here today to present this equipment to the ministry of health, which will help both our frontline workers in doctors and nurses, as well as the patients in our hospitals around the country. This is part of our E9.3m worth of contribution in Eswatini's fight against the virus.

We promise to continue mobilising our partners because the cases are showing a surge and this is when we need to be more united as a country," said Dube.

Representing the ministry of health during the presentation was Director of Health Dr Vusi Magagula as well as Ministry of Health Quality Assurance Officer Thabang Masangane.

The director thanked World Vision for their contribution, stating that togetherness was the one thing that would ensure that Eswatini's fight against the virus was successful.

"We would like to express our sincere gratitude for their contribution in the fight against this never-seen-before epidemic. World Vision has already made several presentations towards the fight against COVID-19, so we really appreciate them.

"This stuff that has just been presented to us is currently very scarce to get hold of in the entire world, and on top of it, very costly, so government does indeed need all the help it can get from the private sector. We urge other companies to also follow suit, and we promise that everything will be used appropriately," said Magagula.

Also present during the presentation was World Vision Operations Director Banele Nkambule and Health, HIV, Nutrition Technical Programme Manager Happiness Mkhatsiwa.

"We are very happy to be here today to present this equipment to the Ministry of Health which will help both our frontline workers in doctors and nurses as well as the patients in our hospitals around the country."



HELPING HAND: World Vision Eswatini Country Director Francis Dube presents the E600 000 worth of equipment to Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula.



GRATEFUL: Dr Magagula presents the equipment to Ministry of Health Quality Assurance Officer Thabang Masangane.

WORLD VISION INSPIRING RURAL ENTREPRENEURS TO TAKE CARE OF ORPHANS



GIVING HAND: Masithandane Multi-Purpose Limited members pose for a group picture.



PRODUCTS: Part of the garden produce by Kwasa Ukukhanyeni.

WORLD Vision Eswatini motivates all businesses they help in starting-up to also give back to the community by providing for orphans.

This was said by the respective chairperson's in the projects visited last week in the Manzini and Lubombo regions. Gloria Mazibuko of the Zondamavila project at Lubulini which specialises in farming said they always give a produce to the orphans.

"As part of our training with World Vision, we learnt that as a business, we also have to give back to the community to contribute to the livelihood of our community. In our rural areas, we are clear of the fact that there are so many children

who have lost their parents and guardians, and because we've been blessed with a produce after working hard, we think about those less privileged," she said.

Her sentiments were shared by Zodiwa Malinga of Mahle Ematheku, a business which specialises in sewing based at Matsanjeni.

"We were taught to give back to our community, and here in the rural areas, we even know the orphans, so what we did last year was we had a Christmas contribution to the Inkhundla for the orphans. This is because we now understand that we are blessed and therefore should also bless others with the little we have," said Malinga.



UNITED: Mahle Ematheku and Siyatfufuka Multi Purpose Cooperation members at Matsanjeni pose for a group picture.



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DEPRESSION is one of the serious challenges that affect young people as they grow up and can lead to difficulties in school, difficulties with relationships, and decreased enjoyment of life.

At its worst, depression can lead to suicide, one of the leading causes of death for teenagers. Depression is an illness with many causes and many forms.

It is a disorder of someone's moods or emotions. It is not an attitude that someone can "control" or "snap out of," but it is treatable with counseling and/or medication. However, in most cases this silent killer disease for young people is the least addressed and yet it has drastic effects on the lives of the teenagers such as drug abuse, illicit sex, suicide, teenage pregnancy and juvenile delinquency.

However, depression is more severe and can lead to suicide if left untreated. Adolescent and teenage stages come with a lot of challenges for young people as they grow up. This is a critical stage of discovering who they are, understanding what is happening in their lives, their likes and dislikes in life including physical, emotional, behavioural, spiritual and health issues.

Identity, material possessions, peer pressure are some of the issues that determines what happens to their lives. This is the primary stage of forming down sound doctrine, values, cultures and practices that will govern the lives of the children in their adulthood.

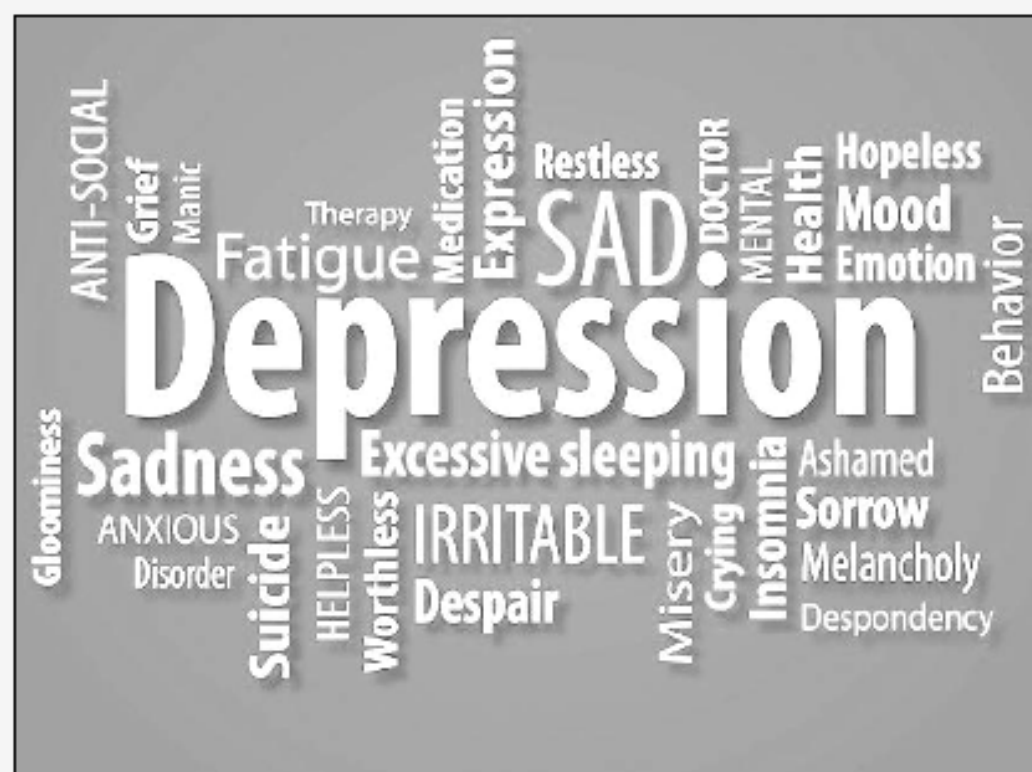
Socio-economic pressures which families go through such as loss of employment, divorce or separation, poverty, death, HIV and AIDS and also living in child-headed households affect teenagers in a deep way than adults and contribute to their being susceptible to depression and other mental disorders such as anxiety disorders, when they are not able to cope with the circumstances life throws their way.

WHAT IS DEPRESSION?

Depression can be explained as an illness of persistent feeling of sadness and loss of interest and pleasure on usual activities for a period of two weeks or longer.

A depressed person can have different symptoms which largely may include, decrease or increase in appetite, insomnia or hypersomnia, constant fatigue, feelings of worthlessness, or excessive and inappropriate guilt,

Depression: A silent killer in our modern society



recurrent thoughts of death and suicidal ideation with or without specific plans for committing suicide, low self-esteem, poor concentration, diminished ability to think, concentrate and take decisions.

For instance, the person may start missing work or school, or stop going to classes or their usual social activities. Social, occupational, educational, or other important functioning of the individual is affected.

Although depression can occur at anytime in life and can affect anyone, women and men, adults and young people alike, rich or poor (it is no respecter of socio-economic status and background) however, the symptoms may vary and also the impact is not the same.

However, symptoms may be different between teens and adults, women and men. Studies have shown that teenagers, because of their transitional process to adulthood, they are more susceptible to depression as they take everything that happens in their lives so personal and go around with guilt and blame themselves.

For instance, for divorce or separation of their parents or have their self-esteem tarnished because a particular boyfriend or girlfriend has ditched them. *Kwaliwa* is a serious issue amongst this group hence the media is inundated with stories of a girl who has hanged herself because her boyfriend ditched her or a boy who couldn't

cope because his girlfriend decided to date someone else.

It is like the world is ending and they actually can't see their future without that person and the truth is that life continues and can become great and more fun without your teenage heart-throb. It is so funny that a guy you cried over for days and months when you were 20 years, when you meet him later in life, you are like 'gal, what was wrong with you' (just saying).

A SENSE OF HOPELESSNESS

Depression, anxiety, panic attack, fatigue and all mental health-related illnesses emanate from the status of the mind- my mind must be able to cope with what life has presented on my plate.

Half the time, our plates as individuals are loaded with life pressures such that we are not able to cope, all we see is the 'goliath' the 'walls of Jericho' or the red-sea or the overflowing river Jordan, we just can't get ourselves past the thought of drowning and dying because of the challenge. This is a position where you look at the red-sea and you are like 'I'm dead, I'm finished' you look at the situation and all you see is the problem and don't even have the slightest idea how you can find a way around this so overwhelmingly high, big, deep, gigantic, mysterious, fearful situation. I mean insurmountable.

This is a state of hopelessness - where

my thinking level is not able to permeate through it all and reach a position that says 'I will make it' I don't know how now, but I will get out of here.

The state of our mind needs to be ALWAYS on the hope mode, once that is lost, your whole body, mind and spirit is transitioned to a mode of fear and panic and what follows are actions that you do not have control over because you are not in sync with yourself anymore.

Suicide is then seen as a solution because one has reached a dead-end kind of position in life.

CONQUERING HOPELESSNESS

The mind is central, its instability no matter how many minute or seconds, does have serious consequences.

The mind controls every fiber of our being, reactions and decisions that we make. Medical, psychological including spiritual explanations are all agreed that the mindset is the critical to all spheres of life.

Young people are the future leaders, they are the ones to carry the baton to the next generation, hence their mental health should be paramount.

Sadly, this young generation's existence is threatened by depression and other mental health illnesses.

Not able to cope with life pressures, if they survive suicide, they turn to drugs, promiscuous lifestyle, juvenile delinquency or permanently become

mentally unstable, yet we need them.

Most of young people suffer in silence, they go through 'issues' in isolation, some do not even have anyone to talk to but others do not speak out for fear of being judged or ridiculed by those around them.

If we are to preserve this generation from being wiped out by mental instability which then deprives us of the genius brain, we need to change and pay more attention to this killer, yet subtle disease.

Meaningful investments have to be made on the topic in schools, churches, communities, any hub with young people. In our homes let us be more open and friendly and accommodative to our young girls and boys, in particular the girls who at times go through sexual related abuse and then decide to keep and handle such ordeals on their own.

You may not be aware, but probably your girl is behaving the way she is because of depression. Come close and find out before it is too late, you may actually save a life.

As the year begins, at individual and collective level, we go through circumstances that are beyond what our minds can take and push us to a corner and a state of hopelessness. But always remember, it always depend on which side of the challenge 'you decide to focus on'.

As you are consumed by the thoughts of your 'red-sea' try with the last strength and might you may have, no matter how little to find something positive and hang on it because as you do that, before you know it, your help will be just right there where you are standing and life will be worth a living again. Here is to a Mental Healthy 2020!

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WHAT THE LAW SAYS

Utsini umtsetfo

THE SEXUAL OFFENCES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT, 2018 (Act No. 15 of 2018)

Manner of application for protection order

13. (1) An application for a protection order in terms of section 78 and 81 of the Act shall be in accordance with Form 16 of the Third Schedule.

(2) The application referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall be accompanied by an affidavit stating the facts on which the application is based and the nature of the order applied for.

(3) A person making an application for a protection order may make another application or bring other proceedings under the Act in relation to a protection order.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, a child or a person on behalf of a child may apply to Court for a protection order without the assistance of a parent, guardian or care-giver.

Information to be given by clerk of court

14. For purposes of section 112 of the Act, the clerk of the court shall, if the aggrieved person is not represented by a legal representative –

(a) hand to the aggrieved person a written notice which contains the information provided for in Form 17 of the Third schedule, which shall, if reasonably possible, be in the official language of the complainant's choice;

(b) read the notice to the aggrieved person if is unable to read such notice;

(c) inquire from the aggrieved person whether, (i) understands the contents of the notice;

(ii) requires further information concerning the relief available in terms of the Act; and

(iii) on request of the aggrieved person, further explain, any part of the notice which the aggrieved person does not understand.

Issuing of interim protection order

15. An interim protection order issued in terms of section 92 of the Act shall be in accordance with Form 18 of the Third Schedule.

Notice to show cause

16. The notice calling upon a respondent to show cause why a protection order should not be issued, shall be in accordance with Form 19 of the Third Schedule.

Issuing of final Protection Order

17. (1) Where an interim protection order is issued in terms of section 81 of the Act, that final protection order shall be in accordance with Form 20 of the Third Schedule; 10

(2) Where an interim protection order was not issued the protection order shall be in accordance with Form 21 of the Third Schedule;

Issuance of warrant of arrest

18. A warrant of arrest which is authorised and issued in terms of section 118 of the Act shall be in accordance with Form 22 of the Third Schedule.

Affidavit in support of a second or further warrant of arrest

19. An affidavit filed in support of the issuance of a warrant of arrest for purposes of obtaining a second or further warrant of arrest for the protection of an aggrieved person shall be in accordance with Form 23 of the Third Schedule.

Affidavit in support of warrant of arrest for contravention of protection order

20. An affidavit filed in support of warrant of arrest for contravention of protection order containing a prohibition, condition or obligation shall be in accordance with Form 24 of the Third Schedule.

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Application for variation or revocation of protection order

21. An application for the variation or revocation of a protection order made in terms of contemplated in section 107 of the Act, shall be in accordance with Form 26 of the Third Schedule.

Notice of variation or revocation of protection order

22. A notice of the variation or revocation of a protection order issues in terms of sections 104 and 105 of the Act shall be in accordance with Form 27 of the Third Schedule.

Notice to appear before court

23. A notice issues in terms of section 118 of the Act calling upon a respondent to appear before a court for contravention of conditions of protection Order in terms of sections 119 and 120 of the Act shall be in accordance with Form 25 of the Third Schedule.

Offences and Penalties

24. (1) A person who intentionally fails to notify the Registrar of any change of details as required by section 60(1), commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding seven thousand Emalangeni (E7 000) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding eighteen (18) months or both.

(2) A person who willfully discloses any information contained in the Register to another person, unless such disclosure is in the exercise and performance of the powers, duties or functions of the Registrar in terms of the section 62 of the Act, commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding ten thousand Emalangeni (E10 000) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two (2) years or both.

(3) A person who intentionally discloses any information which that person has acquired in the exercise of the powers or performance of the functions or carrying out of the duties conferred upon, assigned to or imposed upon that person under section 62 the Act other than for purposes of giving effect to the provisions of this Act or is required to do so by any competent Court, commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding ten thousand Emalangeni (E10 000) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two (2) years or to both.

(4) A person who willfully discloses or publishes any information to another person which that person has acquired as a result of an application made in terms of section 62 (4) or in any other unlawful manner, except where such disclosure is permitted by law, commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding ten thousand Emalangeni (E10 000) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two (2) years or both.

(5) A person who intentionally fails to disclose a conviction of a sexual offence to a potential employer or employer commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding ten thousand Emalangeni (E10 000) or to a period of imprisonment not exceeding two (2) years or both.

(6) A person who intentionally applies for approval to manage or operate any entity, business concern or trade in relation to the supervision over or care of a child or a person who is physical or mentally disabled and fails to disclose a conviction of sexual offence against a child or a person who is mentally disabled commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding fifteen thousand Emalangeni (E15 000) or to a period of imprisonment not exceeding three (3) years or both.

(7) A person who intentionally applies to become a foster parent, care-giver, an adoptive parent or a curator and fails to disclose a conviction of a sexual offence or that they have been dealt with in terms of section 165 or section 319 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act, 1938 commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding thirty-five thousand Emalangeni (E 35 000) or to a period of imprisonment not exceeding seven (5) years or both.

(8) A person who intentionally applies for the removal of particulars from the Registrar, who falsely declares that there are no criminal proceedings pending for allegedly having committed a sexual offence, commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding five thousand Emalangeni (E 5 000) or to a period of imprisonment not exceeding twelve (12) months or both.

Wit & Wisdom

● "People who claim that they're evil are usually no worse than the rest of us... It's people who claim that they're good, or any way better than the rest of us, that you have to be wary of."

— Gregory Maguire, *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*

● "To see a World in a Grain of Sand
And a Heaven in a Wild Flower,
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand
And Eternity in an hour."

— William Blake, *Auricles of Innocence*

● "I go to seek a Great Perhaps."
— Francis Rabalais

● "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humour, and some style."
— Maya Angelou

● "Hate the sin, love the sinner."
— Mahatma Gandhi

● "Live to the point of tears."
— Albert Camus

● "Usually I'm remarkably good natured. Try me on a day that doesn't end in y."
— Cassandra Clare

● "The reason it hurts so much to separate is because our souls are connected."
— Nicholas Sparks

● "You don't know what goes on in anyone's life but your own. And when you mess with one part of a person's life, you're not messing with just that part. Unfortunately, you can't be that precise and selective. When you mess with one part of a person's life, you're messing with their entire life. Everything... affects everything."
— Jay Asher, *Thirteen Reasons Why*

● "Remember that wherever your heart is, there you will find your treasure."
— Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist*

● "Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds."
— Albert Einstein

● "There are no facts, only interpretations."
— Friedrich Nietzsche

● "History will be kind to me for I intend to write it."
— Winston S. Churchill

● "Both Rowling and Meyer, they're speaking directly to young people... The real difference is that J.K. Rowling is a terrific writer and Stephanie Meyer can't write worth a darn. She's not very good."
— Stephen King

● "There was a clatter as the basilisk fangs cascaded out of Hermione's arms. Running at Ron, she flung them a round his neck and laid them full on the mouth. Ron threw away the fangs and broomstick he was holding and responded with such enthusiasm that he lifted Hermione off her feet."

● "Is this the moment?" Harry asked weakly, and when nothing happened except that Ron and Hermione gripped each other still more firmly and swayed on the spot, he raised his voice. "Oi! There's a war going on here!"
— Ron and Hermione broke apart, their arms still around each other.

● "I know, mate," said Ron, who looked as though he had recently been hit on the back of the head with a Bludger, "so it's now or never, isn't it?"

● "Never mind that, what about the Horcrux?" Harry shouted. "Do you think you could just — just hold it in, until we've got the diadem?"

● "Yeah — right — sorry —" said Ron, and he and Hermione set about gathering up fangs, both pink in the face."
— J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*



"If you let fear stop you from flying, you will never reach your heights."

This verse is borrowed or poached, whatever, from the mighty lyrics of US musician India Arie. And she could not have said it better - the whole world is imprisoned in the concrete jungle, the gigantic mental jail of fear. We seem to be afraid of just everything, even trying because we fear what others will think and say.

We fear to start. TO START something that has not been STARTED, done before. We fear taking risks. We want someone to take the risk on our behalf, then come and hold the trophy after victory and behave as if we were part of the struggle. Look next to you, the sudden new fans of Liverpool. Because they are winners.

MALAWI

In Malawi, today, many want to be associated with the winner of the presidential elections Dr. Lazarus Chakwera, whose lack of fear made him challenge the incumbent, Peter Mutharika, who will be soon cutting a lonely figure as he exits the presidential office and the pegs that come with it.

Mutharika took over from Joyce Banda, who had succeeded his brother Bingu Wa Mutharika. Banda was Vice President when Bingu Wa

DON'T LET FEAR STOP YOU FROM FLYING!



Mutharika met his untimely death while in office and as the dictate of the constitution she succeeded him. We might be seeing the end of the Mutharika dynasty unless otherwise....! Anyway, I was on fear, bravery and winners. That everyone loves a winner.

SONG

I am reminded of the song of 1967, before I was born by William Bell, entitled, 'Everybody loves a winner' and the song continues that when you lose, you lose alone. If you have been to elections, won or lost any title, you got hired or fired - you will understand this better. Naturally,

there are very few people during planting season and you guessed right they are many during harvest time. It is the nature of the beast.

BRAVE

While many of us struggle with our fears, there are those who have been pioneers and set the tone for us. When apartheid was viciously grinding society, brave men stood up against the rot! Anton Lembede, Nelson Mandela, Robert Sobukwe, Steve Biko, Govan Mbeki, Winnie Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Andrew Mlangeni, etc, took the unhappy regime hands on and paid the ultimate prize.

