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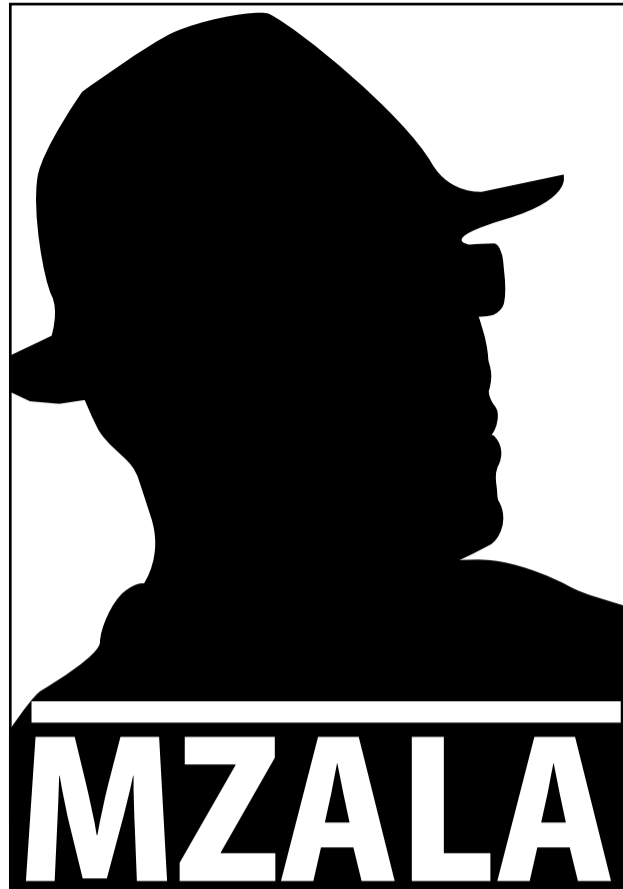


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# CHRIS HANI'S KILLER MAY WALK FREE

*Clive Derby-Lewis, the racist who assisted Polish immigrant, Janus Walusz, to murder the General Secretary of the South African Communist Party, Chris Hani, has applied and qualifies for parole in terms of the South African laws.*

The law provides that a convicts who have been sentenced to life imprisonment are eligible for parole when they reach 65 years and have served more than 15 years of their sentence.

The South African Communist Party, however, is determined to oppose the granting of a parole to Derby-Lewis. Earlier this week, the SACP General Secretary, Blade Nzimande, led a delegation, which included Hani's widow Dimpho, to Pretoria to protest against Derby-Lewis's application.

Lgally, Derby-Lewis, is eligible for parole, that is, if the three years that he had served on death row are added to the sentence. This was before the Mandela government abolished the death penalty in 1994.

Clive-Derby Lewis has already been to the courts to

members to the streets to keep Hani's killers behind bars.

The matter of Hani's killing is a sensitive matter and it is astonishing that after Derby-Lewis had made such claims there was no investigation conducted. Of course at the time Thabo Mbeki was still in charge of the government and there were people, including the media, who were insinuating his complicity in the matter, however, the situation should have changed when the Zuma administration took over in mid-2008, when Mbeki was recalled.

An investigation would be an opportunity for these convicts to share the so-called new information that they claimed they have as it is clear that Derby-Lewis has a case to answer. Otherwise, he will be released by the laws of the country and slip away from the public eye while the murder of Hani remains another unsolved assassination.

## A Tribute to Masawane

The first time I met Masawane, Elvis "Drago" Nyalunga, it was in 1992 at the height of the liberation struggle in a place called Marite, near Bushbuckridge.

He immediately struck me as one a committed selfless young revolutionary and "idelakufa" (one who defies death) when he almost single-handedly commandeered the struggles of the people of Marite.

I later discovered that this militant young man had enrolled, but could not complete his studies at Fort Hare University. He was at the forefront of the students struggles and earned the reputation and



**Chris Hani, murdered**

enforce his parole application, however the matter was referred back to the Parole Board.