SUCCESSFUL

If you look at the history of successful people in the world, you can agree with me that they dumped their fears and took risks. Others climbed up the ladder to the top and crushed. They were patient with perseverance, rose to the top again. It is called the gospel of NO GIVE UP. The gospel of NO SURRENDER!

AGE

As you get old so are the fears, they get older like you. There are certain ages that make you fear to take decisions because of so many reasons. But hooray and bravo to the fearless old men who marry women younger than their first born children. And hooray to the brave women who give their ATM cards (with PIN) to Ben 10s. The love dictionary calls it 'putting your heart over your head.'

Late US musician, Aliaayah, popularised the adage, 'age is nothing but a number.' My gosh I wish it was true. Maybe it's an opportunity to prove Science right on FILTRATION. Oh yes filtration in summary is the process by which solid particles in a liquid are removed through filter but retains the solid particles. Oh yeah the younger woman and man retain their solid particles. If you know what I mean.

Maybe it's a take on MAGNETISM that UNLIKE TERMS ATTRACT. But all the same these human beings are the opposite of fear - they are brave. I zip my mouth on the other younger gender. Who said that 'there is no foolish fool than an old fool?' Is it Shakespeare?

THE FEAR OF FEAR

It is by design that oppressors use fear to put us on the straight and narrow because they know our fear of fear. For more than 400 years, a black man has been oppressed in America the most sophisticated civilisation on earth! On the 4th of July 1776, America got independence from Britain and George Washington became their first president.

The capital city of America, Washington DC is named after him. The highly-praised US constitution forgot to operationalise blacks as

homo sapiens (human beings) not austra-sivapithecus (Gorillas) if you get my drift.

RACISM

In the US, racism has been naturalised and well packaged so much that the eye could not see it. Hollywood through filmic depiction painted a picture of the gloss American Dream and concealed the horror of black life. Amongst the most talented million blacks, few of them get roles in blockbuster movies.

And only a handful of them have won the prestigious Oscars. But God being God blessed the black American child with so much voice in the music sphere, even racist whites could not ignore. Marvin Gaye, Mary J. Blige, Beyonce, Kanye West, Kirk Franklin, Nicky Minaj, Michael Jackson etc.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

After almost 60 years of independence America still had millions of blacks as slaves by law. It needed the bravery of President Abraham Lincoln to say, 'enough is enough.' Lincoln is a novel story of a man who feared no fear at all. He lost elections several times, lost jobs, was bankrupt to the bottomless pit, but never gave up. He could not enjoy his presidency as a mad bullet ended his life. He found himself on the wrong side of aristocrats and merchants who heavily benefitted from the slave trade.

MARTIN LUTHER KING

Even under predation and subjugation, God has a habit of raising brave men. Martin Luther King Junior stood up and let his voice be heard. Like Christ - he spoke of peace and love in the heat of hate. Meanwhile, another hero - Malcolm X preached about 'sending back to the sender.'

This gospel has found home in today's pastors. *Badziniwe bafundisi batsakatsi! Batsi ABASHE* here on earth *singamali sihogo*. Who is not tired *kapha? ABASHE!* King and X both met their maker through the barrel of a gun.

GEORGE FLOYD

George Floyd's death shone the spotlight to the real America - how white police got away with murder - literally. But this time the people's spirit could not even be dampened by the deadly coronavirus. They looked at death in the eye and forgot about masks and social distancing and fought the racism peril - more deadly and older than the novel pandemic.

It is becoming as clear as sunrise that nothing can change in our lives unless we throw this fear that engulfs us in a dustbin somewhere.

Things will never change until we take a radical stance and change them! We don't have to fear to do what is right. We don't have to fear to bring positive change in society and free ourselves from the captivity of fear.



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PRESS STATEMENT

COVID-19 COMPANYWIDE TESTING EXERCISE

1. The United Holdings Group and Associated companies including subsidiaries has embarked on a company wide COVID-19 testing exercise. This exercise is part of our ongoing approach to the fight against COVID-19. Our earlier measures in this fight have been among others, social distancing, wearing of masks, sanitization, temperature verification, remote working, isolation of suspected cases and our corporate COVID-19 social responsibility such as donations to various communities and organisations.
2. As a sequel to the above, the company has embarked on the actual testing of staff. The first group of tests were undertaken on Wednesday 24th June 2020.
3. A total of thirty-two persons was tested. Three (3) members tested positive of the virus while 29 tested negative. We have since assisted the three members to commence the prescribed quarantine wherein the Ministry of Health will also assist on same.
4. Given the outcome of the testing done last week, Management has taken a decision to have company-wide testing in order to proactively curtail any possible exposures to staff, customers and their families. The testing exercise shall be done as from Monday 29th June 2020 by a private service provider starting with staff working on site. Staff will be required to go into self-isolation after taking the test until the results are out.
5. As a consequence of the self-isolation and possible quarantine, our service may slow down as some of the isolated staff may not have access to technology connectivity. We seek your indulgence as we deal with this difficult and sensitive public health matter.

BY MANAGEMENT

BUSINESS UPDATE

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Greystone Partners Limited's E68 million investment

STORIES BY QONDILE NTIWANE

GREYSTONE Partners Limited has invested about E68 million in the 2019 financial year.

The company's investments include Alliance Foods which is classified as a subsidiary in terms of IFRS, three business combinations and thus fully consolidated, Lojaf and Ngwane Mills which have been classified as investments in associates at fair value through profit or loss.

Other investments are Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation (ESRIC), SBC Limited, Orchard Insurance Limited, Promco, General Africa Foods (GAF) and SwaziSpa Holdings Limited.

This is contained in their audited financial results for the year ended September 30, 2019. The financial report highlighted that in December 2019, Greystone acquired an additional 18.2 per cent in Alliance Foods for E16 648 075.

In January 2020, Greystone made an additional investment E11 735 876 in Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation through Inba Holdings for 360 000 shares.

...Net Asset Value up by 7.94 per cent at E2.64

GREYSTONE Partners Limited has reported that Net Assets Value (NAV) per share at September 30, 2019 was E2.64, which shows a growth of 7.94 per cent to the E2.45 NAV of the same period in the previous year.

According to their audited financial results for the year ended September 30, 2019, the growth in the company's NAV was the key performance measure for the Board of Directors.

The report stated that the overall Net Asset Value increased to E374 million from E330 million. The company stated in their financial review that due to the accounting policy changes, Greystone financial statements were vastly different to prior years.

Also part of the key highlighted in the financial results was a three-year compound annual growth rate for the reported NAV to 30 September 2019 of 11.9 per cent per annum.

Meanwhile, on Greystone Company's balance sheet, a total of E37.4 million of debt including capitalised interest was raised in the current financial year to fund a portion of the E68 million of equity acquisitions made in the 2018 financial year.

The audited financial statements for the company as at September 30, 2019, noted that this was the first time that Greystone had raised external debt to fund acquisitions.

"However, the Board is comfortable with the current leverage on the balance sheet," reads the statement.

It was also reported that a loan of E36.5 million including capitalised interest was raised on Alliance Foods balance sheet that relates to the acquisition of the KFCs. These loans have resulted in E3.8 million of finance costs compared to E2.4 million in 2018.

Alliance Foods acquired seven KFC quick service restaurants in March 2019 and is currently the sole franchisee for the KFB brand in Eswatini under a franchise agreement with KFC (Pty) Limited.



It was stated that Greystone's total investments comprised of dividend income of E11.0 million (2018: 21.8 million) and interest income of E4.6 million (2018: E6.2 million). Meanwhile dividends comprised of dividend received from ESRIC of E9.2 million, SBC limited of E1.8 million and Orchard of E80 625.

The financial further highlighted that revaluation gains of the underlying investments amounted to E17.7 million.

The major gain was a result of Lojaf's value increasing by E10.3 million while ESRIC's value decreased to E89.5 million, resulting in a fair value loss for the year.

The statements also reflected that cash and cash equivalents amounted to E66.2 million compared to E33.6 million in 2018. Of this total 23.1 million relates to Alliance Foods and the balance to Greystone. "KPMG was again engaged to perform the independent valuation of Greystone's

unlisted investments. KPMG applied the market multiple methodologies in valuing ESRIC's and Orchard Insurance. For ESRIC short term insurance business and Orchard's the price earnings multi was the primary methodology.

"For Ngwane Mills, Lojaf and Alliance Foods and GAF, the primary valuation technique applied by KPMG was the discounted cash flow methodology," reads the report.

It was stated that there were no other significant events that have occurred in respect of the group subsequent to the year-end that may be relevant to the accuracy of these financial statements. It was also noted that the 2019 calendar year had been a year of further investments and growth with each of the underlying investments doing reasonably well considering the low economic growth environment.

The financial statements for the 12 months ended September 30, 2019 have been audited by Price WaterHouse Coopers.

VITALS

Prime Rate	7.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	4.0%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	7.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	4.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.65 per litre
Replacement	E11.70 per litre
Diesel	E12.10 per litre
Paraffin	E7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 30 JUNE 2020

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	17.2627	17.3127
British Pound / SZL	21.2158	21.2773
Japanese Yen / SZL	6.2243	6.2418
Swiss Franc / SZL	18.1331	18.1818
Botswana Pula / SZL	1.4587	1.4733
Australian Dollar / SZL	11.8508	11.8904
Canadian Dollar / SZL	12.6245	12.6583
Euro / SZL	19.3826	19.4387
Gold	1,760.0387	
OI	42.11	

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PUBLIC NOTICE/ SATISO

DEATH GRATUITY DISTRIBUTION BY PUBLIC SERVICE PENSIONS FUND

The Public Service Pensions Fund invites the following deceased members' families to meetings to be held at the following scheduled times and dates at the Pensions Building, along Mhlambanyatsi Road. Family members are requested to bring certified copies of the following: proof of identity, death certificate, birth certificates, marriage certificate(s) and any other relevant documents.

Lihhevisi letemhlala phansi (PSPF) licela lihlobo lanaba labalandzelako kutsi livele enhloko hhevisi ngalamalanga netikharsi letilandzelako.

Tiyacekwa kutsi tiphatse stifiketi sekufa semuti, tikhiketi takutlwa tabantwana bemuti, tikhiketi tekutsatsana, nabomafise bebuve (P.I.N.) ID nabo tonkhe tinowadizilengasita.

The following deceased members' families are invited to attend a meeting on the following dates:

Monday 06 July 2020

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Vlakasi Princess	Defence	300016379	11.06.2020	09h00
2. Dlamini Mohiya	Agriculture	4789026	10.06.2020	10h00
3. Kunene Dumile P	Police	9143649	01.06.2020	11h00
4. Maphanga Siphile	Education	4608460	22.06.2020	12h00

Tuesday 07 July 2020

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Dube Mxolisi P	ICT	4494359	13.06.2020	09h00
2. Dlamini Catherine	Education	4400897	06.06.2020	10h00
3. Mavimbela Dumsani	Defence	4264380	05.06.2020	11h00
4. Dlamini Samkeliso	Tinkhundla	2579432	16.06.2020	12h00

Wednesday 08 July 2020

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Maaza Toy G	Defence	9090947	31.05.2020	09h00
2. Zungu Siphon F	Agriculture	8611402	01.06.2020	10h00
3. Dlamini Elliot S	ICT	8178957	03.06.2020	11h00

For more information please contact Nompumelelo Masina at 24119000 or our Toll Free Number 8002401

'WORLD VISION HAS CHANGED OUR LIVES'

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

RURAL entrepreneurs in the country have expressed their appreciation of the support by World Vision Eswatini in starting their businesses, stating that their lives have been completely changed.

When interviewed, rural entrepreneurs based at Lubulini, Matsanjeni, Ekukhanyeni respectively stated that they appreciate the training by World Vision which made them understand business as well as the continued check-ups to keep them motivated.

"It's not really even about the equipment and the raw materials, to us it's the training which was very much needed, as well as the fact that they never forget us. They aren't once-off, but they keep on coming back to see how we are doing and also where they can continue giving a helping hand, and that's appreciated."

With our business, they started by teaching us how to make petroleum jelly, as well as detergents. We then learnt how to keep business records, and how to market our products for our target market. That's proven to be lessons that have been key in the running of our business," said Nkosingphile Khumalo, Chairperson of Sityafufika Corporation which specializes in



PROUD: Kwasa Ekukhanyeni Chairperson Dumsani Masuku and Samson Mndzebele explaining a point. Their business is based at Ekukhanyeni and specializes on farming. (Pics: Sibusiso Dlamini)

producing petroleum jelly.

"We started our business in 2013, and we have been quite successful because we are close to the South African border and they really love our product around Phongola."

Hopeful

This therefore, means we have been deeply affected by this current COVID-19 pandemic because now we can't make any movements, but we are very hopeful that this shall pass, and we will get back to business," she added.

Meanwhile, Zodwa Malinga, Chairperson of Mahle Ematheku Cooperation which is a sewing business, said she is pleased with

the growth of her business and thanked World Vision for being there for them as a business throughout their journey. "As you can see today, we have a business that has customers all over Matsanjeni. This is because of World Vision who taught us about strategic sales and marketing."

They have been with us from the very start, and we really thank this organisation because without them, we would still be on the brink of poverty. As we speak, we have bought furniture for our houses, our children don't struggle for schools fees and trust me, we never worry about what we will have on the plate for dinner every day," she

said. On the other hand, Dumsani Masuku, Chairperson of Kwasa Ekukhanyeni Multi-Purpose Cooperation based at Ekukhanyeni further encouraged the country's youth to take interest in business especially ones in the agricultural sector.

"You can never run away from the fact that agriculture is our 'gold' in this country. Look at us, a bunch of 74 old people who are able to make a living from agriculture, what then can stop our bright minds from taking this country's economy to the next level."

They should stand up and take action, because it's clear that chances of employment are getting slimmer by the day, I mean take a look at this horrible situation with this COVID-19 pandemic, which has hit all industries and even the biggest of economies in the world.

World Vision is a global Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice by tackling the root causes of poverty.

The organisation started operating in the country in 1992, focusing mainly on emergency relief after the devastating drought that hit Eswatini. Later on, the organisation shifted focus from relief to disaster mitigation, rehabilitation, and transformational development.

Agriculture ministry conducts site visits to ensure food security

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THE ministry of agriculture, in its mandate to ensure food security in the country, conducted site visits at Bambitje area under Matsanjeni Inkhundla and Mpakeni under Sigwe Inkhundla.

Shiselweni Region Senior Extension Officer in the ministry of agriculture, Ntombikayise Dlamini said, as a region, they were encouraging farmer groups and individuals including young farmers to produce more fruits and vegetables for both home consumption and commercialisation.

She said they also emphasised the need for backyard gardening in every household in the country.

"The ministry is one of the essential service providers during this period of COVID-19 and we are preaching the production and eating of fruits and vegetables in order to boost the immune systems of EmaSwati, which is important in these times of COVID-19."

"We also encourage cleanliness from households to production and also to consumers to avoid the spread of this virus."

Precautionary measures by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the ministry of health have been conveyed to farmers, an exercise held in collaboration with the ministry of health, World Vision, NAMBoard and the COVID-19 task team.

Recently, Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza launched the construction of Mkhondvo-Ngwavuma dams, which will benefit the people of Shiselweni.

During the launch, Mabuza urged everyone under the region to support the project which will transform their lives.

He also encouraged the involvement of younger people in the farming industry.

Contractors invited for construction of water supply system for greenhouse tunnels

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THE Eswatini Water and Agriculture Development Enterprise (ESWADE) has invited tenderers for the construction of water supply system for greenhouse tunnels at LUSIP, Siphofaneni in the Lubombo Region.

In an invitation to tender listed on the Eswatini Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (ESPPRA), the company invited tenders from suitably qualified contractors, registered with the Construction Industry Council of Eswatini (CIC) in Category C2 and C3 only, to submit tenders.

It was also stated that preference would be given to local contractors, with at least 60 per cent EmaSwati as shareholders, and registered with the Construction Industry Council of Eswatini.

"Tender documents may be obtained after payment of a non-refundable tender fee of E350 to the ESWADE. They will be on sale from the 03rd July 2020, starting at 0830Hrs to 1630Hrs up to the day of the compulsory clarification meeting and site visit with representatives of the employer which will be held at ESWADE Siphofaneni offices (LUSIP 1) boardroom," reads part of the document.



ENTREPRENEUR: Chairperson of Mahle Ematheku Corporation, Zodwa Malinga.



INVESTMENT: Piglets at the Mkhondvo Piggery.



FINISHED PRODUCT: Some of the clothes made at Mahle Ematheku.



BUSY: Nobuhle Shabangu, a dressmaker at Matsanjeni.



COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & TRADE ESWATINI

CO-OPERATIVES TAKE CLIMATE ACTION FROM THIS JULY

THIS Saturday July 4, 2020 is International Day of Cooperatives.

Eswatini, just like the rest of the world, will also be commemorating this day, albeit later in the month.

This year's theme is 'Cooperatives for Climate Action'. The International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) has described the theme as a call for the global cooperative community to continue pushing for actions that will address climate change – as "this critical situation is putting lives and livelihoods at risk, disrupting vital ecosystems for people and the planet".

"Our common home is in danger. There are methods of production and consumption that are constantly attacking the environment. We don't have much time to reverse this situation. We must act now, with our values and principles, to demonstrate on a global scale that it is possible to develop an economy with social inclusion and protection of natural resources," said Ariel Guarco, ICA President.

WHY THIS THEME?

The 2020 International Cooperatives Day theme was chosen to support Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13 on Climate Action. This SDG aims to address the needs of developing countries to adapt to climate change impacts and invest in the development of pathways that lead to net-zero emissions of greenhouse gases.

Therefore, this year the focus for co-operatives will be on their contribution to combating climate change, one of the most severe challenges facing our planet during the 21st century. This is because climate change severely impacts people's livelihoods around the world, especially the most disadvantaged groups such as small-scale farmers, women, youth, indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities, who have to cope with extreme natural disasters and degradation of natural resources.

The cooperative movement can thus use this important opportunity to take a stand as a global actor of change and collaborate with its part-

...Let's cooperate and invite everyone to fight for climate change



ners within the international community. This collective effort can significantly impact the climate agenda and achieve a fair, green and just transition for all communities, leaving no one behind.

PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

In Eswatini, the cooperatives department under the ministry of commerce, industry and trade has collaborated with key stakeholders in climate change such as the Ministry of agriculture and the ministry of tourism and environmental affairs.

Prior to the actual commemoration, the stakeholders will hold regional awareness campaigns on the importance of addressing climate change. These campaigns will include mini-workshops, which will be conducted in a way that will ensure that COVID-19 measures and guidelines are adhered to at all times; hence only representatives of the various cooperatives will

attend. Several climate change activities will also be done to complement the commemoration, including tree-planting as a means to counteract greenhouse gas emissions.

COVID-19 measures will continue to be observed during the commemoration later in the month, as it will strictly be by invitation and will be streamed live on virtual platforms. Co-operators who will not be part of these activities will be able to access presentations through their mother bodies as well as follow live social media broadcasts during the main event.

NEGATIVE IMPACT OF GREEN-HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Meanwhile, as rightly pointed out by ICA, no country is immune from climate change. Statistics reveal that greenhouse gas emissions are more than 50 per cent higher than they were in 1990, and global warming is causing long-

lasting changes to our climate system which threatens irreversible consequences if we do not act. Cooperatives worldwide can, therefore, take this opportunity to show leadership and share their cooperative values in combating this global issue.

ICA will be issuing a Cooperatives Communications Guide to help cooperatives use this day to illustrate the importance of taking action to battle climate change.

Also, an interactive map to illustrate how cooperatives worldwide are taking action to battle climate change, and celebrate their successes will be issued by ICA.

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COOPERATIVES

The United Nations International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated annually on the first Saturday of July. The aim of this celebration is to increase awareness on cooperatives, highlight the complementary goals and objectives of the United Nations and the international cooperative movement, underscore the contributions of the movement to the resolution of the major problems addressed by the United Nations, as well as strengthen and extend partnerships between the international cooperative movement and other actors.

In 1992, following a concerted lobbying effort by the cooperative members of the ICA and Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives (COPAC) members, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the first Saturday of July 1995 to be International Day of Cooperatives, marking the centenary of the establishment of the Alliance, by resolution 47/90 of 16 December 1992. Since 1995, the ICA and the United Nations have been setting the theme for the celebration of the International Day through COPAC, a multi-stakeholder partnership of global public and private institutions, the ICA being a founding member that champions and supports people-centred and self-sustaining cooperative enterprises as leaders in sustainable development. For more information on the International Day of Cooperatives 2020, inquiries can be sent to the Commissioner of Co-operatives Nonhlanhla Mnisi on nonhlanhlaemnisi@gmail.com or our Communication Officer Thabile Mdluli on jehovaunani@gmail.com.

First quarter GDP falls by 2% as recession continues

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's economy decreased by 2.0 per cent in the first quarter of 2020, Statistics South Africa reported yesterday morning.

This extends the technical recession that the country found itself in in the last quarter of 2019.

The release of Stats SA's latest quarterly GDP figures comes a week after Minister of Finance Tito Mboweni tabled his supplementary budget in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Treasury now expects SA's GDP to contract by a record 7.2 per cent in this year, while tax revenues are projected to fall R300 billion short of the what was estimated in February budget.

Globally, the economic outlook is also looking gloomy, with the United Kingdom reporting a 2.2 per cent contraction between January and March of this year - the largest contraction for that economy in 40 years.

"The electricity, gas and water industry contracted by 5.6 per cent in the first quarter, largely due to decreases in electricity distributed and water consumption.

The construction industry decreased by 4.7

per cent. Decreases were reported for residential buildings, non-residential buildings and construction works," said Stats SA in its report on the GDP figures released yesterday.

While load shedding played a significant role in the contraction of the economy in the fourth quarter of 2019, COVID-19 emerged as the likely culprit for extending the economy's contraction into the first quarter of 2020.

But the full impact of COVID-19 on SA's economy is expected to only show up in GDP data for the second and third quarters of the year.

South African economy shrank by 1.4 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2019, plunging the country into the second technical recession of the Ramaphosa presidency.

That 1.4 per cent fall followed a contraction of 0.8 per cent in the third quarter of 2019, which means that the economy was in recession for the last half of 2019.

For the whole of 2019, the South African economy grew by only 0.2 per cent (in real terms). In 2018, it saw growth of 0.8 per cent.

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Petrol, diesel prices to rise as global oil price recovers

JOHANNESBURG - South African motorists will be paying R1.72 per litre more for the most popular grade of petrol from today. Prices for diesel and illuminating paraffin are also set to increase.

Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy, Gwede Mantashe, released the schedule of new fuel prices yesterday.

They come into effect from today. The key contributor to the rise in prices at the pump was an increase in the global oil price.

Mantashe's announcement was in line with projections published by the Automobile Association last week.

Once the changes have come into effect, a litre of 95 octane petrol in Gauteng will cost R15.12 per litre.

"During the current fuel price review, the average Brent Crude oil price increased from 27.63 USD/barrel to 40.01 USD/barrel," said Mantashe in a statement. "The main reason for the higher oil prices is that major economies around the world began to ease the coron-



avirous lockdown measures amid the production cut by OPEC and Russia."

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LEARNING AT HOME

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Monday to Friday

LEVEL: JUNIOR CERTIFICATE
LESSON SEQUENCE: 31
TOPIC: Climatic Regions

LESSON TITLE: TROPICAL RAINFOREST AND TROPICAL/HOT DESERTS

OBJECTIVES: learners should be able to:

- Give the location of the tropical rainforest and the hot deserts
- Discuss the climate of the tropical rainforest and the hot deserts
- Describe the vegetation of the tropical rainforest and the hot deserts
- Describe the soils of the tropical rainforest and the hot deserts
- State the animals found in the tropical rainforest and the hot deserts
- Describe the human activities in the tropical rainforest and the hot deserts
- Explain the relationship between climate and vegetation of the tropical rainforest and the hot deserts.

RATIONALE: The world is divided into several major climatic regions just like the country of Eswatini is divided into (four) main climatic regions (Highveld, Middleveld, Lowveld and the Lubombo Plateau). So we study the world climatic regions in order for us to know the different world climates and its characteristics. We also study them to know that there are no two or more places on the Earth's surface that are identical. It should be noted that each area, irrespective of size, is unique. As geographers, our main concern is not to concentrate on the uniqueness of each region but to study the similarities and differences between them.

INTRODUCTION: The Tropical Rainforest (hot and wet throughout the year) and the Hot Deserts (hot and dry throughout the year), are some of the world climates. In our study we will concentrate, in a comparison manner, on their locations, climates, vegetation, soils, animals, human activities, as well as the relationship between climate and vegetation of each of the regions.

LESSON DEVELOPMENT:

Tropical rainforest region	Hot desert regions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Found in tropical regions on both sides of the Equator between 5° North and 5° south of the Equator. For example: the Congo Basin (Africa), Amazon Basin (South America), Malaysia and Indonesia (East Indies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lie between 15° and 30° north and south of the Equator. Main deserts are found around the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn, mainly on the western sides of continents (exposed to dry off-shore winds). Examples of hot deserts are: Sahara Desert (North Africa), Namib Desert (South-West Africa), Atacama Desert (South America), Arabian Desert (Arabia), and Great Australian Desert (Australia)



Figure 1: World Map showing Tropical Rainforest



Figure 2: World Map showing Hot Deserts

1. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TROPICAL RAINFOREST AND THE HOT DESERTS Climate

Tropical Rainforest	Hot Deserts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High temperatures throughout the year (average: 26°C), no month with a mean/average temperature of 18°C Small annual range of temperature on the average of between 3°C and 8°C – due to, among other things, thick cloud cover – an indication that there are no distinct summers and winters (little change between the seasons). High rainfall (mainly the convectional type) throughout the year, average 2000 mm – due to, among other things, constant heat and high humidity levels of 75% Can be summarised as hot and wet throughout the year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very high summer temperatures, average temperatures varying between 27°C and 30°C. Extremely high temperatures of up to 45°C and above are experienced in some areas. Low winter average temperatures, varying between 10°C and 15°C Extremely high day temperatures of about 35°C and extremely low night temperatures of about 5°C, resulting in a large diurnal or daily temperature range of 30°C – due to, among other things, lack of cloud cover to scatter the sun's rays and lack of water vapour to absorb the sun's rays Very little annual rainfall received, a total of 250 mm or less, usually of the convectional type that could result in flash floods Can be summarised as hot and dry throughout the year

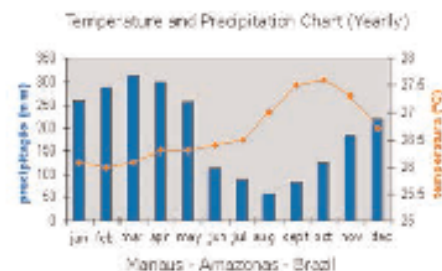


Figure 3: Tropical Rainforest Climate

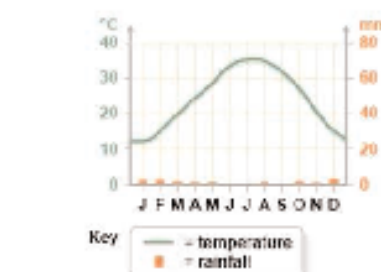


Figure 4: Climate in Hot Deserts

Vegetation

Tropical Rainforest	Hot Deserts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evergreen, greatly varied and luxuriant vegetation due to the following factors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High temperatures every month High rainfall every month Plenty of sunshine Vegetation grows in divided into three layers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top or emergent layer – consists of very tall trees, 50 metres or higher, with buttress roots Middle or intermediate layer – consists of varieties of climbers or lianas such as vines find their way to the higher layers to get sunshine), and parasitic plants that grow on the trees Bottom layer – consists of ferns and mangrove, as well as plants that absorb their nutrients from decaying matter (survive with less sunshine) Ways in which vegetation has adapted to the environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees have developed buttress roots; that provide support for the tall trees as they compete for sunlight Climbers/ianas climb around the trunks of trees to find their way to the higher layers to get sunlight or sunshine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very little or no vegetation – due to very low rainfall received Particularly found in oases/fertile areas (an oasis is a fertile spot in a desert, where water is found) Plants can be divided into 2 categories: drought-tolerant and salt-tolerant plants Vegetation consists of small hardy plants such as tough short grasses, thorn bushes, cactus-like plants and aloes Plants have found a way to adapt to the harsh desert environment (extremely high temperatures and lengthy periods of drought): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some have developed long roots that grow deep (called tap roots), e.g. the date palm; to reach any underground moisture or water Some store water in their roots, leaves and stems (these are succulent plants such as cactus) Some plants are without leaves; to reduce excessive transpiration Others plants have needle-shaped leaves; to reduce excessive transpiration and for protection from being eaten by animals



Figure 5: Vegetation in Tropical Rainforest

Soils

Tropical Rainforest	Hot Deserts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acidic and infertile soils unsuitable for farming – due to heavy rainfall which leaches the nutrients in the soil (nutrients washed down by heavy rain) Some rare cases of rich fertile soils, e.g. Java in Indonesia has rich volcanic soils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandy and rocky soils which are rough and shallow – remain as fine dust particles are blown away by sandstorms (winds). These soils have very little organic matter, thus cannot retain/keep moisture.

Animals

Tropical Rainforest	Hot Deserts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tropical rainforests are home of over 50% of the forest wildlife Large variety of animals ranging from small animals such as monkeys and birds to large animals such as hippopotamuses and elephants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some live on tree tops such as monkeys and bright coloured birds of many species Others live close to the ground such as snakes, lizards and frogs The dampness and heat in the tropical rainforest make it conducive for many insects to breed such as mosquitoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just like vegetation, animals have adapted to the Hot Desert's harsh environment (dry conditions). E.g. the camel is capable of storing water for about five days Some animals burrow (hideaway) into the sand due to high heat Most animals are nocturnal (active during the night and sleep during the day) Other animals include lizards, snakes and insects.



Figure 6: Animals in Hot Deserts

Human activities

Tropical Rainforest	Hot Deserts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sparse population living a primitive lifestyle are involved in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunting, fishing and gathering of fruits and nuts Practice shifting cultivation – leave cultivated lands after 2 or 3 years, for other areas, due to loss of fertility. This practice results in 'slash and burn' (new areas cleared and cut vegetation burnt) Practice of modern agriculture or commercial crop farming of rubber trees (Malaysia), cocoa production (Ghana) and oil palm trees (Nigeria). Other crops include bananas and pineapples Commercial logging; to make furniture and other products from hardwood tree species such as rosewood, ebony and mahogany Mining of minerals such as iron ore, oil and gold Pastoral farming such as in Central America – forests cleared and turned to grazing land for cattle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a living sparse populations, (due to lack of rainfall), are involved in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultivation of crops like wheat, barley, fruits and vegetables only in the oases and along rivers valleys such as the Nile River in Egypt/under irrigation, (due to insufficient rainfall). The Tigris and Euphrates river valleys are known for the production of dates. Nomadic herding by the Bedouins and Tuaregs of the Sahara Desert – they move in search of vegetation and water for their livestock (goats, sheep and camels) Drilling of oil in many countries in the Middle East such as Arabia and Kuwait. Other minerals include copper (Atacama Desert), gold and iron ore (Australia) and diamonds (Namibia). Desalination plants – for removing salt from sea water so that they can have drinking water



Figure 7: Logging in Tropical Rainforest



Figure 8: Nomadic Herding in Hot Deserts

2. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CLIMATE AND VEGETATION OF THE TROPICAL RAINFOREST AND THE HOT DESERTS

Tropical Rainforest	Hot Deserts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The hot and wet climate throughout the year (as a result of high temperatures, high rainfall and plenty of sunshine every month) – results in an evergreen, greatly varied and luxuriant vegetation. The vegetation consists mainly of very tall trees which may reach a height of 50 metres or more, with buttress roots for support. Vegetation also plays a vital role in the formation of rainfall as the lush vegetation releases plenty of moisture through its leaves (transpiration) which will condense in the atmosphere and come back as rainfall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The hot and dry climate throughout the year (as a result of very high temperatures and very low rainfall) – results in very little or no vegetation consisting of drought-resistant and salt-tolerant small hardy plants such as tough short grasses, thorn bushes, cactus-like plants and aloes. As result vegetation has to adapt to the harsh climatic conditions

CONCLUSION: The lesson gave descriptions of the locations, climates, vegetation and soils of the tropical rainforest and the hot desert. Additionally, animals found in the two climatic regions were stated. Furthermore, a description of the human activities in the two climatic regions was given. Lastly, the lesson explained the relationship between the climate and the vegetation of the two regions

ASSESSMENT:

- Give the location of both the tropical rainforest and hot desert regions. [2]
- Suggest two ways in which the hot desert vegetation has adapted to the region's harsh climatic conditions. [2]

PRE-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
TECHNICAL STUDIES (FORM 5)
LESSON 13

MECHANICAL AND BUILDING DRAFTING

1. PREPARED BY:

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2. TOPIC:

- Site Plans (Part 1)

3. LESSON OBJECTIVES

By the end of the lesson dear learner, you should be able to:

- Identify a site (plot) plan
- Identify symbols and annotations used in site plans
- Describe the steps that are followed when drawing a Site plan.

4. INTRODUCTION:

The location of the site, its characteristics, the size and layout of the house, and many other factors all add up to a certain quality of living. It is the designers' job to take advantage of as many aspects as possible to increase the quality of living in the structure being designed. In this lesson we will explore the elements that must be presented in a site plan in order to guide the design and construction of the proposed work.

5. LESSON PRESENTATION

Site plan/ plot plan: It is a type of drawing used in building that is used to give the precise location of house on block. It is important to the client, the planning office, the builder and for legal purposes.

Site location plan: it shows the position and dimensions of a site on which a building is to be constructed. Suppose you are required to draw a site plan for a house plan, Figure 1 on the given site location plan Figure 2, Plot 4.

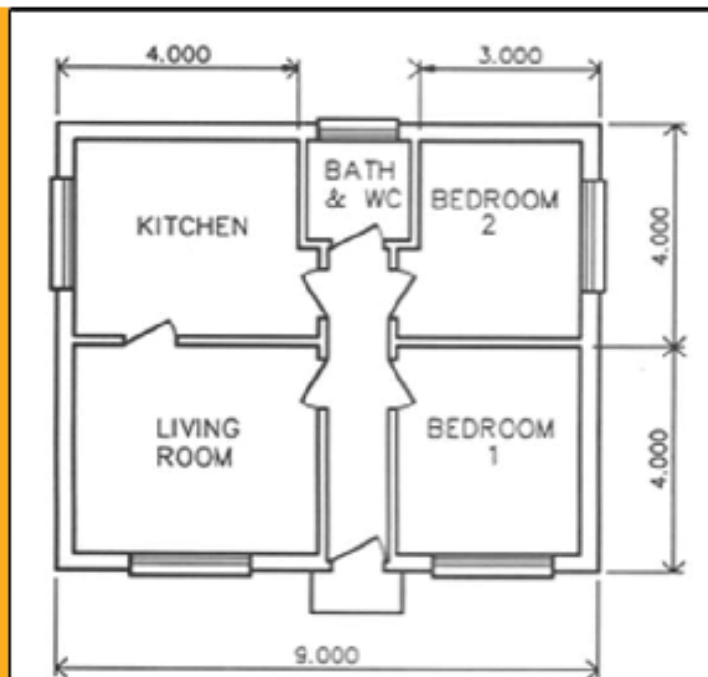


Figure 1: A building plan

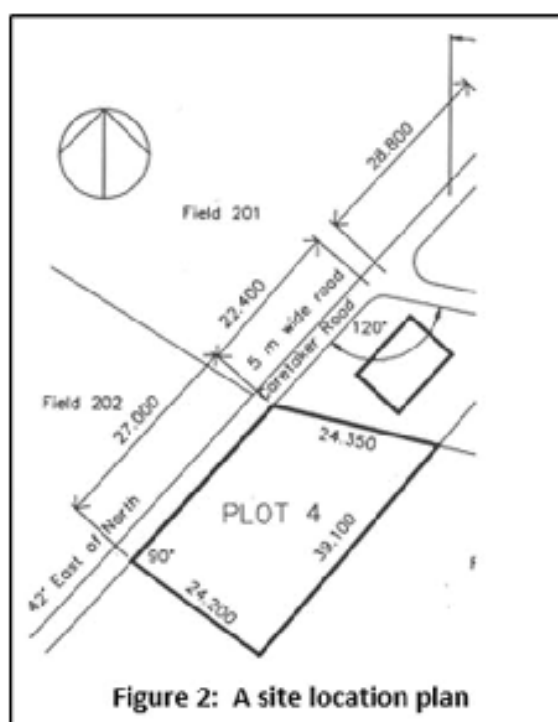


Figure 2: A site location plan

The resultant site plan Figure 3 shows some of the details to be included:

- The position of the building within its plot (plot 4).
- Dimensions in metres to three decimal places
- The "building" type arrows to the dimension
- The building outline in thick lines
- All other lines are thin lines
- The inclusion of a north symbol
- A title block with the title of the drawing, its scale, and the name of the person who made the drawing
- The position of manholes to which the sewage pipes are connected
- The position of rain water soak-aways to which gutters from the roof are connected.

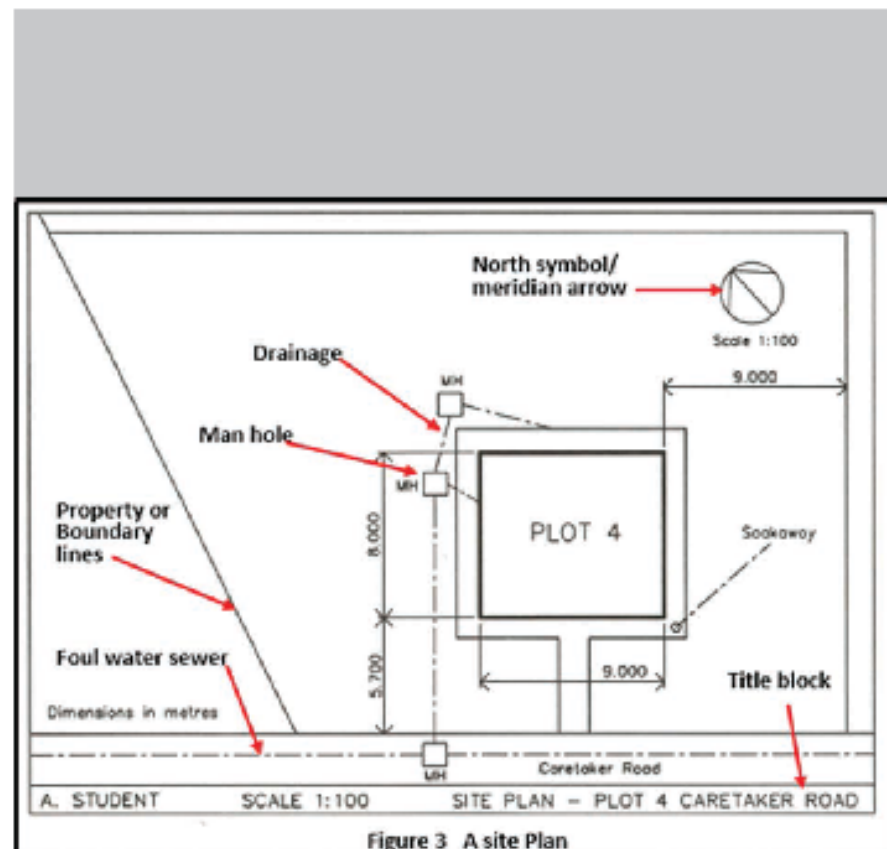


Figure 3: A site Plan

Procedure for drawing a site plan (plot plan)

- Step 1:** Select a scale which provides the largest drawing on the size paper that you have chosen. The property lines should be placed sufficiently inside the border to provide room for adding dimensions, notes, and a title block. Scales used in drawing site plans range from 1:500 to 1:200.
- Step 2:** Lay out the property lines using data supplied by the site plan. See Fig 3
- Step 3:** Locate the meridian arrow (North symbol) in a place in the drawing where it will be easy to find.
- Step 4:** Locate the house on the site
- Step 5:** Dimension the overall length and width of the house and the distance from the house to the two adjacent property lines.
- Step 6:** Draw surrounding features such as driveway, sidewalks, and patios.
- Step 7:** Determine the centre line of the street (road) and location of utilities. Draw these features using proper symbols and dimensions their location.
- Step 8:** Draw other topographical features such as trees and shrubs.
- Step 9:** Check your drawing to be sure you have included all necessary elements.

6. YOUR ACTIVITY

Copy, as notes, the information from sub-headings 4 and 5.