Chris Hani was loved by many South Africans and many more want to see his killers rot in jail. Above all, the country wants full disclosure on the circumstances surrounding the murder of this unwavering soldier of the South African revolution.

In terms of the law, one cannot be tried for the same offence twice, so there is no possibility that Derby-Lewis can be tried again for the murder of Hani, but how long will sentiment keep him in jail, because it is increasingly becoming clear that the laws of the country may no longer be enough to keep him in prison.

Harsh statements by the Minister of Correctional Services are not enough to keep Hani's killers behind bars. We need a more decisive action, and the SACP, in 1999 called for an investigation into the murder of Hani, and the government has yet to pronounce itself on the matter.

In 2007, Derby-Lewis claimed on Radio 702 that he had new information about the murder of Chris Hani and requested a meeting with Nzimande. The SACP rejected this request and threatened to take its



**Masawane - A humble servant of the people is no more**

nickname of "people's lawyer".

He had also undergone military training with the people's army, Umkhonto WeSizwe. He enjoyed political debates, but always respected the views of others.

He was also a regional organiser of the ANC in Bohlabela region.

Notwithstanding his rich political credentials, Masawana will always be remembered for his humbleness.

Ziwaphi honours this outstanding revolutionary.



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# POLICE LEGAL HEAD ARRESTED FOR SHOPLIFTING

BY ERIC MASHABA

NELSPRUIT

*The provincial head of the SAPS' legal department in Mpumalanga has been arrested for alleged shoplifting.*

According to a reliable source, Christopher Kelvin James (45) entered Pick n Pay in Nelspruit at noon on Thursday and headed straight to the butchery department.

"He took two packs of lamb - one a quarter lamb valued at R190.56, and another a half lamb valued at R451.12 and placed them in his trolley. He then walked around the store before

returning to the butchery and asking for sausages. He then took the quarter lamb and placed it back in the freezer where he had found it."

When the cashier scanned the lamb, she discovered that it had two barcodes, one on top of another.

"The lower price had been pasted on top of the real price of R451.12," the source said.

The cashier then called management for assistance.

"When they rescanned it, they realised the correct price was indeed R451.12. They then checked the items in the freezer and found that the quarter lamb had no code because it had been

removed. Security was called and the customer was taken to the security office."

Realising he was going to be arrested, James insisted that he should be allowed to pay for both items, but the security refused and called the Nelspruit police.

According to a security guard who did not want to be named, two policemen arrived and unsuccessfully tried to have the charges dropped. When it became clear that the matter had already been entered into the company's Occurrence Book, they arrested James and took him away.

Captain Leonard Hlathi confirmed the incident and said James appeared in

court on Friday on charges of theft. He was released on warning and his case was postponed to June 22.

On Friday, police officers were seen in Pick n Pay taking statements from the store managers and security staff.

On Tuesday, James's case was postponed to July 7 for a decision by the director of public prosecutions on whether he should be prosecuted.

Mpumalanga police spokesperson Captain Leonard Hlathi confirmed that James, an advocate, was still at his post and had not been suspended

## Court gags James Nkambule

BY SYDNEY MASINGA

NELSPRUIT

The Nelspruit Magistrate's Court has gagged James Nkambule, COPE's chairperson in the Ehlanzeni region in Mpumalanga, instructing him not to speak to the media again.

Nkambule appeared in court on Friday for the fourth time on charges of defeating the ends of justice and conspiracy to commit fraud.

During his last appearance on June 2, he accused premier David Mabuza of being behind high-profile political murders in the province and using state resources to intimidate him.

"He has been instructed by the court not speak to the media anymore because he makes controversial statements. This is now one of his bail conditions and breaking it will land him in trouble," said a source close to the investigation.