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JC FRENCH

FICHE PEDAGOGIQUE

Niveau : 3ème

Thème : Ma Maison

Sous-thème : Ma chambre

Compétence : Compréhension écrite et production écrite.

Source : Cahier, stylo, crayon.

Logique : L'élève doit être capable de décrire sa chambre.

Objectifs : À la fin de la leçon vous devez être capable de :

1. Lire des textes et répondre aux questions
2. Nommer les objets qui se trouvent dans une chambre
3. Utiliser les bonnes prépositions pour dire où les objets se trouvent dans la chambre
4. Écrire un texte sur votre chambre.

Etape 1

Lisez le texte de Sipho qui parle de sa chambre.

La Chambre de Sipho

Je m'appelle Sipho. Mon petit frère s'appelle Melusi. Je vais vous parler de ma chambre et des affaires qui se trouvent dans ma chambre. Notre chambre n'est pas très grande. Dans notre chambre, le mur est bleu. La couleur bleue est ma couleur préférée. Les rideaux sont aussi bleus. Sur le plancher il y a un tapis rouge. Contre le mur, il y a des affiches et des photos de familles. Dans notre chambre, il y a deux lits, un lit pour moi, et un lit pour mon frère Melusi. Les couvertures sont aussi bleues. À côté du lit, il y a une table et une chaise où je fais mon travail scolaire. Sur la table, il y a une règle, mes cahiers et mes livres. Mon ordinateur est sur la table. Mes affaires sont bien arrangées mais les affaires de Melusi sont en désordre. Ses affaires scolaires sont sous le lit. Il ne fait jamais son lit le matin. Je ne suis pas content de mon petit frère Melusi parce qu'il utilise mes affaires sans ma permission.



Exercice 1

Indiquez si la phrase est Vrai (V) ou Faux (F).

1. Sipho a sa propre chambre.
2. Melusi est le grand frère de Sipho.
3. La couleur de la chambre est bleue.
4. Dans la chambre il y a les photos de musiciens.
5. Melusi ne range pas ses affaires.
6. L'ordinateur de Sipho est sur la table.
7. Melusi fait son lit tout le matin.
8. Sipho n'est pas content avec Melusi.

Etape 2

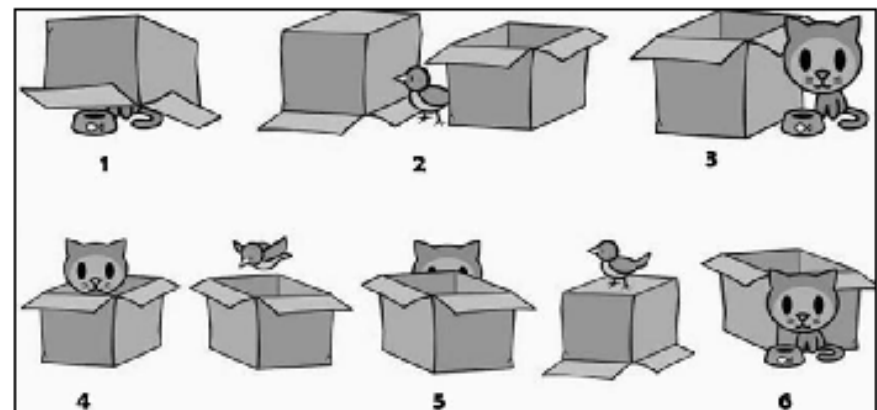
Pour dire où se trouvent des objets dans votre chambre, on utilise les prépositions. Voici quelques prépositions utiles: Sur, sous, dans, derrière, devant, à côté, contre, entre, au milieu de.

Regardons quelques exemples de l'usage de prépositions

1. Le chat est sous la table.
2. Le chat est dans la maison.
3. Le stylo est sur la table.
4. Les élèves sont devant la classe.
5. Le professeur est derrière les élèves.
6. Melusi est à côté de Sarah.
7. L'affiche est contre le mur.
8. La banque est située entre le supermarché et le cinéma.
9. Les fleurs sont dans le vase.
10. La lampe est sur table.

Exercice 2

Regardez les images et répondez aux questions en mettant la bonne préposition.



1. Le chat est la boîte
2. Le petit oiseau est les boîtes
3. Le chat est de la boîte
4. Le chat est de la boîte
5. Le chat est de la boîte
6. Le chat est de la boîte

Etape 3

Lisez ce texte sur la chambre bizarre de Tom et Jerry

La chambre de Tom et Jerry

La chambre de Tom et de Jerry est très petite. Les objets dedans sont organisés de manière étrange.

Il y a deux chaises; la chaise de Tom est derrière la chaise de Jerry. Sur la table, il y a un morceau de beurre; Tom et Jerry se disputent au sujet de qui va en manger le premier.

La télévision est contre le mur; Tom et Jerry la regardent. Mais qu'est-ce qu'il y a à la télévision? Une bande dessinée de Tom et Jerry

Dans le coin, il y a des boîtes, beaucoup de boîtes. C'est ici que les deux amis, Tom et Jerry jouent au cache-cache... quand ils ne se disputent pas !!

Exercice 3

Maintenant, répondez aux questions

1. Quel chaise est devant l'autre?
2. Où est le beurre?
3. La bande dessinée Tom et Jerry jouent où?
4. Où se trouvent les boîtes?
5. Quand ils ne se disputent pas, que font les deux?

Exercice 4

Heureusement, votre chambre n'est pas bizarre. Écrivez un texte de 60 - 80 mots pour décrire votre chambre.

Mentionnez les points suivants:

- Comment est votre chambre (grande ou petite, la couleur).
- Quels sont les objets dans votre chambre?
- Où se trouvent les objets dans votre chambre?
- Aimez-vous votre chambre ? et pourquoi?

Exercice 2

8. Vrai (V)
7. Faux (F)
6. Vrai (V)
5. Vrai (V)
4. Faux (F)
3. Vrai (V)
2. Faux (F)
1. Faux (F)

Exercice 3

1. La chaise de Jerry est devant
2. Le beurre est sur la table.
3. La bande dessinée Tom et Jerry joue à la télévision.
4. Les boîtes sont dans le coin.
5. Ils jouent au cache-cache.

Exercice 4

1. Sous la boîte
2. entre les boîtes
3. à côté de la boîte
4. dans la boîte
5. derrière la boîte
6. devant la boîte

Exercice 5

1. Sous la boîte
2. entre les boîtes
3. à côté de la boîte
4. dans la boîte
5. derrière la boîte
6. devant la boîte

Exercice 6

1. Sous la boîte
2. entre les boîtes
3. à côté de la boîte
4. dans la boîte
5. derrière la boîte
6. devant la boîte

Exercice 7

1. Sous la boîte
2. entre les boîtes
3. à côté de la boîte
4. dans la boîte
5. derrière la boîte
6. devant la boîte

Exercice 8

1. Sous la boîte
2. entre les boîtes
3. à côté de la boîte
4. dans la boîte
5. derrière la boîte
6. devant la boîte

Exercice 9

1. Sous la boîte
2. entre les boîtes
3. à côté de la boîte
4. dans la boîte
5. derrière la boîte
6. devant la boîte

Exercice 10

1. Sous la boîte
2. entre les boîtes
3. à côté de la boîte
4. dans la boîte
5. derrière la boîte
6. devant la boîte

Exercice 11

1. Sous la boîte
2. entre les boîtes
3. à côté de la boîte
4. dans la boîte
5. derrière la boîte
6. devant la boîte

Exercice 12

1. Sous la boîte
2. entre les boîtes
3. à côté de la boîte
4. dans la boîte
5. derrière la boîte
6. devant la boîte

Exercice 13

1. Sous la boîte
2. entre les boîtes
3. à côté de la boîte
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GLOSSAIRE – GLOSSARY

Chambre	- bedroom	Les affaires	- things/belongings	Entre	- in between
Le mur	- the wall	Sur	- on	Contre	- against
Le plancher	- the floor	Sous	- under	Au milieu de	- in the middle of
Un tapis	- a carpet	Dans	- in	Partager	- to share
Les couvertures	- blankets	Derrière	- behind	Se disputer	- to argue
L'ordinateur	- a computer	Devant	- in front of	Étrange	- strange
Un désordre	- disorder	À côté de	- next to	Bizarre	- odd

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY JUNIOR CERTIFICATE

TOPIC: ESTIMATED PERSPECTIVE DRAWING

Welcome dear learner to another Eswatini Observer Virtual learning forum. Our lesson for today is on Perspective Drawings, brought to you by your Design and Technology Teacher Mr. Robert Sibiya.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

By the end of the lesson you should be able to:

- Define perspective drawings using one-point and two-point.
- Convert an isometric drawing into perspective.
- Convert an orthographic drawing into perspective.
- Apply an use the terminology used on perspective drawing.

INTRODUCTION

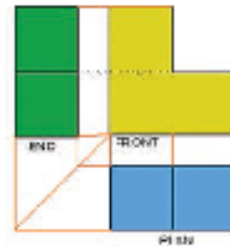
Perspective is what gives a three dimensional feeling to a flat image such as a drawing or a painting. In art, it is a system of representing the way that the objects appear to get smaller and closer together the further away they are from the viewer as seen in the illustration below.



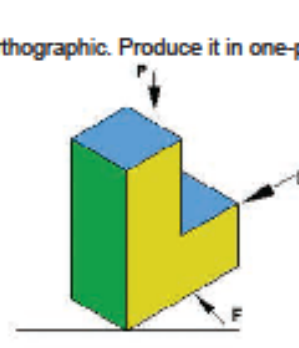
ONE-POINT PERSPECTIVE

Example 1

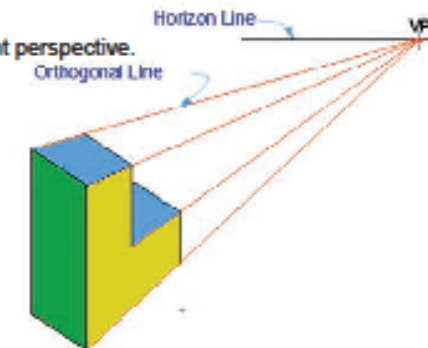
An L-shaped block is given in orthographic. Produce it in one-point perspective.



ORTHOGRAPHIC PROJECTION



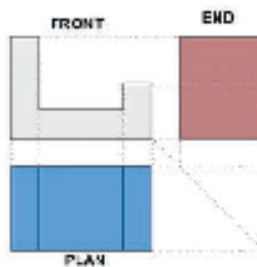
ISOMETRIC PROJECTION



ONE-POINT PERSPECTIVE

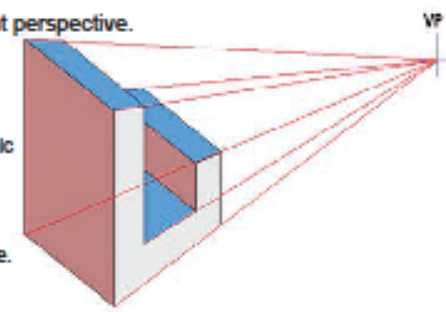
Example 2

A Block is given in orthographic projection. Draw it in one-point perspective.



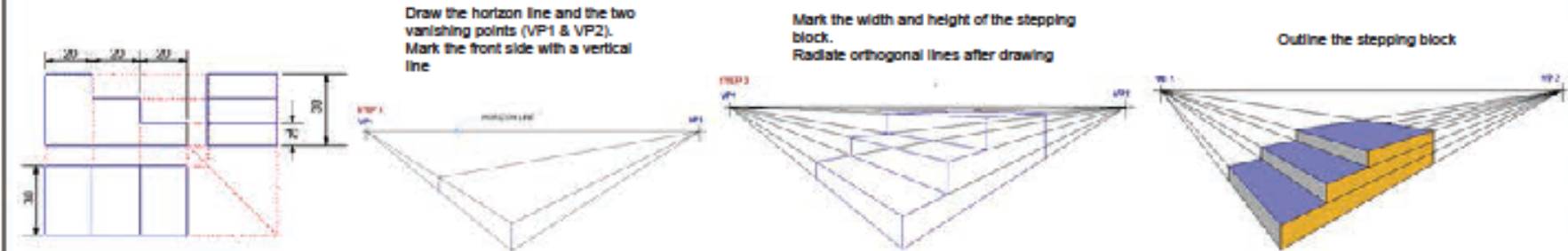
STEPS

1. Firstly, convert the given orthographic into an isometric sketch.
2. Mark or locate the vanishing point (VP).
3. Draw a vertical line for the front edge.
4. Radiate orthogonal lines to the VP.
5. Mark the thickness and connect all the lines to the VP.
6. Outline the produced perspective.

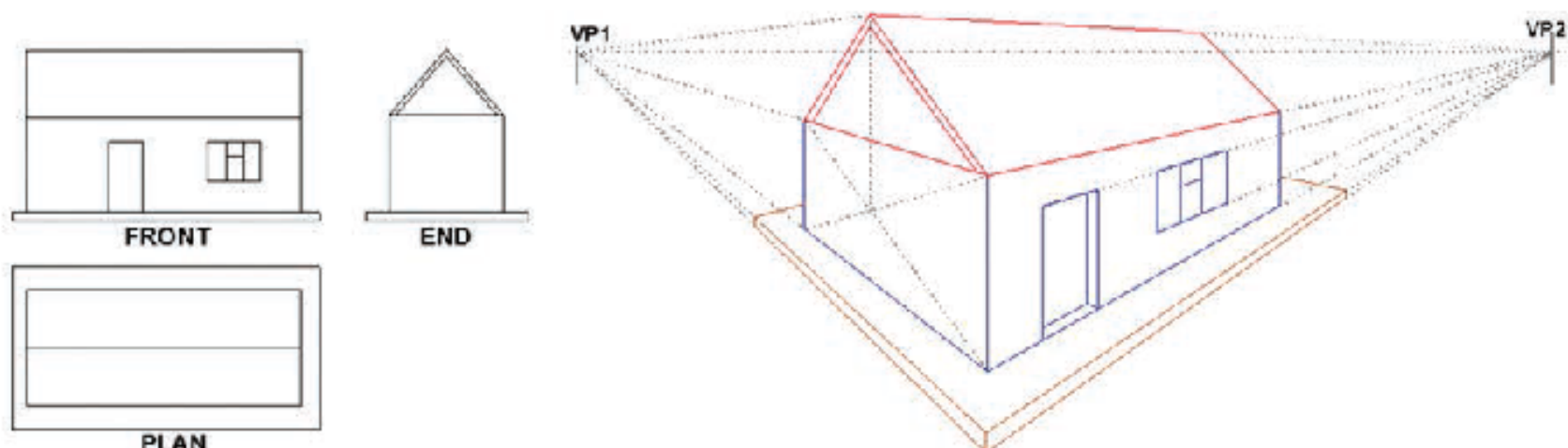


TWO-POINT PERSPECTIVE

Example 1: A stepping block is shown below in first angle orthographic projection. Produce it in two point perspective.

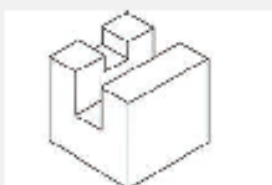


Example 2: Three views of a house plan are shown below. You are required to present it in two-point perspective so the customer can have a draft of its pictorial view.

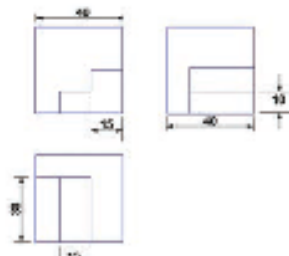


QUESTIONS

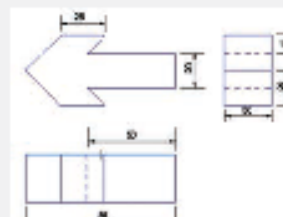
1. Shown below is a block presented in isometric projection. You are required to draw it in one-point perspective.



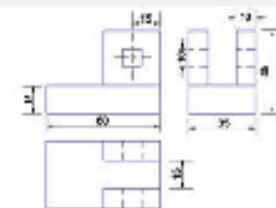
2. The diagram below shows three views of a step block. Draw it in two-point perspective.



3. Shown below is an arrow drawn in first angle projection. You are required to draw it in two-point perspective.



4. Three views are shown in first angle projection. Produce the drawing in two point perspective.



Focus on SA Scene

Your Daily Mzansi News

'RAMAPHOSA LIED ABOUT STATE CAPTURE'

JOHANNESBURG - COPE is demanding that President Cyril Ramaphosa takes responsibility for state capture and corruption that allegedly set in during his tenure as deputy president.

This follows revelations that the ANC top six at the time failed to act against widespread corruption at the Passenger Rail Association of SA (PRASA).

Former PRASA board chair Popo Molefe on Monday told the Zondo commission of inquiry into state capture that he tipped off the governing party's top leaders about corruption but claimed that the ANC did nothing

about it.

Among the things Molefe claimed to have reported was how the PRASA board had picked up corruption in a tender process for the Braamfontein depot modernisation, which amounted to R2bn.

The top six then were Jacob Zuma as president, Ramaphosa as his deputy, Gwede Mantashe as the secretary-general, Jessie Duarte as deputy secretary-general, Baleka Mbete as chairperson and Zweli Mkhize as treasurer-general. COPE Spokesperson Dennis Bloem said the party was not surprised that Ramaphosa was present in that meeting.

"On numerous occasions, President Ramaphosa has said that he was not aware of how huge the corruption was. It is very clear that President Ramaphosa is lying to the people of the country, he was well aware of what was happening," said Bloem.

According to COPE, the blame for corruption during Zuma's tenure could not be laid on the former president alone. The party called on Ramaphosa to take responsibility for his role.

"Cyril Ramaphosa and Gwede Mantashe were protecting Zuma with their lives. The only way Ramaphosa can clear his name and save his integrity is to be brave enough and equally take responsibility for the state capture and corruption and stop putting all the blame on Zuma," Bloem said.

He added that it is difficult to believe that the ANC, under the leadership of Ramaphosa, would get rid of corruption.

Timeslive



Take GBV as seriously as COVID-19, Bathabile Dlamini urges government

JOHANNESBURG - ANCWL President Bathabile Dlamini has called on the government to take gender-based violence as seriously as it does the COVID-19 pandemic.

She said the government has moved decisively to curb the spread of coronavirus - and that the same decisiveness is needed to deal with the country's GBV crisis.

She said GBV claimed the lives of thousands of people every year, and the number of people affected by gender-based violence far outweighed the number of COVID-19 infections.

"The president has already pronounced that violence against women is a national crisis and a national emergency. COVID-19 has not infected 1,000 people and yet government acted decisively to save the lives of citizens, calling for state of national disaster," said Dlamini.

"We are calling on government to take decisive steps to save the lives of women and children of South Africa."

Sowetanlive

ANC rules to reinstate 'VBS heist' officials Danny Msiza and Florence Radzilani

LIMPOPO - The ANC's national executive committee has reinstated two top Limpopo party officials who were implicated in the Great Bank Heist report on the looting of VBS Mutual Bank.

The pair, ANC Limpopo Treasurer Danny Msiza and former Vhembe municipality mayor Florence Radzilani - who also served as provincial deputy chairperson, had to step down from their positions in 2018 after being implicated in the report by advocate Terry Motau, which lifted the lid on the looting of the bank to the tune of R2bn.

Several sources in both the ANC NEC and in the Limpopo provincial executive committee (PEC) told Sowetan that the party's highest decision making body between conferences agreed at its meeting at the weekend that Msiza and Radzilani must be reinstated to their positions as soon as possible.

ANC Deputy Secretary-General Jessie Duarte said an announcement on the pair will be made at a press conference today. But insiders said out of the 44 NEC members who spoke on the matter, only a few were against the deci-

sion to reinstate the pair.

Among those apparently opposed to the move are Limpopo provincial secretary Soviet Lekganyane, Aaron Motsoaledi, Joel Netshitenzhe, Pinky Kekana and Dikeledi Magadzi.

"If there's a case, they must defend that case but they must go back to the office because they have been elected by the conference," said an NEC member who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Lekganyane refused to comment on the NEC meeting when contacted by Sowetan.

Another NEC member said: "Those who spoke in agreement that comrades Msiza and Radzilani should come back and resume their responsibilities advanced their argument on the basis that they were not facing criminal charges. They were told to step aside from the party's activities and in between, there is nothing happening to conclude their case."

Radzilani, during her time as the mayor of Vhembe district, was alleged to have complained about receiving less money in kickbacks than municipal officials.

Timeslive

'Please Call Me' inventor scores another victory

JOHANNESBURG - 'Please Call Me' inventor Nkosana Makate has won yet another court battle against cellphone giant Vodacom after a court ruled in his favour on the release of records and other contracts with other service providers.

The high court in Pretoria on Monday gave Vodacom 21 days to give Makate copies of financial records, other value added services contracts it had with other service providers, including those involving airtime advance, bulk messaging, Look4Me service and the 082911 emergency service.

Judge Jody Kollapen ruled that Makate should be given parts of a KPMG report, dated November 3 2008 which would be subjected to a "confidentiality regime" which includes not passing it on to any third party.

This is another twist in the 20-year long battle between Makate and Vodacom after he approached the court in December to force CEO Shameel Joosub to disclose the company's financial records. Makate had filed court papers where he asked the court to issue an order forcing Joosub to disclose all documentation he relied on when offering him a R47m compensation in January last year for his idea. Makate rejected the offer, insisting he believed that



VICTORY: 'Please Call Me' inventor Nkosana Makate.

the cellphone giant owed him R20bn.

The figure reflects a 5 per cent share of an estimated R205bn revenue which Makate believes was generated from the 'Please Call Me' service, including interest calculated over an 18-year period. In April 2016, the Constitutional Court ruled that Vodacom was bound to an agreement that Makate had with the company's then director of product development, Phillip Geissler. The court ordered Vodacom to begin negotiations with Makate for a reasonable payout to compensate him. Makate initially demanded 15 per cent of the 'Please Call Me' proceeds.

Four arrested for smuggling cigarettes worth over R1m into SA

JOHANNESBURG - Four suspects have been arrested for allegedly smuggling illicit cigarettes worth over R1m into SA, police said yesterday.

Police spokesperson Brig Motafela Mojapelo said the K9 unit, soldiers and custom officials arrested the suspects during an operation on the N1 between Beirbridge and Musina.

A vehicle with two occupants was stopped and when the members searched it, illicit cigarettes were found stacked in bags, Mojapelo said. He added that the probe led the team to a nearby mall where a suspect was found loading cigarettes into a vehicle.

The suspect was arrested after attempting to evade arrest.

"More information surfaced that these cigarettes were to be transported to a certain warehouse in

Musina town where more cigarettes were stored.

"The team rushed to the given address and on arrival, a vehicle already loaded with illicit cigarettes was found parked at the warehouse. The team started searching and master boxes of more illicit cigarettes were found in one of the rooms."

Mojapelo said several other boxes of cigarettes were found in a second room. "As the members were busy unpacking them, one suspect was found hidden between the boxes and was immediately apprehended." Police recovered three vehicles and 4,040 cartons of illicit cigarettes with an estimated value of over R1m.

The four suspects, aged between 32 and 34, are expected to appear in the Musina Magistrate's court soon.



Woman loses eye after beating by stepdad over drugs

JOHANNESBURG - A young woman savagely bashed with a coffee mug, allegedly by her stepfather for refusing to give him money to buy drugs, had to have her injured left eye surgically removed.

Zoey-Lee Smith, 20, of Eldorado Park, has become one of the latest victims of gender-based violence, following a violent incident on Thursday in which her mother's husband, Earl Spencer, allegedly repeatedly hit her

with a coffee mug until it broke, severely damaging her eye. The young woman had to undergo an operation to remove her left eye the same day. Gauteng provincial police Spokesperson, Captain Kay Makhubele confirmed the violent assault, and said that the stepfather appeared briefly in the Kliptown Magistrate's Court on Monday morning on charges of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (GBH).

"He was charged with assault GBH

for now, because we haven't received the full details of the abuse, because the victim is still in hospital. Once we get her statement on what happened, and how it happened, the charge could be changed or added on top of what we have charged him with now," he said. The victim's mother, Samantha Smith, told The Star that on the morning of the incident, she went to the shop and returned to find her daughter and her husband fighting. *News24*

Focus on World News

Global News



WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump's private calls with Russian President Vladimir Putin sometimes have the tone of 'two guys in a steam bath,' according to a bombshell account that portrays Trump as bending over backward to win the strongman's approval.

Putin just outplays Trump during their one-on-one interactions, according to a CNN report published on Monday by legendary Watergate reporter Carl Bernstein. During those calls and others with foreign leaders, Trump regularly tries to tout his own wealth and success, according to the report.

At the same time, with Putin he routinely characterises his predecessors as 'imbeciles' and weaklings.

Trump also told Theresa May she was 'weak' and called German leader Angela Merkel 'stupid' to her face in a series of 'demeaning' encounters with female leaders, the report claims.

The revelations about the calls are contained in a deeply sourced - though thinly quoted - account by legendary Watergate journalist Carl Bernstein.

Trump won office in 2016 despite media criticism of his repeated praise for Putin, even as Russia was revealed by US intelligence to be orchestrating an election interference and hacking campaign.

They are part of a web of Trump calls to the leaders of Australia, Turkey, Canada, Australia and western European countries during his presidency that officials who see call transcripts describe as 'abominations.'

In addition to repeatedly building up his own wealth, as he has done repeatedly in public, Trump would revel in his time running the Miss Universe pageant in Moscow, according to the account.

Trump had touted a meeting with Putin at the event, although it evidently never happened.

A source trashed the calls, saying that while Putin destabilises the West, Trump 'sits there and thinks he can build himself up enough as a businessman and tough guy that Putin will respect him.'

The report came out Monday, days after the New York Times reported that

Trump was briefed on intelligence that Moscow had paid a bounty to Taliban elements for killings of American soldiers.

The White House on Monday denied Trump was briefed about the reported program.

Trump was described as solicitous of Putin in the calls. Putin is known as a crafty former KGB operator who often holds back in televised encounters with counterparts.

Two sources said Trump seems 'delusional' on his foreign leader calls, which included frequent contact with Turkey's dictator Recep Tayyip Erdogan - who would allegedly be fast-tracked through to Trump when he called the White House.

White House aides even grew alarmed that Turkish security agents were following Trump's movements so that Erdogan would know when to call.

Trump would go after his US predecessors in the calls with Erdogan and Putin, who have both used political power to crush dissent.

Daily Mail

Angola's Isabel dos Santos says she has been 'denied justice'

ANGOLA - Angolan billionaire businesswoman and former first daughter Isabel dos Santos on Monday said she had been 'denied justice' in her corruption trial, after losing an appeal against an asset freeze.

Described by Forbes magazine as the wealthiest woman in Africa, she is accused of diverting billions of Dollars from state companies during her father Jose Eduardo dos Santos's nearly 40-year rule of the oil-rich southern African nation.

Since her father, retired in 2017, her business empire has been targeted by Angola's new leader Joao Lourenco, who has vowed to tackle corruption. "I have been denied justice from the courts in Angola and Portugal," dos Santos said in a statement.

"This denial of justice comes from the Angolan courts which

have rejected my appeal on the grounds that it was not filed on time. "It is disappointing not to be allowed a day in court to prove my innocence and establish the truth," she said.

In December, a court in Luanda issued an order to freeze her business assets as part of a crackdown on graft. That set off a flurry of developments, including the so-called 'Luanda Leaks' papers alleging she funnelled Angolan state funds to offshore assets.

But Isabel dos Santos, 47, has vehemently denied the allegations and denounced Luanda's actions as a politically-motivated 'witch-hunt'.

In the aftermath, Angola's former colonial ruler Portugal froze her assets in that country, where she has invested mainly in the banking and telecommunications sectors.

Dos Santos said the judge had overlooked what she claimed was false evidence, including a false passport bearing the signature of deceased former martial arts star Bruce Lee used to justify the freeze order.

News24

'Golden State Killer' suspect pleads guilty to 13 murders

CALIFORNIA - An elderly ex-policeman confessed on Monday to being the violent serial prowler known as the 'Golden State Killer', pleading guilty to 13 murders and admitting to dozens of rapes and break-ins that terrorised California during the 1970s and '80s.

Joseph James De Angelo, 74, entered the pleas as part of a broader deal with prosecutors sparing him from a potential death sentence in return for his admission to all of the offenses he stood accused of - charged and uncharged - in 11 California counties. Under terms of the unusual plea agreement, approved by Superior Court Judge

Michael Bowman at Monday's hearing, DeAngelo faces life in prison without the possibility of parole rather than a potential death sentence. Prosecutors said the deal ensured that ageing survivors and victims' relatives lived to see the case resolved, sparing them further legal proceedings likely to have dragged on for 10 years. "The time for justice stands in front of us now," said Amy Holliday, deputy district attorney for Sacramento County. The hearing was held in a Sacramento university ballroom, rather than a courthouse, to allow for socially distanced seating amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Daily Mail

Malawi names new finance minister after President Chakwera takes the helm

BLANTYRE - Former insurance company director Felix Mlusu was named Malawi's new finance minister on Monday, a government statement said, a day after President Lazarus Chakwera was sworn in following last week's re-run election in which he unseated Peter Mutharika.

The statement also named five other ministerial positions and three senior civil servants.

Chakwera was sworn in for a five-

year term on Sunday, hours after unseating former leader Peter Mutharika in a re-run election.

Chakwera, 65, won 58.57 per cent of the vote last Tuesday's poll, a dramatic reversal of the result of the original election in May 2019, which was later overturned by the courts.

The repeat vote was regarded by analysts as a test of the ability of African courts to tackle ballot fraud and restrain presidential power.

"To stand before you as president today is an honour. It's an honour that fills with unspeakable joy and immense gratitude," Chakwera said in his acceptance speech. "With your help, we will restore a new generation's faith in the possibility of having a government that serves, not a government that rules," he told a cheering crowd dressed in the colours of his own Malawi Congress Party (MCP) and the allied party of Vice President Saulos Chilima. *AP*

BRIEFS

Teen jailed for rape

LONDON - A teenager has been jailed for raping a student after his parents saw an incriminating text message on his phone and told him to go to the police.

Jack Evans, 18, would have likely avoided punishment for the attack because his victim had decided not to make a complaint.

But two months after the assault, he apologised to the young woman in a text message later seen by his father, Jonathan, and stepmother Sarah. *Daily Mail*

Gabon to decriminalise homosexuality

GABON - Gabon's Senate on Monday voted to decriminalise homosexuality, sparking an outcry from traditionalists that this went against local social and religious norms. The central African country's National Assembly had voted late Tuesday to adopt an amendment to criminal legislation to remove a paragraph prohibiting 'sexual relations between persons of the same sex'. On Monday, 59 senators in the upper House also voted to scrap the law, with 17 against and four abstentions. *AFP*

Massive online child abuse uncovered

BERLIN - German cyber-crime authorities have uncovered a massive online network of at least 30,000 people who share child pornography and exchange advice on how to sedate and abuse minors, law enforcement authorities said on Monday. Peter Biesenbach, justice minister in the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia, said investigators were stunned by the scale of the network and that a special task-force has been set up to find the suspects and bring them to justice. *Reuters*

Halt 'illegal' annexation plan

GENEVA - The United Nations top human rights official Michelle Bachelet called on Israel on Monday to halt its 'illegal' plans to annex part of occupied Palestinian territory in the West Bank and warned it could lead to deadly clashes. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's plan to extend Israeli sovereignty over Jewish settlements in the territory has drawn condemnation from the Palestinians, US Arab allies and other foreign governments. *Reuters*

CORONAVIRUS

FOCUS ON SA OUTBREAK

'WE ARE ENTERING THE STORM'

JOHANNESBURG - Health minister Zweli Mkhize warned that the country was "entering the storm" and that the number of COVID-19 infections will continue to rise.

"The numbers are expected to continue to grow and certainly we are not going to be over that until the month of July and end of August. We will have to see how our projections go beyond that time, but we certainly believe that the difficult time is July and August," Mkhize said yesterday morning.

Mkhize was speaking on the SABC's Sunrise show with Stephen Grootes.

He said that the onus is on society to help curb the spread of the virus, adding that it might be with us for the rest of the year and into 2021.

"We think we might be with the virus for the whole of the year and next year, so we need to find a way of adjusting to living in the situation where the virus is amongst us."

It is no longer in the hands of nurses and doctors, but in the hands of South Africans," he said.

He said that he had seen many South Africans not complying with the basic hygiene protocols in place.

"I walk around and see a lot of people not wearing masks. Others wear masks and put it on their chin and others, when they see police, they take it from their pockets and put it on."

In recent weeks Gauteng has been hit hard with a rise in infections, but Mkhize said he is also concerned about the spread of the virus in the Eastern Cape.

...South Africa health minister warns that numbers are yet to grow



BE WARNED: Health Minister Zweli Mkhize.

"I'm concerned about the Eastern Cape, largely because it's a health system that always had challenges and the management needs strengthening."

It is a very challenging province and therefore we always have to keep our eye on it," he said.

However, Mkhize said the department has provided the province with support over the past few months and there has been some improvements. He said officials had also been sent to the province to help.

"The government's national COVID-19 command centre has not made any decisions on whether it is necessary to

place various areas under different levels of restrictions during the lockdown," said Mkhize.

He said should the need arise, it would be implemented.

"We can't rule out anything yet. The key is how to prevent the infections from spreading but when the numbers become too high, we will need to find other ways to intervene."

"All of those issues have to be taken into account. As we move into the future, we can't say that won't happen, we need to be open minded."

Sowetanlive

Nigeria eases school, travel bans as virus cases mount

LAGOS - Nigeria on Monday said it was allowing children to go back to school to take exams and permitting cross-country travel despite fears over mounting coronavirus infections.

The head of the presidential task force, Sami Aliyu, gave the go-ahead for the "safe re-opening of schools to allow students in graduating classes to resume in-person, in preparation for examinations".

A ban on travel between different regions of the country would also be lifted from the start of July, Aliyu said.

The latest moves come as Africa's most populous nation continues to register a steady rise in new cases, with 24,567 infections and 565 deaths recorded so far.

"For every detected case, there is a high possibility that up to five have not submitted to testing and therefore, not been detected," Aliyu said.

"We have observed with growing concern the non-compliance with these measures designed to prevent transmission and protect vulnerable segments of the population."

A raft of measures including restrictions on public gatherings, the mandatory wearing of facemasks and the closure of international borders remains in place. Adherence to restrictions has been mixed in the country of some 200 million people and there has already been widespread cross-country movement.

The coronavirus has so far spread more slowly in Africa than on other continents but experts believe the peak is still ahead as governments increasingly ease restrictions.

AFP

New swine flu found in China has pandemic potential

BELJING - Researchers in China have discovered a new type of swine flu that is capable of triggering a pandemic, according to a study published Monday in the US science journal PNAS.

Named G4, it is genetically descended from the H1N1 strain that caused a pandemic in 2009.

It possesses "all the essential hallmarks of being highly adapted to infect humans," say the authors, scientists at Chinese universities and China's Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

From 2011 to 2018, researchers took 30,000 nasal swabs from pigs in slaughterhouses in 10 Chinese provinces and in a veterinary hospital, allowing them to isolate 179 swine flu viruses.

The majority were of a new kind which has been dominant among pigs since 2016. The researchers then carried out various experiments including on ferrets, which are widely used in flu studies because they experience similar symptoms to humans - principally fever, coughing and sneezing. G4 was observed to be highly infec-

tious, replicating in human cells and causing more serious symptoms in ferrets than other viruses.

Tests also showed that any immunity humans gain from exposure to seasonal flu does not provide protection from G4. According to blood tests which showed antibodies created by exposure to the virus, 10.4 per cent of swine workers had already been infected. The tests showed that as many as 4.4 per cent of the general population also appeared to have been exposed.

Daily Mail

SA has over 6 000 new COVID-19 cases, half coming from Gauteng

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa has recorded 6,132 new cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours, the health ministry said yesterday - with about half of those cases coming from Gauteng.

The Western Cape, which remains the country's epicentre, recorded less than 1 000 new cases in the past 24 hours, taking the national fatalities to 2 529.

The ministry said there were also 73 deaths reported in the past 24 hours.

According to the ministry, there are now 144,264 cases of the virus in SA. The Western Cape accounts for 61,375 of those cases (up from 60 445 on Monday), Gauteng 39 841 (up from 36 895), and the Eastern Cape 26 195 (up from 25 099).

The figures also revealed that

Limpopo became the latest province to pass the 1,000-case mark, meaning that the Northern Cape is the only province not to have reached this grim milestone.

Limpopo had 1,011 cases by yesterday, and the Northern Cape 404.

According to the ministry, of the 73 new deaths, 43 were from the Western Cape, 10 from the Eastern Cape, six from KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng, five from Limpopo, and two from the North West.

The mortality rate is currently at 1.8 per cent, with 70 614 recoveries reported to date - a recovery rate of 48.9 per cent.

The figures are based on 1 596 995 total tests, of which 29 911 were in the most recent 24-hour reporting cycle.

News24

SA's COVID-19 child deaths rise to 10

JOHANNESBURG - Two more children have died from COVID-19 since Friday.

The latest statistics, released by the national department of health on Monday night, revealed that the 10th South African child to die from the virus was aged between 10 and 19.

According to the statistics, three children under the age of three and seven under the age of 19 have died from COVID-19 since the pandemic hit the country.

More than 3 000 children have been infected with the coronavirus.

Chief Director of child, youth and school health at the national department of health, Dr Lesley Bamford, said children generally have a much milder disease than adults, and it is likely that a higher proportion of infections in children are asymptomatic when compared to infections in adults. "We do not fully understand why almost all children have only mild disease. Most adults also have mild disease, but approximately 15 per cent of adults with symptoms will develop more severe disease. Older adults and those with comorbidities like diabetes and heart disease are at higher risk of developing severe disease."

Bamford said it was initially thought children would play a major role

in transmitting COVID-19 to those around them.

"Recent studies suggest children seldom infect adults and other children. It seems most children and adults are infected by other adults. However, it is important to remember there is still a lot we do not understand about the disease."

Prof Haroon Saloojee, of the University of Witwatersrand's paediatrics and child health department, said children biologically contain coronavirus better than adults, are less likely to get sick if infected, have milder disease, are unlikely to die from COVID-19 and are probably less infectious than adults. "In SA, the department of health reported eight deaths on June 24, three in children aged between zero and nine years and five in persons aged 10-19 years. I am aware of four deaths in children who tested COVID-positive. Three were children with serious underlying conditions such as blood cancer, a severe heart problem and multiple metabolic pathologies."

"None of these deaths was likely to be primarily the result of COVID-19. Furthermore, one newborn who died also tested positive, but likely died of a neonatal condition."

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Pest control business now fights COVID-19

MPUMALANGA - From doing door-to-door pest control, a Mpumalanga company now disinfects properties and supplies COVID-19 personal protective equipment.

L.T.E Pest Control is a Siyabuswa-based company founded by couple Themba, 38, and Kedibone Cindi, 36, in 2013 to provide hygiene management systems and affordable pest control.

However, as the COVID-19 pan-

demical presented challenges to all sectors of the economy earlier this year, the business-minded couple quickly decided to diversify their company's services and get into the COVID-19 space and take advantage of new opportunities.

However, for them to get all the necessary certification and accreditation, it meant tapping into their savings, including those meant for their household, Themba said.

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JELELE.COM REVEALS TOP 3 PRESENTERS

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

MUSIC industry platform and online radio station Jelele.com is going through some exciting changes as they have appointed their three new presenters.

The three new presenters are Thandiswa, Langelihle and Siyabonga.

The three were confirmed on Monday.

It is worth noting that the trio is not new in the industry, as some of them have been in different projects.

This happened after their newly-appointed Chief Executive Officer Dr P took over.

The renowned deejay and music executive is to spearhead the restructure and expansion of the media platform and its related business interests in the digital and traditional marketplaces. Jelele.com is a platform for quality, Swati-made content, creating numerous opportunities for an increasing amount of Swati youth and creative, venturing into the digital space; be it for education, employment or entertainment.

Dr.P was obvious their perfect choice to help take Jelele.com into the future. Besides his international experience and connections as a deejay, high standards and knowing the industry inside-out, his conversations about the Swati



TOP: Langelihle.

industry and the future of digital content worldwide, made it clear that their visions were aligned.

Jelele.com's Sammy stated that they were looking for unique people who will be bringing a new vibe in the industry, people who were going



UP: Siyabonga.

to represent the station in a fresh way, their choice specifically on people who are also in the industry.

The three new presenters have all the characters mentioned above.