Nkambule was arrested in March this year, just weeks after he released a statement that he said had been made to him by an assassin called "Josh". In the statement, Josh confesses to being



James Nkambule during a previous court appearance

the hit man behind several high-profile murders and attempted murders in Mpumalanga.

Although the police have refused to comment about the case against Nkambule, it is believed they suspect that Nkambule has either fabricated the statement, the existence of a hit list or Josh himself.

Nkambule's bail of R8 000 was extended until July 8, when his trial is expected to start.

Police officers at the court misled journalists and told them to wait in regional court 1 for Nkambule's appearance, while his trial date was actually set in a different courtroom.

On Friday, Mabuza's spokesperson, Mabutho Sithole, insisted that Josh's existence had been fabricated by Nkambule.

"Josh does not exist. Nkambule was paid by people who want to discredit the premier to create the hit man," he claimed.

Sithole added that Mabuza would "wait for the trial to see what transpires".

## Chilean robbery victim to testify in court

BY HELENA NELL

BARBERTON

NELSPRUIT

By Zani Magagula

Six suspects who have been charged with stealing a Chilean soccer fan's cellphone and shoes during an armed robbery at the Pine Lake Inn in White River, Mpumalanga, appeared briefly in the Nelspruit Regional Court on Monday.

George Ngomane (31), Sylvester Masuku (24), Kingly Moloi (32), Thabang Mashaba (21), Dumisani Nkosi (26) and Prince Masuku (20) face charges of armed robbery and possession of an illegal firearm.

Their case was postponed to Friday so that the victim, Sergio Divona (33), can testify. "The Chilean fan is expected to be in court on Friday to give evidence because it seems that he will return home on Saturday," said Mpumalanga provincial spokesperson Captain Leonard Hlathi. "The men, who were arrested on June 12, were remanded in custody and are yet to apply for bail.

## Suspects nabbed in Chinese journo robbery

BY ZANI MAGAGULA

NELSPRUIT

Three suspects are being held in connection with the robbery in Nelspruit of three visiting Chinese journalists and another Chinese man, believed to be their interpreter, who lives in South Africa.

The robbery took place at Maskmountain Chalets in The Rest

valley at about 1:30am on Tuesday.

According to provincial spokesperson Captain Leonard Hlathi, the four men, three of whom work for China Network Television, were asleep when two robbers threw a stone through the window. They forced their way in and held the victims at gunpoint, instructing them to lie facedown on the floor. They stole US\$200, two laptops, several cellphones, expensive

digital cameras, batteries and a flash, among other personal items.

Hlathi said the police managed to track down the suspects within hours of the robbery taking place. "The three suspects were found in possession of other stolen goods and are currently being questioned by detectives to see whether we can link them to this crime. We have not found the Chinese journalists' possessions

goods so far," he said on Wednesday, adding that the suspects have not yet been charged.

Hlathi asked anyone with information on the robbery to contact their nearest police station.

An employee at the lodge, who declined to give his name, said the Chinese men have since left for Johannesburg. He would not say whether it was because of the robbery.

# Fire causes millions of damage to Swazi cultural village

BY MANDLA KHOZA

JEPPES REEF

*A large part of Matsamo Cultural Village, a popular Swazi cultural park in Nkomazi, Mpumalanga, was burnt to ashes in the early hours of Thursday morning.*

According to the park's events manager, Norma Shongwe, the fire was noticed by a security guard at about 1:10am.

"Unfortunately the wind was blowing strongly and the fire spread quickly. And because of the fact that we use a lot of grass and reeds everything burnt quite quickly. The Malalane fire brigade was here within an hour but there was little they could do," she said.

Shongwe said the part of the village where cultural tours take place was almost completely destroyed.

"The boys' hut and girls' hut as well as 10 rooms where visitors can stay were burnt to the ground. The restaurant and curio shop, laundry, storeroom and half of the kitchen also burnt down. We've estimated the damage at about R5-million," she said.