Launched in 2018 as one of the first 'all Eswatini'



Thandiswa.

online radio and media sharing platforms, to celebrate the creative talent that comes from the kingdom, Jelele.com offers exciting Swati content for local audiences as well as audiences in the diaspora. Using smart online-based broadcasting technology, Jelele.com currently streams 24/7, with a mix of live and pre-recorded shows, which cover most genres of music, lifestyle or entertainment. Jelele.com helps you discover new music, interesting conversations, products, places and events from around the beautiful kingdom.

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Antidote co-founder amongst Digital Lab Africa winners

BY SETSABLE NKAMBULE

ANTIDOTE co-founder Sizoo Hlophe is amongst the top nine winners of the Digital Lab Africa award.

He was chosen amongst 500 applicants.

Digital Lab Africa (DLA) is a platform dedicated to creative content (immersive realities, video game, animation, music, and digital art) linked with innovation in Africa. This was confirmed by the stable's Director Mmeli Hlanze. "As Antidote Music, we're excited for Sizoo and certainly proud of this achievement. It is a continental competition which had over 500 applicants, so for him to be one of the nine winners just speaks to the quality of his application," he said.

He stated that the artist submitted both a pitch deck proposal, plus a virtual presentation as the competition is facilitated online. He said this was the fourth edition of the Digital Lab Africa competition, of which Sizoo won the music category for one of the projects they were working on at Antidote Music. "Sizoo is one of the Antidote Music co-founders and the specific project he submitted for his Digital Lab Africa application is one related to the many projects we are working on at Antidote Music, which will seek to in some way establish sustainable music careers in Eswatini. I will not go too much into it as more will be revealed once we launch the project. For now, he is working with the team of experts and consultants from all over the world, provided by Digital Lab Africa, to finetune and implement the project," he said. He mentioned that the Antidote management agency currently had six signed artists to its roster, namely Mzwaa, Sooks, Gricody, Temantungwa, Parcel SWZ and Nkosi Nda. He said, however they worked with several artists in different ways. "Some on a consultancy basis, some on production, post-production and distribution basis and others we offer advice and guidance through our social initiative tomorrow," he said.

Platinum Concepts to unveil new talent tonight!

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

IN a quest to give a platform to young and upcoming artists, Platinum Concepts will tonight at 7pm unveil their new project.

This was revealed by the Director of the stable Khulekani 'Karly B' Mamba yesterday. The new artist will be revealed live on social media; Facebook to be precise. The show is facilitated by Platinum Concepts with assistance from DT TV and is set to be hosted in one of the amazing tourism sites in Eswatini. The new kid YEMAA, will be sharing a little bit of her talent with the masses, including material from her upcoming album, which she is currently working on at Claiming Ground Records.

"She is not signed by Platinum, we are just assisting with the brand launch. We were amazed by her talent, and felt the need to come on board and assist with what we would call the revelation, we realise that no matter how amazing the talent she possesses may be, it is in vain if it does not reach the desired audience," said Mamba.

He also added that this was one of their many ways through which,

as a company, they contribute to the growth of the industry, by supporting and assisting both new and established artists with the resources they have within the company. "As a company, we have been dealt a huge blow by the pandemic. A lot of plans we had in place had to be put on hold in adherence to the measures effected by Eswatini Government in the fight against COVID-19. "A number of shows had to be put on hold, both those we were planning on our own as a Company, as well as the bookings our artist were scheduled for. At first, we took it lightly and thought it was just going to be a couple of days but months later, we still cannot do what we love," said the director.

The record company is already settling in with the new situation. They are already catching up with the new normal by hosting online shows, just to keep a fresh memory of who they are for their supporters, and plan on going big on the events as soon as it is deemed safe to host. They also to encourage people to like the page Yema on Facebook and then tune in at 7pm to experience the talent of this new kid on the block.

KEISHA GETS INTERNATIONAL

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

She said this time has brought about self-growth, motivation and inspiration for her businesses.

MAKEUP artist Keisha Bullock's work has been featured on a French fashion page called 'fashizblack' on Instagram.

Bullock stated that the news came as a surprise and she was overwhelmed as she was not expecting it.

"God's timing is always perfect. I would first and foremost like to thank Lucio for giving me this platform to work with two of the most amazing photographers in my eyes and trusting me to enhance the beautiful Sarah Vost. She is a natural beauty! I had always wanted an international breakthrough and I feel that I have now been given the platform. This is only the beginning of greatness for us all," she said.

She said being a makeup artist for the past few years has been a privilege as she has witnessed trends come and go.

"I aim to maintain the natural beauty with twists here and there. This level of consistency in offering quality looks with quality products result in the best experience for my clients and myself.

My projects are elite in its own way, from customer service, designing, sculpturing and thinking outside the box. I wouldn't have been able to do it without Will Brown and Shots by Ngezi. The opportunity given to me is truly humbling as I didn't know things would turn out this way, not only for me but mostly for them as their work is tremendously amazing," she said.

Furthermore, she added that the pandemic has affected her work as most of her projects were put on hold.

She said, however, this era has drawn her closer to God and afforded her the chance to practice her ideas and also brush up on her talents.



FIVE-MINUTE CHAT

...with #WCW Tezulu Dlamini

IT'S a beautiful Wednesday and what better way to celebrate this day than to celebrate beautiful Eswatini ladies.

Our crush this week is the beautiful Tezulu Dlamini.

She is a businesswoman who owns her own nail brand called "Hunnywhodidyoumalls".

1. Please tell us about yourself

My name is Tezulu Dlamini famously known as Tez. I'm quite the versatile person you'd want to keep in your life.

I am a big lover of arts and aesthetics in their broadest forms, so a great part of my life revolves around that. I am a mommy and daddy's girl.

I own a small business. I am a nail technician and I own Nails by Tez (Hunnywhodidyoumalls) and that's my baby.

By the Grace of God, this should be the year in which I graduate, but that doesn't mean I am done, I have other plans concerning my academic life.

I enjoy food, travelling and trying out new things. Go back to the top where I mentioned something about being versatile. That should tell you about me because if I go on and on, the ink here would run out.

2. What is one fact you believe about women?

I strongly believe that when it comes to gender equality, it does not mean that respective roles and responsibilities of either genders must be stopped or left to the other party, but equality as I know it in its simplest terms is that opportunities and rights of an individual should not be affected by their gender.

People normally mistake it for instances where now a woman, for instance, when we talk about gender equality, means she should lift heavy loads and do loads of manual work built for the physical power that a man has, or what others call 50/50.

The debate can go on and on, but I believe as women, we should be given equal opportunities as those of men which they have

benefited from for years and women's rights and voices must be heard.

Women have suffered for way too long - not to dispute that men have had it easy - and many times women's rights, especially black women's, have been suppressed. We have been oppressed due to many reasons, but I have always believed that women can do great things given the chance.

3. What do you hope to achieve in the next five years, as a young woman?

I've always been a private person when it comes to certain aspects of my life.

Personally, I never share my dreams and goals with the public because growing up, I've always been taught to protect my dreams, physically, spiritually and otherwise.

I've always shared that part of my life with God and my family. I do have things I want to achieve, numerous things, but I normally let things unveil themselves in due time and allow myself to celebrate an achievement with those who love me. After ticking a box from that list of goals, I get on my knees again as I tackle the next one.

4. What is your message to other women?

For many years, women have been defined based on their weight, colour, their hair, their voices, their past, flaws, you name it! It's a pity that that same hate comes from amongst us as females and as women, we've been drilled to demonise each other and make enemies.

What do you gain as a woman for bringing another woman down? GBV is another topic on its own but if we want to fight these battles, it must start with us as givers of life, strong beautiful women. Strong not because you've been through too much, but strong because that is how God made you.

So women, stop hating each other, instead, let's offer each other comfort and love.

'Asambe Mntfwanami' making waves on radio stations

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

ZIYAWA Ka Zitha's song featuring Bholoja 'Asambe Mntfwanami' will soon be a national anthem as it has been played on several radio stations; locally and internationally.

The song will also get airplay on SPM.

This was revealed by Ziyawa yesterday.

SPM is a South African FM radio station that follows a Top 40 music format. It is owned by the South African Broadcasting Corporation, South Africa's public broadcaster.

This came as an honour to Ziyawa.

"It is an honour for me and definitely it humbled me a lot to see my craft escalating to such high stages and big stations. It really shows me that hard work, excellence and patience works and produces good results. Kid Fonque's recognition means a lot because it opens the doors to the international platform," he said.

Ziyawa stated that the song is about an abused child and wealth the child deserves.

"It is house music that fuses our Swati indigenous sounds combined with some urban soulful elements, (Afro futuristic House)," he said.

Bholoja said it was always a plea-



RECOGNITION: Singer Bholoja and producer Ziyawakazitha.

sure working with Ziyawakazitha. Amazing

"I am grateful to see such progress. The response is amazing indeed. I am thankful to my brother Ziyawa for creating music that appeals internationally. My job was easy; making sure I don't spoil his creativity.

What makes working with Ziyawa KaZitha great is the way we respect each other and also how we are able to acknowledge our differences and

make them work to our advantage.

"It's like we can read each other's thoughts as when one can't put his idea to words, the other is able to do it," said the award winning artist.

"I believe it's still going to do great as most international DJs are interested to remix it.

I am hoping the best for this song and that it makes good numbers. Will be releasing more stuff and live visuals are coming up soon," he added.



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International Celebrity News

DJ ZINHLE'S MASKS SELL OUT IN DAYS

SANDTON - DJ Zinhle has scored another huge business win, selling out her latest business venture in just days.

Zinhle and her daughter Kairo launched a face mask range last Friday in partnership with Jireh Wellness.

The "stereoscopic UV-proof mask" comes in a pack of two and features a "3D design, fashion style". It's also advertised to "prevent pollen, dust and smog".

The masks, which come in black with the wording "This girl can" and a kiddies' version with panda details, were sold out yesterday.

"I would like to thank you all for your support. Our masks are sold out. We're working hard to make sure we meet the demand, and the masks will be restocked today," Zinhle announced on Instagram.

She encouraged fans to pre-order their masks before they sell out again.

Taking to Instagram Stories, Zinhle touched on her latest business venture and said she was working hard to be an inspiration to her daughter.

"I work hard so Kairo and other girls can understand the value of hard work," she wrote.

Speaking to Tarryn Kay Trussel van Louw on her show, The MVP Club, late last year, Zinhle said she is able to teach and have deep conversations with Kairo because they were honest with each other. "It also comes from having conversations with her, and she understands. We have real conversations with her, like she and I have this thing where we're like 'I need to talk to you'," she explained.

(Times Live)



Kanye West inks Yeezy deal with Gap

HOLLYWOOD - The struggling Gap brand has inked a deal with the mercurial Kanye West to produce a new line, marrying its American clothing classics with the rapper's Yeezy designs.

The retailer Gap Inc and West's Yeezy will introduce "Yeezy Gap" in the first half of 2021, the companies said Friday.

Gap - which posted hundreds of millions in losses in 2020's first quarter and has flailed in recent years - saw its shares surge upon news of the partnership with one of entertainment's most bankable celebrities.

After gaining as much as 42 per cent, Gap closed on the New York Stock Exchange Friday afternoon at a share price of \$12.07, up 18.8 per cent.

Under West's creative guidance, the new line will include "modern, elevated basics for men, women and kids at accessible price points," the statement said.

The companies noted that the deal brings West's relationship to Gap "full circle," saying the billionaire entrepreneur, rapper, designer and most recently gospel singer worked at a Chicago Gap store as a teenager.

"#WESTDAYEVER," the 43-year-old tweeted, with a logo combining "YZY" with Gap's signature navy blue and white. It is a collaboration West has long waxed poetic on: "One of my dreams was to be the head creative director of the Gap," he told New York Magazine in 2015.

"I'd like to be the Steve Jobs of the Gap."

He and London-based, Lagos-born designer Mowalola Ogunlesi also announced she would be the design director of Yeezy Gap.

Latching onto the star power of West is a major marketing score for Gap, which has seen sales consistently decline since 2013 and has scrambled to remain relevant in a rapidly shifting ready-to-wear landscape.

Sowetan Live

Ntando Duma defends having a birthday party with family under lockdown

DURBAN - Actress Ntando Duma has shrugged off criticism after she hosted a lavish birthday party for her daughter, while the country is still under lockdown.

As the death and infection rate due to the coronavirus rise at an alarming rate, and personal visits to family and friends remain prohibited, Ntando took to Twitter to share snaps of the party she and Junior de Rocka had thrown for their little one, Sthabile.

Pictures from the cute Frozen-themed party showed space for eight people, and at least four adults, including Ntando and Junior.

While most fans were impressed with the décor and showered praise on Ntando, others pointed out that hospitals are struggling to cope with COVID-19 infections and throwing a

party was "irresponsible".

Ntando responded to the criticism yesterday, confirming that she had family over for the celebration, but said everyone "had stayed covered and protected while at it".

"For those who were/are concerned and in disbelief that we (Sthabile's dad & I) hosted our daughter her dream birthday celebration during lockdown. Yes! We definitely did that with family members as we stayed covered and protected while at it."

She told those concerned to "focus".

The star said she wished she could have had more friends over for the party, and said her 25th birthday would be "big" if the lockdown is lifted by August.

TimesLive



Ntando Duma Mthombeni
@dumantando20

I wish I could have had all my friends and more kids to come experience and celebrate with us but ke sizothini? Sis COVID showed us flames 🙄

Hopefully Lockdown will be over by August. My 25th birthday Bathong, I NEED to do something BIG! 🎉🎊

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Stuurman humbled to be a part of Beyoncé's 'Black is King'

MIDRAND - Congratulatory messages have been pouring in for award-winning photographer Trevor Stuurman for flying the SA flag high following his announcement that he would be part of Beyoncé's upcoming film, 'Black is King'.

Trevor is the latest to share the news after it was revealed that five SA stars are featured in the pro-black film.

The stars include Connie Chiume, Moonchild Sanelly, Warren Masemola and Nandi Madida, who all made an appearance in the film's one-minute trailer that went viral over the weekend.

"Honoured, blessed, and truly humbled to be part of this moment in history," Trevor wrote on

Instagram. This is not the first time the photographer has worked with Beyoncé. In 2018, Trevor was one of the photographers selected to take pictures for Bey's Global Citizen performance, which she shared on her website.

'Black is King' is set to be released on the Disney Plus streaming service on July 31. It was written, directed and executive produced by Beyoncé. "With this visual album, I wanted to present elements of black history and African tradition, with a modern twist and a universal message, and what it truly means to find your self-identity and build a legacy," said Beyoncé. "I only hope that from watching, you leave feeling inspired." Times Live

DAILY SOAPIE DIGEST



Watch Xolile on Scandal.



Mbomvu intends to bring the Ndlovu's to their knees. His needs Fenyang's help and Phumelele intervenes.



Thathi learns some tough lessons which could lead her to a place she doesn't like. Melusi's career is in jeopardy at the hands of an unexpected antagonistic force.



Teaser unavailable.



Kagiso decides to fight back. Thabo's playboy ride is getting wilder and faster.



Dee's plan to get Tendani's attention fails. Hangwani is devastated when Rendani moves out of the house. Gugu is confronted with a ghost from the past.



Melika doesn't feel comfortable about tricking an innocent old lady. Has Mr Watson done a runner with the Dales' cash? Ayanda's revelation gives insight into Ezwini Inc's woes.



Xolile is forced to come clean and matters are taken out of her hands. Gloria takes her frustrations out on a loved one. Lenono and Neo receive information which shocks them.

MEME OF THE DAY

Shout out to the cashiers who always say "it's on special when you buy 2, go get another one"...

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19
Today is a good day for you to simply get things done. Take care of those annoying tasks that have been building up for a while. You have a great opportunity to accomplish quite a bit. People are less concerned with frivolous drive and gossip than they are with setting a plan for meeting an important goal. Contribute to this trend by getting serious about the tasks at hand.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18
Your emotions may seem a bit muddy today and you might not understand the reason why. Aquarius. Share your thoughts with others, and you should find that taking it out will help you sort through the maelstrom of feelings. If you need to, shift things down to second gear for a little more power. Take your time. Don't let others rush you into believing something that you know isn't true.



Pisces February 19 – March 20
You're going to get it all today, Pisces. You may not be feeling especially powerful, and in fact, some around you may be trying to make you feel incompetent. Realize that this is a passing trend and you'll soon bounce back to your true self. Open your aperture up a little more than usual and let more light into your life. You can shoot some of the best shots today!



Aries March 21 – April 19
You might experience a great deal of emotional confusion today, Aries. There's a debate brewing inside you. You're having a hard time deciding whether to pursue the practical or the fanciful. Looking to others for help could only add to the confusion, so take their advice with a grain of salt. If nothing seems clear to you, then wait it out and proceed when you have a better handle on things.



Taurus April 20 – May 20
The pace of things is likely to slow down a bit compared to what was happening yesterday, Taurus. This is probably for the best. Take this time to do some planning and stabilizing. You've plowed forth into the fields. Now stop and assess what you've accomplished. Take things one step at a time and don't get ahead of yourself. Be patient and things will come your way naturally.



Gemini May 21 – June 21
Tension is likely to arise in many different areas of your life, Gemini. It's possible that you're either too dreamy or too practical for the issue at hand. It's important for you to strike a balance. The toughest part will be finding people and situations that agree with you. Other people are likely to be quite inflexible and stubborn, and you may have to adapt in order to reach a compromise.



Cancer June 22 – July 22
Yesterday's trajectory might run into a couple of snags today, Cancer. You could find that your dreamy nature conflicts with the planned and steady. This conflict of interests may be creating some tension that will be difficult to work with. Your emotions are apt to deceive you, so try not to get pulled off course by a passing whim. Try to keep your feelings well grounded.



Leo July 23 – August 22
Try to keep yourself in line with your emotions today, Leo. It's possible that a powerful yet subtle force is slowly trying to pull you off track. If so, think about taking a break and doing some physical activity to get your blood pumping. Go for a walk with a friend to help clear your head so you can think more rationally about the decisions you need to make.



Virgo August 23 – September 22
Speak your mind today, Virgo, but don't take offense if it seems like no one is listening. Don't push your viewpoint. Concentrate on your goals and aspirations, and feel free to push them to the limit. You might have been doing a lot of talking lately. Getting those ideas out there is a great thing. Now is the time when you need to lay some solid groundwork for those ideas to manifest.



Libra September 23 – October 23
Get your head out of the clouds today, Libra, and come back to Earth for just a little bit. There are some things you need to take care of here. Mundane tasks and routine jobs won't be painful after you set your mind to getting them done. You'll be able to accomplish quite a bit. Just make sure to keep a level head about the reality of the situation.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21
Bring things down to Earth today, Scorpio. Get grounded and enjoy the day. You'll find that the more you slow down and adopt a caring, sensitive, receptive attitude, the more things will naturally flow your way. This isn't a day to fight. It's a day to connect with others on a symbolic level. Nurture yourself and others. Give a massage and snuggle up close to those you love.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21
Today is a fantastic day for you, Sagittarius, so enjoy yourself fully. Your emotions will be stable, and you'll find that you have a very expansive sense of well-being. Your self-confidence is strong, and you should use this to your advantage. This energy may be subtle, but if you tune into it early in the day and set a plan for what you want to accomplish, you'll find you can be quite productive.



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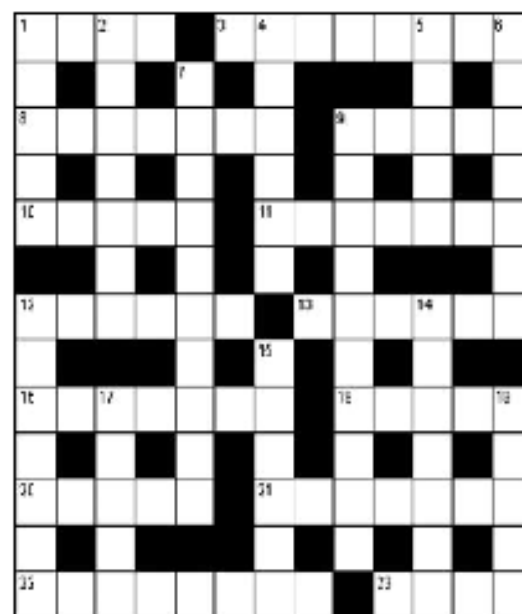
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Standard Crossword - UKP045



DOWN

1. STRIPED EQUINE (5)
2. US LEGISLATOR (7)
4. ONE OR THE OTHER (8)
5. HOT REMNANTS OF A FIRE (5)
6. BARS (7)
7. SECURED BY WRITTEN AGREEMENT (10)
9. RESEARCH WORKPLACE (10)
12. LACKADAISICAL (7)
14. HOPING FOR (7)
15. CERTIFY (8)
17. SPIRITUAL BEING (5)
19. AHEAD OF TIME (5)

ACROSS

1. GUSTO (4)
3. BRINGS TO AN ADDRESS (8)
8. FEAST (7)
9. TAG (5)
10. PERFORMER (5)
11. TRADE BARRIER (7)
12. VOICE BOX (8)
13. LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE (8)
16. CLOSEST (7)
18. ONE OF THE SENSES (5)
20. CAJOLED (5)
21. BEFORE (7)
22. FRAGILE (8)
23. UNSIGHTLY (4)

LOL Laughing Out Loud

NOT THE SMARTEST SPORTS FAN

After football fans in Philadelphia were treated to a particularly exorcising loss earlier in the season, a man phoned a sports-radio talk-show host to say:

"Everyone should call in and give one word for that game."
"What's your word?" the host replied. "Bored out of my mind," said the caller.

DID YOU KNOW

MOVIE QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

1. From 2010 and starring Leonardo DiCaprio as a criminal skilled in obtaining secrets from the subconscious mind.

Answer:
A. Inception

TODAY'S MOVIE QUIZ

1. Released in 1999 and stars Keanu Reeves as a computer hacker.

Answers:
A. The Matrix B. The Game



WELL-WISHES FOR MENZI NGUBANE - THE QUEEN

RENOWNED actor Menzi Ngubane was set to start filming season 5 of *The Queen* in July, and Ferguson Films has been anticipating welcoming him to the show with great excitement.

The production company has been aware of the challenges Ngubane has faced with his health, and through constant communication with him and his family, was kept abreast of his condition.

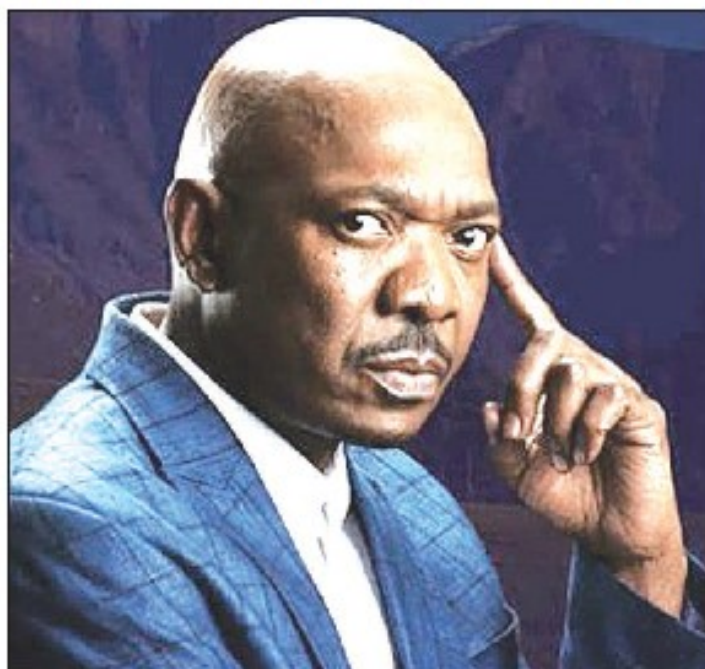
The Ngubane family has humbly requested that Ngubane take more time to focus on his health and recovery.

"We were very excited when we announced that Menzi will be joining *The Queen* family, as he brings with him a wealth of experience.

We will continue keeping them in our prayers and supporting them on this journey, and wish Menzi strength to continue fighting the good fight, and come back stronger than ever," said *The Queen* Executive Producer Connie Ferguson.

"We can't wait for him to make his return soon to entertain our viewers with his charismatic acting skills and screen presence," added co-Executive Producer Shona Ferguson.

The Ngubane family has expressed



great gratitude to all who have been concerned about his well-being and appreciate the prayers, and have asked for privacy to allow them to focus on Ngubane's recovery.

"We at Mzansi Magic have been devastated by the news of Ngubane's health challenges and would like to wish him

a speedy recovery. The health and well-being of our talent remains a priority and we commend Ferguson Films for taking all the necessary precautions to allow him to focus on his health," said Nomusa Philiso, the Channel Director for local entertainment Channels at M-Net.

Zuba Season 1 concludes

FIRE, Spice and everything Nice!

Zambia's first telenovela had us all buzzing and on the edge of our seats. **A L L SEASON LONG.** Now

as Season 1 concludes, we have rounded up some of the moments that represent the show's biggest end-of-season takeaways!

To start, Phingwe finally won the contract, but doesn't have nearly enough funding to actually see it through. This sends Joshua and Suwi a-plotting once again, and Joshua soon offers to 'help' fund his mother.

Zuba and Thando set off for the village, and here, Zuba's feelings for Thando grow stronger than ever. Back in the Sosala household, Maliwa is fired and Suwi promises Leya, Maliwa's job in exchange for information. This leads to Suwi and Joshua finding out about Thando's visit to the village factory. Soon afterwards, Thando and Zuba are

attacked. Suwi hires a new P.A. in further efforts to destabilize Phingwe. Things only

get worse for Phingwe when Charles tells her he wants a divorce.

In a flurry, Tasha arrived in Mahaba village and completely blew Leya's cover!

Leya still managed to steal some designs for Suwi, who viciously tried to sabotage the fashion show. Just then, things start to turn around for Phingwe, and Charles begins to have second thoughts about the divorce. It's Suwi's turn to face the heat, and she gets an unexpected shock when her plans go haywire and Leya spills the beans about Zuba!

In the final episode, Kantu played a video for Thando that implicated Suwi in trying to sabotage Phingwe. And the ultimate cliff-hanger: Thando gets a call from Wana...

Are you ready for #Zuba Season 2? Well then set your reminders, Zuba Season 2 starts on the 6th of April at 20:00 on DStv CH 172!



Everything you need to know about 'Cherish The Day' on 1Magic

CHERISH The Day tells the story of love with a twist.

Cherish The Day chronicles the stirring relationship of one couple, with each episode spanning a single day. The narrative will unfold to reveal significant moments in a relationship that compel us to hold true to the ones we love, from the extraordinary to the everyday.

Xosha Roquemore ('*The Mindy Project*') stars as Gently James and Alano Miller ('*Underground*') stars as Evan Fisher.

The couple meets and fall in love in Los Angeles, with the full chapter spanning five years in eight episodes.

Viewers will get to immerse themselves in all the complexities and pleasures of witnessing a couple not only fall in love, but the quality of this blissful, but sometimes messy experience. On this season, there will be recurring roles from an additional cast that includes Michael Beach, Anne-Marie Johnson and Kellee Stewart.

They join previously announced series regulars Xosha Roquemore, Alafor

Miller and the legendary Emmy award-winning actress Cicely Tyson.

The Ava DuVernay also announced that the series has been made possible through the talents and skill of a production crew that consists of over 50 per cent women, including 18 female department heads.

The Tanya Hamilton, Blitz Bazawule, Aurora Guerrero and Deborah Kampmeier directed series is currently its first season Tuesdays at 20:30.

Cherish The Day airs on 1Magic Tuesdays at 20:30.



The most dramatic weddings – OPW

A countdown of the drama at our weddings.

Every couple dreams of smooth sailing on their wedding day. But what happens when that unplanned incident occurs?

Tonight, we revisited some of the dramatic moments we've seen on the show. Here are the weddings that made it to the Top 10:

10. Bongi and Mithokozisi They ordered a four-tier cake but got two-tier instead. The worst part was, the cake was falling apart!

9. Hope and Phumadzo Imagine waiting for your bridesmaids to finish getting ready for the wedding. Well, I never!

8. Phumlile and Lucky Phumlile's relative had to negotiate with her in-laws to open the gate, after she and her entourage arrived late on their traditional wedding day.

7. Kekeletso Precocious Kekeletso's relatives also had to negotiate with her in-laws for arriving late for their traditional wedding.

6. Theo and Samuel

The stress Theo and Samuel gave their relatives when they delayed for hours and didn't answer their cellphones!

5. Alice and Themba From dirty tables, to a cracked cake! Tjo, their suppliers did them wrong shame!

4. Slindile and Sibusiso Slindile had to squeeze in one car with her bridal party. Let's just say, she was not too pleased about this.

3. Scelo and Malaika Imagine your decorator going MIA on the décor viewing day and also arriving late for the traditional wedding! Scelo and Malaika saw flames shame!

2. Nokwanda and Sakhile The gifts exchange drama! Sakhile's mother did not hide her dissatisfaction!

1. Hope and Bridget Lesbomo Hope and Bridget's decorator did them wrong. Luckily, Nomusa and the #OurPerfectWedding crew were there to save the day.

Tune into Our Perfect Wedding every Sunday at 19:00 on Mzansi Magic, DStv channel 161 for the next batch of countdown moments.

DEATHS



Bhekani Ronny Sibandze

Relatives and friends of Bhekani Ronny Sibandze well known as Mabhekani are notified of his sudden death. He will be laid to rest on Saturday 04 July 2020 at La Vigabhi Etyeni. No night vigil. Announcement by his family.

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Daniel Madzela Gudile Vilakati

Kwatswa tihlobo nebangani ba Daniel Madzela Gudile Vilakati kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatswa bekhakhe ka Ntjantjali eMphini. Kutawuba Nelimisa lemgwaba e Cathedral kaManzini ngaleSihlanu nga 12:00 emini. Utawufihlwa ngelMgobelo ekuseni mhlaka 4 July 2020, kute umlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Magumbu Vilakati egameni lemdeni.



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70% OF CLUBS SURVIVING ON PSL GRANT - KADODIA

JOHANNESBURG - Maritzburg United chairman Farook Kadodia believes many teams in the PSL would collapse without the sponsored monthly grant.

Like any other business, football clubs have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic that has forced shutdowns all around the country.

Many teams under the PSL's umbrella have been effected heavily, forcing some club bosses to implement salary cuts, and Kadodia says the reality is that financial support from the League to its 32 clubs plays a huge role in keeping teams running.

This grant is made up in part from sponsorship income received from Absa, the title sponsor that has just ended their 13-year financial backing of the League.

Since last year Premiership clubs have been receiving R2-million on a monthly basis while GladAfrica Championship sides have been assisted with R500 000 per month.

"I must concede that 70 percent of the PSL teams cannot survive without the grant, and football would be doomed,"



Kadodia told the media.

"The reality is that the grant plays a pivotal role in every team. It would be impossible to sustain the clubs without the grant."

"It is quite a difficult situation, it is challenging for everyone in football or in general."

Kadodia said last week that he would never sell Maritzburg's PSL status and

gave more details about how he has been making sure the Team of Choice survives the tough times.

"As Maritzburg United we have always operated on a shoestring budget and we cannot make any plans without a budget," he explained.

"Our plans have been halted. We hope we can get past this virus soon so we can be able to plan for the future."

Maboe admits 3-month struggle

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns attacker Lebohang Maboe admits that he has struggled to deal with the continued lockdown and discipline required to stay fit and motivated.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced South African footballers to stay home and train alone for three full months – something that never happened in their professional careers.

Maboe has described the current situation as tough times for players and says it asks a lot from an individual.

"These have been really, really tough times, not just for myself, I'm sure for other players out there playing for other teams," Maboe tells KickOff.com.

"It has been really tough."

"We are not used to being at home for three months and it's totally different training from home compared to training with your mates on the field."

"It asks a lot from you each and every day but to take a positive from it, it helps you mentally."

"You don't have to do good things only when people are watching but you can also do it alone, which also pushes you to keep on training regardless of training alone."

Before the forced break Sundowns looked sharp and the league title race was getting heated, and Maboe says personally he was starting to get back to his old form.

"It helps if when the league resumes you know you've set up a foundation by training alone, so that you not too far behind," he says.

"When the league was about to be suspended, I felt like I was starting to be at my level-best. I felt like I was working to be myself again, gaining my confidence again and working for the team."

"To stay at home for more than three months, it has been tiring and asks a lot from you to train alone."

"You have to be mentally tough to know that you have to push yourself every day."



Chiefs trio earn new contracts

DURBAN - Kaizer Chiefs have extended the contracts of the trio of Siphelele Ntshangase, Philani Zulu and Brylon Petersen.

The club announced the news that they've extended the deals of the three players on their twitter account.

Their contracts were all up for renewal in two days time. Ntshangase joined Amakhosi with huge expectations from Baroka FC.

He started life with the Glamour Boys like a house on fire two seasons ago, but has since faded into the periphery at the club under Ernst Middendorp.

Since the arrival of the German, Ntshangase has struggled for game time. Before the coronavirus halted the Premier Soccer League season, Ntshangase was yet to make an appearance for Amakhosi. Despite struggling for game time, however, Ntshangase remained a fan favourite, and they will be delighted by the news.

When it comes to Zulu, the former Maritzburg United star has featured in a number of positions at Chiefs under Middendorp. He has been used as a wing back, left winger, central attacking midfielder and left back. Zulu was also one of

Middendorp's favourite players when the two were at Maritzburg United. The 24-year-old Petersen has also earned a new deal despite not playing a single game for the club since signing for them almost four years ago.

The former Maritzburg junior player was initially released by the club at the end of last season, but was offered a contract as when the club was experiencing an emergency between the sticks earlier this season.

With Daniel Akpeyi and Ihumeleng Khame duking it out for the number one jersey, Petersen and Bruce Bvuma will most likely compete for the third choice spot. *JOI Sport*

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2 coaches linked with TTM

LIMPOPO - Following their confirmation about buying the top flight status of Bidvest Wits, Tshakhuma Tsha Madzivhandila are expected to make some changes to the team in preparation of their first season in the elite league.

Indications are that the Limpopo club will look to make changes to their technical team in line with the plans to assemble a strong team to compete in the big league.

According to sources, Sammy Troughton and Joel Masutha are some of the coaches that are linked with TTM after it emerged that Wits coach Gavin Hunt will not be relocating to Limpopo.

TTM – who are 4th on the second tier log – went into the break

with their experienced Serbian coach Vladislav Heric put on a special leave.

TTM have said that they 'will show no respect to big clubs next season' after confirming that they will be playing home matches at the Thoboyandou Stadium, which is the venue where Black Leopards have been enjoying a huge following. *Soccer Laduma*



Former Pirates defender secures short-term future

JOHANNESBURG - A club in the Premier Soccer League has made a short-term decision on one of their experienced defender's future.

Clubs in the PSL were urged to quickly conclude short-term deals for players whose contracts end today, June 30, this in line with the extension of the 2019/20 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic which saw a three-month break in football. Asavela Mbekile joined Stellenbosch FC in February this year on a short-term deal until the end of the 2019/20 season, though the player has an added two-year option set in place on his deal.

As previously reported by the Siya crew, Stellenbosch are yet to make a decision about Mbekile's long-

term future, with indications that the club has not yet seen enough of the player to decide on his extended option.

Although according to Siya sources, the Western Cape outfit still want him to remain at the club in order to complete the season. It is understood that Mbekile has been handed a short-term extension which would run until the new end dates for the 2019/20 campaign.

However, indications are that Stellenbosch will only make a decision about his added two-year option at the end of the season and it remains to be seen whether the player will get in the needed game-time once the domestic campaign resumes in the coming weeks. *Soccer Laduma*



MY GAME

AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF SPORTS ISSUES
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WE SAY NO TO DOPING IN SPORTS!

AS the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) delegates gathered at Happy Valley Hotel for yet another all-important AGM, the issue of doping in sports, which is one of the very crucial subjects for athletes in modern day was once again highlighted by the football mother body.

As quoted by this publication EFA CEO Frederick Mngomezulu encouraged clubs "to take the issue of anti-doping seriously by monitoring their players on doping issues because it comes with huge penalties and consequences that can be bad for clubs". Mngomezulu's words cannot be taken lightly when considering the punishment meted out to such offenders.

Imagine a local athlete testing positive for doping and disqualified in prestigious international events? We might not have witnessed many cases of doping in local athletes, but that does not mean there are no such cases. We might be failing to detect them, especially at early stages when that particular athlete/player is still growing in his/her career, only to come to the limelight when it is time for international competitions.

It is on those grounds that this column feels that the entire sporting fraternity should have begun tightening the screws on such cases lest we find ourselves in embarrassing situations in future. Time is still on our side and

the damage could be not that much bad, and of course it is time to take the necessary steps towards addressing this important issue.

I am glad that to demonstrate their stance against doping, in March this year, the Eswatini National Sports and Recreation Council (ENSRC) in collaboration with EFA successfully hosted the Anti-Doping Workshop. The event which was facilitated by Botswana's Andrew Kamanga, Manager of African Zone VI RADO, proved to be what the doctor has ordered for the various sporting associations' representatives in attendance.

I remember vividly, I was part of the attendees during the Opening

Ceremony graced by Minister Harries 'Madze' Bulunga and I recall how many of the attendees were curious about this issue. As Kamanga highlighted the scope of the workshop, one could see that doping has very serious effects on the career of sports people.

For this workshop, that was a great step towards the right direction for the country. In as much as I noted that not all the sporting disciplines were represented in that workshop, but such event gave hope in as far as addressing the issue of doping is concerned. However, mine is not to reflect about the workshop which came some few days before COVID 19 lockdown,

but I am trying to emphasize on the importance of prioritizing such issues. By the way in this country we already have an athlete who is serving a four-year ban for doping.

As we say no to doping, we must also remember that we all have a responsibility to curb this practice one and for all. I have the feeling that we have a long route to go before we can claim to be winning that battle on doping, and the relevant authorities should continue to lead us.

Actually there is a dire need for more workshops and campaigns to raise awareness about this issue, because it is an undisputed fact that many athletes/players are clueless about this.

From abroad: Congratulations the 'Reds' of England!

ALLOW me dear reader to join the thousands of football followers in congratulating Liverpool for winning the English Premier League title, which has been evading them for three decades.

By the way, the last time the club won the title was back in 1990, and many of us were grown enough to see how they used to be a force to be reckoned with. History aside, Liverpool has been an extra-ordi-

nary team and thanks to their great manager in Jurgen Klopp, who made this team the grinding machine it has become in recent times.

After coming close to winning the title on different occasions, they

finally laid their hands on the coveted title as they did in other competitions like the Champions League.

Worth

This is your time Liverpool, prove your worth. I might not be a Liverpool

supporter – as my heart goes with the Gunners of London – but Liverpool's run made the game of football very interesting.

And this makes us easily forget how Manchester United, under the great Alex Ferguson used to be a nightmare for many an opponent – and they deservedly won back-to-back titles.

SPORTS MEDICINE SOLUTIONS

By: Melusi Luthle
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IT has been three months on continuous lockdown, which means families spend more time together, thus today we bring you a topic family planning.

Family planning allows people to attain their desired number of children and determine the spacing of pregnancies. It is achieved through the use of contraceptive methods and the treatment of infertility.

1. Preventing pregnancy - related health risks in women

Family planning allows spacing of pregnancies and can delay pregnancies in young women at increased risk of health problems and death from early childbearing. It prevents unintended pregnancies, including those of older women who face increased risks related to pregnancy. Family planning enables women who wish to limit the size of their families to do so. Evidence suggests that women who have more than four children are at increased risk of maternal mortality.

2. Reducing infant mortality - Family planning can prevent closely spaced and ill-timed pregnancies and births, which contribute to some of the world's highest infant mortality rates. Infants of mothers who die because of giving birth also have a greater risk of death and poor health.

3. Helping to prevent HIV/AIDS - Family planning reduces the risk of unintended pregnancies among women living with HIV, resulting in fewer

infected babies and orphans. In addition, male and female condoms provide dual protection against unintended pregnancies and against STIs, including HIV.

4. Empowering people and enhancing education - Enables people to make informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health. Family planning represents an opportunity for women to pursue additional education and participate in public life,

including paid employment in non-family organisations. Additionally, having smaller families allows parents to invest more in each child. Children with fewer siblings tend to stay in school longer than those with many siblings.

5. Reducing adolescent pregnancies - Pregnant adolescents are more likely to have preterm or low birth-weight babies. Babies born to adolescents have higher rates of neonatal

mortality. Many adolescent girls who become pregnant must leave school.

This has long-term implications for them as individuals, their families, and communities.

6. Slowing population growth - Family planning is key to slowing unsustainable population growth and the resulting negative impacts on the economy, environment and national and regional development efforts.