Shongwe added that the Schoemansdal police did not suspect arson, although fire specialists were still investigating the cause.

"We think it may be a cooking fire that had been left unattended because we had several school tours that day that included food tasting," she added.



**Matsamo's restaurant, which has been destroyed**

The village employs about 50 people permanently but provides an income for many more. It is famous for its Matsamo Folk Music & Dance Group, which has travelled worldwide to perform at concerts, tourism indabas and festivals.

Despite the damage, Shongwe was positive that the village would get back

on its feet.

"Look, we can still cook food although we'll need to buy cutlery and crockery and furniture. The cultural arena is still fully operational and there are 16 accommodation units that have not been damaged at all. Because we use natural resources, it will take a while to collect them and rebuild the structures,

but we'll open again in a week or so when the police's investigation is finished and when all the ash has been removed. We will recover," she said.

Matsamo Cultural Village is near the Jeppes Reef border post to Swaziland on the R570, about 45km from Malalane.

## LITIGANTS WILL BENEFIT FROM MPUMALANGA HIGH COURT

BY SYDNEY MASINGA

NELSPRUIT

*The Mpumalanga government has confirmed that a high court will be built in the province to, among other things, cut down the costs of litigation for locals.*

At present, Mpumalanga falls under the jurisdiction of the North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria.

MEC for safety, security and liaison Sibongile Manana (pictured) said the court would be established in Nelspruit as soon as the Superior Courts Bill was passed by parliament.

"In line with the Polokwane resolutions, processes for the establishment of a high court in Mpumalanga are under way. Litigants will no longer have to travel to Pretoria for their cases. Automatically, this will cut down the costs of litigations," said Manana.

She said the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development had already secured land for the building of

the court and that it had been approved by the Mbombela local municipality.

"It is envisaged that, once construction starts, it will be completed within three to five years. Currently the process is to get an existing structure for the purposes of an interim high court in Emalahleni (Witbank) local municipality. The move to place the interim high court in Emalahleni is strategic in that once the main high court is constructed in Nelspruit, the one in Emalahleni will continue to operate as a branch of the high court to ensure easy access to justice to communities around KwaMhlanga and Delmas," she said.

According to justice department spokesperson Tlali Tlali, the national Department of Public Works would have to issue a tender for construction of the court.

"The government of Mpumalanga is not responsible for the building of the high court. It is a national competency, not a provincial one. The project is being overseen by the Department of



Public Works, of which we are a client department. The normal tender process must determine the successful entity to provide goods and services," said Tlali.

He did not answer a question about how much money would be budgeted for the construction of the court.

The chief magistrate in Nelspruit,

David Ngobeni, said a high court in the province would have numerous benefits for litigants.

"Currently, people who have to attend high court must go to Pretoria, which means that they must have two lawyers - one based in Nelspruit and the other one in Pretoria. With a high court in our area, litigants will cut out the Pretoria-based lawyer and only pay for the one in Mpumalanga," said Ngobeni.

He said the court would also "revitalise" litigation because litigants would no longer be discouraged from seeing their cases through because of high travel costs and time constraints caused by court postponements.

It will also help to ease backlogs, he added.

"Cases are often postponed in the Pretoria High Court because many provinces [Mpumalanga, Limpopo and parts of North West] are taking their cases there, causing backlogs," he said. "Our own high court will ease those backlogs and save time and money for litigants."

# Zuma's message needed, say the youth

BY HELENA NELL & SYDNEY MASINGA

NELSPRUIT

*Youths listening to key note speaker President Jacob Zuma on Wednesday during Youth Day celebrations in the Thulamahashe Stadium in Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga, have*

*given his visit a thumbs-up.*

Many of the youths said it was important that the president visited remote rural areas to inspire poverty-stricken youths and provide them with much-needed information.

Nonhlanhla Nkuna (19), a sub-district mentor for the provincial Department

of Health and Social Development's youth empowerment agency, Musapatsela (Showing the way of life), said the youth in rural areas often lacked access to information.

"We are very concerned about the way the youth in this area behave themselves. There's a high rate of HIV, teenage pregnancy and high poverty.

President Zuma talking about these issues was important. We also have little or no information about bursaries, how to write CVs, and how to market ourselves, so we need to join youth structures so that we know where to get information. It's because of a lack of information that youths are resorting to alcohol and drugs, and in the end of the day they do wrong things and blame the government," she said.

Most of the 20 000 people who attended wore school uniforms in honour of the march by school children on June 16 1976, in protest against the forced use of Afrikaans in schools, which led to 23 people being killed as well as intensified hostility between township youth and the police.

The crowd – which also featured a smattering of people in Bafana Bafana T-shirts, regularly applauded loudly during Zuma's speech, which focused on the progression the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) had made in its first year since inception.

Hasani Mthethwa (24), a college student from TUT in Pretoria who lives in Thulamashe, said it was important that Zuma had spoken about the challenges that face the youth.

"We are happy that Zuma came to this remote area of our province. We are also glad that he spoke about the problems we, as the youth, experience today, like HIV and the economy. He encouraged us to use the NYDA to empower ourselves."

Mthethwa said the youth still felt the relevance of the events that took place on this day 34 years ago.

"Without that day, the World Cup would not have happened. It is through the blood of Hector Pieterse that it was possible for us to become free."

The only complaint from the crowd was that Zuma's speech had been given in English while the locals are mostly illiterate Shangaan-speaking people.

Zuma was accompanied by a high-profile provincial delegation that included Premier David Mabuza, public works, road and transport MEC Clifford Mkasi, and ANC provincial executive committee member and former MEC for local government and housing, Candith Mashego-Dlamini.

They arrived in two helicopters and were quickly whisked away afterwards to allow Zuma to attend the first Fifa World Cup game in the newly built Mbombela Stadium in Nelspruit between Honduras and Chile, which kicked off at 1:30pm.

After the delegation had left, the crowd stayed to enjoy the game in the stadium, which is also a Fifa Public Viewing Area. They were entertained by, among others, hugely popular local Shangaan disco king General Muzka.



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# 'USELESS' SOCCER BALLS ANGER RESIDENTS

BY FRANCE NYAKA

KWAMHLANGA

*Residents of KwaMhlanga in Mpumalanga are furious about "useless" soccer balls that have appeared on top of poles at two busy intersections in the area.*

The residents say they would rather have wanted the money to be spent on a public viewing area so that they could also watch the Fifa World Cup.

The soccer balls have appeared on brand-new poles at the Vezubuhle and Thembaletu four-way stop on the R573, better known as the Moloto road, as well as its intersection with the R568 at Crossroad Plaza. On the balls are written the names of both the local Thembisile Hani municipality and the Nkangala district municipality and its motto, "Prosperity through Labour".

Resident Scelo Mpinga (19) of Vezubuhle village said the signs were embarrassing. "We do not see how they can help anyone because they do not even have the names of the streets written on them. What's the use? It's just a decoration on the street and a huge waste of taxpayers' money," said Mpinga.

Added Mazwi Thabana (32): "We are dissatisfied that we do not have public viewing areas in our municipality so that we can witness the World Cup like other people in their municipalities.



Angry residents believe that the soccer balls are "useless".



Soccer is most important to us, but it's obvious that our municipality does not really care about the World Cup," said Thabana.

A resident from nearby Mandela village, Mandla Ntuli (28), said the money would have been better spent on

installing traffic robots in the area.

"The entire municipality does not have a single traffic light and we all know how dangerous Moloto road is. Would it not have been better to use the money for something that could help to control traffic?" said Ntuli.

Municipality spokesman Themba Mtsweni refused to comment and referred questions to the Nkangala district municipality. Attempts to get comment from the office of Nkangala's executive mayor, Speedy Mashilo, were unsuccessful.