7. Financial benefits - FP enables planned birth spacings which can lead to athletes having financial freedom. FP reduces unintended overpopulation, which promotes proper financial management to an athlete.

8. Emotionally - Unintended pregnancies can at times lead to emotional wreckage, hence emotionally draining to an athlete thereby reducing performance to athletes. Pregnancy on its own has emotional changes caused by hormonal changes which can also contribute to poor performance of an athlete.

9. Social benefits - Unplanned pregnancies lead to social detachment related to self-stigma and low self-esteem, hence disturbing performance and proper support to athletes with pregnancy, there is a need to do Antenatal care services which can lead to a shift in schedules hence disturbing daily routines and exercise patterns.

With all benefits mentioned above, if athletes can adhere to them it can help optimise performance and longevity of the career.

EFA have pronounced that football we be back around August. So, let us do things cautiously while we spend most of the time at home. Till next week, God bless you all.



TENDER INVITATION NOTICE

The National Maize Corporation requires the services of suitably qualified and reputable service providers to submit technical and financial proposals for the below listed tenders. Detailed information regarding the terms of reference is available on the 'Request for Proposals' document which can be downloaded from NMC website at www.nmc.co.sz or ESPPRA website at www.sppra.co.sz.

All tenders are available at a non-refundable fee of E/R500.00 per tender and is payable at the National Maize Corporation cashier's office or through EFT payments. Tenderers are expected to include an original proof of payment in their technical proposal of the tender documents. Requests for clarifications can be addressed to Mr. Sifiso Dlamini at procurement@nmc.co.sz.

TENDER REFERENCE	TENDER	SITE INSPECTION DATE	SUBMISSION DEADLINE
NMC RFP 20-005	Design, Supply, Install And Maintain A Grain Aeration Floor System For Nmc	26th June 2020	24th July 2020
NMC RFP 20-006	Provision Of Architectural Design And Project Management For Madulini Multipurpose Hall Construction And Depot Administration Office Renovations	23rd June 2020	10th July 2020
NMC RFP 20-007	Study, Design And Develop A Commercial Grains Value Chain In Eswatini To Improve Food Security	N/A	10th July 2020
NMC RFP 20-008	Extension Of Furrow Disc Ploughs	24th June 2020	24th July 2020

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Eswatini Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise LTD

LOWER USUTHU SMALLHOLDER IRRIGATION PROJECT

MODIFICATION OF LUSIP CARPORTS

TENDER No. ESWADE/0449

Tenders are hereby invited from suitably qualified contractors, registered with the Construction Industry Council of Eswatini (CIC) under Category B2 & C2 Only, to submit tenders for the Modification of LUSIP Carports at ESWADE Siphofaneni office.

Preference will be given to local contractors, with at least 60% Swazi shareholding, and registered with the Construction Industry Council of Eswatini. Tender documents may be obtained after payment of a non-refundable tender fee of E350.00 to the Eswatini Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (ESWADE). Documents will be on sale from the 29th June 2020, starting at 0800hrs to 1100hrs up to the day of the compulsory site inspection and clarification meeting which will be held at ESWADE Siphofaneni Offices boardroom.

Tenderers attention is drawn to the table below which indicates the Contract No, Contract Title, Tender Bond, CIC category, Site Inspection date and the closing date for submission of tenders. Late, incomplete, telephoned or telegraphic tenders will not be considered.

Contract No.	Contract Title	Tender Bond	CIC Category	Site Inspection Date/Time	Closing of Tender
ESWADE-0449	Modification of LUSIP Carports	E15 000.00	B2 & C2 only	10 th July 2020 at 1000hrs	24 th July 2020 at 1400hrs

Completed tenders should be delivered in a sealed envelope to the ESWADE Head Office and the envelope should only show the Project Name, Project Number and addressed to:

Chairman of the Tender Board
Eswatini Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (ESWADE)
MVA Building, 3rd Floor
Mbabane
Eswatini

Any actions or tenders that will be interpreted as an attempt to interfere with or influence the tendering process will result in immediate disqualification of the tenderer. Enquiries, administrative and technical, relating to the Tenders listed in the table above may be addressed to Mr Bongani Magagula, Tel No. 2344 1873 or 2344 1571/2/3, Fax No. 2344 1665, E-mail: lusip2@eswade.co.sz.

ESWADE does not bind herself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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ESWATINI ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (ESERA)

TENDER NOTICE: INTENTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION	01 st July 2020
TENDER NUMBER	09 - 2019/20
NAME OF TENDER	Consultancy to develop the Small - Scale Embedded Generation (SSPG) Regulatory Framework
APPROVAL AUTHORITY	ESERA Board
PROCURING ENTITY	Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority (ESERA)
REQUESTING ENTITY	ESERA Executive Management

In terms of section 45 of the Public Procurement Act No. 7 of 2011 (the Act), following a competitive bidding process, notice is hereby given that a contract award decision for this above cited tender has been reached by the approval authority as follows:

DETAILS OF BEST EVALUATED RESPONSIVE TENDERER	
NAME	Kugel Legal Consulting
NATIONALITY	Republic of South Africa
PROPOSED CONTRACT PRICE	E 1,668,420.00
FINAL EVALUATION SCORE	80.6%

It must be noted that, in terms of 45(2) of the Act, the above contract award decision does not constitute a contract.

Further, in terms of section 45 (4), 46 and 47 of the Act, all tenderers who submitted bids are hereby notified that a period of ten (10) working days is hereby allowed for submission of any application for review from the above stated date of first publication of this notice.

DETAILS OF ALL EVALUATED RESPONSIVE TENDERERS	
	Kugel Legal Consulting
Evaluated Price (Sz)	E1,668,420.00
Technical Score (%)	75.5
Financial Score (%)	100
Final Weighted Score	80.6

Weighting: Technical Score (80%); Financial Score (20%)

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Supervision Services for the Construction of Water Harvesting, Conveyance Structures and Downstream Irrigation Systems for the Water Harvesting, Small and Medium Dams Project (WHDP)

EuropeAid/140-786/IH/SER/SZ

The Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini, represented by the National Authorising Officer for the European Development Fund (EDF), Ministry of Economic Planning and Development intends to award a service contract for the supervision services to the works for the construction of small gravity fed irrigation schemes, composed of upstream water harvesting and abstraction structures (earth dams or weirs), water conveyance structures (pipeline and annexed components) and downstream irrigation water distribution systems (sprinklers, drip or flood irrigation) in the Hhohho, Manzini and Shiselweni regions with financial assistance from the European Development Fund (EDF). Application documents are published on the website of DG International Cooperation and Development:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

Possible additional information or clarifications/questions shall be published on the website of DG International Cooperation and Development:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

Email: wazi.mkhabela@mepd-acms.org
Copy: mduduzi@mepd-acms.org and patrickbdlamini@gmail.com

The deadline for submission of applications is 1000hrs, Swazi Local Time, on the 07th August 2020.

Doc. 22185



■ Manchester City will consider signing Aston Villa midfielder Jack Grealish, 24, if Bayern Munich buy their Germany winger Leroy Sané, 24. Manchester United have also been linked with the Englishman. (*Telegraph - subscription required*)

■ Chelsea are willing to sign United's 19-year-old England Under-20 midfielder Angel Gomes, who has also had multiple offers from abroad. (*Independent*)

■ Benfica want former Tottenham Hotspur boss Mauricio Pochettino to become their new manager after Bruno Lage's resignation. (*TSF - in Portuguese*)

■ Newcastle United and Arsenal are among a number of Premier League clubs interested in signing Wolfsburg's Dutch striker Wout Weghorst, 27, for 35m euros (£31.9m). (*Bild - in German*)

■ The Magpies are also considering signing French forward Thomas Robert - the 19-year-old son of former Newcastle winger Laurent Robert - from Montpellier on a free transfer. (*Mail*)

■ Southampton are interested in Arsenal striker Folarin Balogun. The 18-year-old has played for England and the United States at youth level but also qualifies to represent Nigeria. (*Mail*)

■ Two Chelsea targets - Cameroon goalkeeper Andre Onana, 24, and Argentine left-back Nicolas Tagliafico, 27 - have been told they can leave Ajax. (*Sun*)

■ Meanwhile, Ajax boss Erik ten Hag says Netherlands midfielder and Manchester United target Donny van de Beek, 23, could leave once the transfer window reopens. (*Mirror*)

■ Paris St-Germain's 27-year-old France defender Layvin Kurzawa, who has been linked with Arsenal and Liverpool, has signed a new four-year deal with the Ligue 1 champions. (*Goal*)

■ Premier League winners Liverpool will not spend "millions and millions" in the transfer market, says manager Jurgen Klopp. (*Mirror*)

■ But the Reds have been told they must pay more than £35m if they want to sign Brighton's 22-year-old English defender Ben White, who has impressed during a loan spell in the Championship with Leeds United this season. (*Football Insider*)

■ A number of Barcelona players have a strained relationship with manager Quique Setien following their recent run of poor form. (*ESPN*)

■ Leicester City's 18-year-old full-back Dennis Gyamfi will leave the club when his contract expires on 30 June. The Netherlands youth international has turned down several contract offers from the Foxes. (*Leicester Mercury*)

Barca midfielder to join Juve for 72 million euros

BARCELONA - Barcelona midfielder Arthur Melo will join Juventus at the end of the season in a transfer worth 72 million euros (\$81 million), plus a further 10 million euros in variables, the Spanish club announced on Monday.

Juventus' Miralem Pjanic is expected to go the other way in a separate deal, allowing both clubs to boost their profit figures ahead of the end of the financial year on June 30.

Arthur and Pjanic will remain with their current teams until the end of the 2019/20 campaign, which will include the reformed Champions League knock-out stage in August.

It raises the possibility that Arthur and Pjanic could face each other, and their future clubs, in the competition's latter stages.

"FC Barcelona and Juventus have reached an agreement for the transfer of the player Arthur Melo. The Italian club will pay 72 million euros, plus 10 million euros in variables," Barcelona confirmed in a statement.

"The player will remain at FC Barcelona until the official com-



petitions for the 2019/20 season end."

Arthur only joined Barca from Brazilian side Gremio in 2018 and was hailed as a future star for the club, with many tipping him as the long-term successor to Xavi

Hernandez in central midfield.

After an encouraging start, the 23-year-old has been one of several players to stagnate this season but the primary motivation for Arthur's sale is thought to be financial.

His departure puts more scrutiny

on Barcelona's board and president Josep Maria Bartomeu. They have overseen a number of haphazard moves in the transfer market and have been accused of failing to implement any clear sense of direction for the club.

Barcelona have been hit hard by the three-month suspension due to the coronavirus pandemic and they needed to bring in around 70 million euros to satisfy their budget for the current season.

By selling Arthur, the board can register the profits from the transfer immediately before spreading the payments for Pjanic over the length of the 30-year-old's contract.

Last year, Barca carried out a similar transaction by exchanging goalkeeper Jasper Cillessen for Valencia's Neto, in deals worth around 30 million euros each.

Pjanic is expected to cost around them around 10 million euros less than the amount Juventus have paid for Arthur but given the Brazilian is seven years younger, the Italians might feel they have the better deal.

AFP

'Players can stay in locker rooms during anthem'

NEW YORK - The U.S. National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) has said players can choose to remain in the locker room or express their individual views on the pitch while the national anthem is being played at the Challenge Cup.

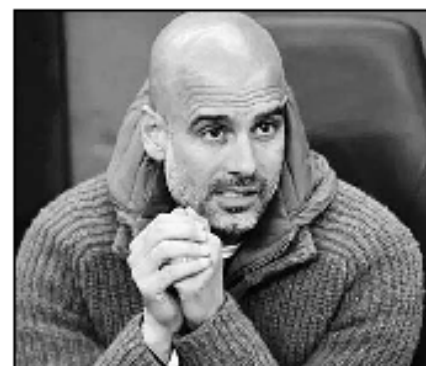
The NWSL said the decision to provide additional flexibility by revising pre-game ceremonies followed discussions with players, club officials and other stakeholders.

Every player from the North Carolina Courage and Portland Thorns took a knee during the anthem and wore t-shirts with the slogan 'Black Lives Matter' before their game on Saturday. Athletes from around the world have been join-

ing the protest campaign sparked by the death last month of George Floyd, a Black man, while in Minneapolis police custody.

"... The NWSL stands behind every player, official and staff member," NWSL Commissioner Lisa Baird said in a statement.

"Kneel on the field. Stand with your hand over your heart. Honour your feelings in the privacy of the locker room or at midfield. The NWSL is a league that was built on diversity and courage and those principles will continue to drive us forward." The month-long Challenge Cup in Utah, which kicked off on Saturday, will be played in empty stadiums amid the COVID-19 pandemic. *Reuters*



Winning FA Cup would be ideal preparation for Real clash - Guardiola

LONDON - Manchester City's slim hopes of retaining their Premier League crown have gone but they still have two trophies in their crosshairs, manager Pep Guardiola said after the club reached the FA Cup semi-finals with a 2-0 win over Newcastle United.

As well as the Cup, City are also still in the hunt for the Champions League title and hold a 2-1 lead over Real Madrid from the away leg of their last 16 clash in February before the competition was suspended due to Covid-19.

Europe's elite club competition will be completed with an eight-team mini-tournament held in Lisbon in August. The FA Cup semis will be held on July 18-19 and the final is scheduled for August 1.

"We have two competitions we can win," Guardiola told reporters on Sunday. "It will be good to arrive against Real Madrid in the best condition. To win this title would be the best way to prepare for Madrid."

Guardiola also said he was pleased with City's response after last week's 2-1 defeat at Chelsea handed Liverpool the Premier League title.

"We're delighted after the defeat against Chelsea to be in London again at Wembley to play against Arsenal in the semi-final to try to reach the final of the FA Cup," he added.

"Always it's an incredible trophy and it gives us an extra bonus." *Reuters*

Two Nets players positive for COVID-19

NEW YORK - Brooklyn Nets center DeAndre Jordan will not play again this season and teammate Spencer Dinwiddie's participation is also in doubt after both tested positive for the coronavirus on Monday.

The NBA is planning to go ahead with its restart plans at Disney World in Orlando on July 30, despite Florida is battling a surge in coronavirus cases in the past few days.

"Found out last night and confirmed again today that I've tested positive for Covid while being back in market."

As a result of this, I will not be in Orlando for the resumption of the season," Jordan said Monday on Twitter.

Guard Dinwiddie told sports news site The Athletic that he had experienced symptoms "including fever and chest tightness".

He said it remained unclear whether he would be able to



play in Orlando, where 22 teams will be based for the remainder of the season.

Players are due to travel to Florida for training camp in early July, and the teams will play games without fans in a "bubble" designed to shield players and team staff from the outside world.

It is a further blow to playoff ambitions of the Nets who are

already without stars Kyrie Irving and Kevin Durant because of injury.

On Sunday another Nets player, forward Wilson Chandler, ruled himself out of the NBA's restarted season, citing safety fears because of the coronavirus.

Chandler told ESPN he had opted to skip the restart in Orlando in order to spend more time with his family. *AFP*

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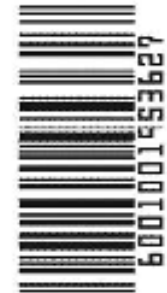
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BULL, BUFFS WANT SEASON FINISHED



BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCKER - CAPITAL city giants Mbabane Highlanders and army side Young Buffaloes are among the teams that remain committed to playing all the eight remaining fixtures this season. The teams made their submissions about the fate of the season, where others also submitted 'possible scheduling models'.

This comes after 18 Premier League clubs have called for the nullification of the current campaign.

This publication has since gathered that two sworn rivals in Mbabane Highlanders and Mbabane Swallows have different opinions on the season's fate.

Highlanders are part of the eight teams that submitted before the Premier League of Eswatini COVID-19 Task Team to finish the season, while Swallows join the other 10 teams who want the season to be declared null and void.

This report was submitted to the PLE Executive Committee on

...Swallows, Wanderers want it nullified

Friday after the task team completed its two-week exercise of assessing the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on local football.

Ironically, the two teams (Swallows and Highlanders) have unfinished business in the MTN Premier League, where they are expected to face each other in the second round.

Completed

The other six teams that also want the season to be completed are Mweni Pirates, Malanti Chiefs, Tambankulu Callies, Madlenya FC, Manzini Sea Birds and Royal Leopard.

Meanwhile, hub giants Manzini Wanderers are part of the 18 teams that want the season to be nullified.

"It's true that Swallows and Highlanders want the season to be completed."

However, the other 18 teams are all calling for the nullification of the current season, as they stated that they did not have the capacity to continue with football activities under the current situation.

Most clubs mentioned that they did not have enough resources that can enable them to meet some of the requirements of playing football amid the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak," the source said.

When sought, Premier League of Eswatini Chief Operations Officer Pat Vilakati said it was too early for him to comment on the matter.

"The contents of the report have not been released by the relevant structures and I can only be in a position to commit myself on the matter once it has been discussed by the appropriate bodies," he said.

Decision

Meanwhile, Eswatini Football Association President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa said they would wait until August before taking the final decision.

"We will make the final decision in August as we are still monitoring the situation in the country. We will also look at the consequences that will come with any decision that will eventually be taken," he said.

The current football season had only two competitions which were left hanging, being the MTN Premier League and the EswatiniBank Cup before sporting activities were suspended by government.

However this decision has caused hullabaloo in corridors of football power and other stakeholders, including sponsors, players and fans alike. Some have claimed life was literally boring and hopeless without football.

E5 million cash injection for EFA

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCKER - THE Eswatini Football Association (EFA) has been offered more financial support in light of the coronavirus outbreak in the country.

CAF has allocated an additional US\$16.2 million to assist 54-member associations to mitigate challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Each member association will be entitled to US\$300 000 which means the Eswatini Football Association will get E5.1million.

The money is set to assist at domestic level of the each association.

This means that the money could be allocated to all eight EFA affiliates.

CAF recently offered a chunk of E3.4million to its member associations to mitigate effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

"At the CAF Executive Committee held yesterday via video-conference to discuss the future of competitions and other related issues following the COVID-19 pandemic they decided to allocate an additional US\$ 16.2 million to assist member associations."

This money will help to support in the management of football at domestic levels largely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

A total of US\$ 16.2 million will be transferred to the 54 MA's on the continent as part of a relief

plan to ease the financial burden on the African football community during these unprecedented times.

"Due to the fast-spread of COVID-19, African MAs have suspended all domestic competitions, which has brought about huge financial burdens on their shoulders. CAF has thus decided to waive the eligibility requirements to access the annual grants, so all MAs can benefit during this difficult period," said CAF President Ahmad Ahmad.

Meanwhile, CAF is monitoring the situation closely and working with the relevant authorities, including the Wealth Health Organisation (WHO), FIFA amongst others on the impact of the virus on the continent, and will announce developments to our competitions at the appropriate time. EFA Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe could not be reached for comment.

Meanwhile, EFA announced through its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Frederick Mngomezulu last Sunday that it was planning to restart the currently coronavirus halted season.

EFA president said the final decision would be made in August.

Ex-Sihlangu player 'Mzambiya' passes on

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SOCCKER - FORMER Sihlangu Semnikati and Mhlambanyatsi Rovers midfielder Samuel 'Mzambiya' Maphanga has passed on.

According to sources close to the matter, Maphanga was admitted to the Mbabane Government Hospital last Monday (June 22) where he eventually succumbed to death on Wednesday (June 24).

"He started complaining of flu on July 17 and the illness got worse and they had to take him to the Mbabane Government Hospital, where he met his death," said the source.

Former Mhlambetsi Rovers midfielder Joko Shongwe, who was his teammate from 1970-1980, said he was saddened by the death of his former team mate as they played togeth-

er both at the Premier League and at national team level.

He said together with the late 'Mzambiya', they formed a strong partnership in the mid-field.

Shongwe said they also went to the same secondary school where they played for the school team. "I was deeply shocked and saddened after hearing the sad news. He was a very talented player, who made football look easy," he said.

He added that as football legends, they had lost an amazing human being.

"My thoughts are with his wife and children and I extend my deepest sympathies to them. It was a great pleasure to know him personally and to play alongside him in the past years. I have been fortunate enough to know and play alongside Maphanga. I have lost a dear friend and an inspiring mentor. May his soul rest in eternal peace," said Shongwe.

When reached for comment, his wife confirmed the demise of her husband.

"I cannot say much for now. It is really difficult to come to terms with the sad news. His spirit will forever be the foundation of the family," she said.