## Police bust syndicate targeting World Cup visitors

BY ERIC MASHABA

NELSPRUIT

*An Mpumalanga police constable five other suspects appeared in the Nelspruit Magistrate's Court on Monday on charges of fraud, corruption and possession of a stolen firearm.*

Constable Zakhele Mkhatshwa (27), a member of the detective branch in White River, was arrested with his co-accused after a complaint from a member of the public about unauthorised transactions processed on her account after she had used it at a music store in Nelspruit.

Mkhatshwa, who got a lawyer immediately after his arrest on Saturday, was released on R5 000 bail by Magistrate Amos Khumalo during a hearing before 8am on Monday.

The other five suspects, Mpendulo Shiba (25), Thabo Tsela (22), Bongani Nyerenda (23), Dennis De Beer (30) and Dumisani Mkhatshwa (33), were denied bail by Magistrate Eddie Hall despite an argument by their defence lawyer, Eddie Mabaso, to be given the same treatment.

He postponed their bail application until Friday.

According to provincial police spokesperson Captain Leonard Hlathi, the constable was found to be living in

a house worth more than R1-million in Nelsville and had a staggering R600 000 in his bank account at the time of his arrest.

"During the search at his house, the police recovered a laptop, one card skimming encoder, one card skimming device and several cloned cards," added Hlathi.

He said the provincial commercial crime unit's investigation led them to a cashier at the music store where the complainant had shopped.

"The suspect was found in possession of a card skimming device and he then led the police to two other suspects, who actually came to the shop to collect the device. After searching their vehicle, the police recovered two more devices. They then arrested two more suspects in KaNyamazane, where they confiscated a 9mm pistol, two laptops, one card reprinter, several cloned cards from South Africa and other countries, and one Fifa cash access card with a fake ID photo. The five suspects led police to the constable's house, where he was arrested."

Nelspruit state prosecutor Tobie Steyn said some of the cards that the police had found in Mkhatshwa's possession had been stolen from foreign visitors who had come to watch the Fifa World Cup.

"A transaction worth R53 000 had been done on one of them. The police are still trying to establish the other amounts," he said.

Hlathi said the arrest of the five men had busted a sophisticated card-cloning syndicate.

## Portuguese visitor dies after World Cup match

BY ERIC MASHABA

NELSPRUIT

*Mpumalanga police are not suspecting foul play in the death of a Portuguese national whose body was found in the Promenade Hotel in central Nelspruit on Monday.*

The body of the 38-year-old man, who is originally from Portugal but lives in Mozambique at the moment, was discovered by hotel personnel in his room at about 9:30am.

"The man attended the World Cup match between Italy and New Zealand at Mbombela Stadium in Nelspruit on Sunday, and he returned to his

hotel room at about 10:30pm," said provincial spokesperson Captain Leonard Hlathi.

He said the man's family had apparently tried to call him on his cellphone on Monday morning but could not reach him. They then called the hotel and asked the management to investigate.

"A housekeeper was sent to his room and she found him lying facedown on his bed. She reported it to management, who called paramedics and the police. Unfortunately the man was declared dead on the scene."

Hlathi said alcohol and white powder were found in the man's room and

samples had been sent to the police's forensic laboratory for analysis.

"His body will also be sent for an autopsy to determine the cause of death," Hlathi added.

The hotel's general manager, Willem Viviers, confirmed that the police were not treating the guest's death as suspicious.

"It's very unfortunate that this has happened, but there has definitely been no negligence on the part of the hotel's staff," he added.

The police have opened an inquest docket.

# Meet the man who persevered to bring us the 2010 World Cup

SECOND AND FINAL PART OF OUR EXCLUSIVE TWO-PART INTERVIEW WITH THE MBOMBELA 2010 WORLD CUP CO-ORDINATOR, DIFFER MOGALE

*Today, Friday the 25th June 2010, is effectively the last day of the FIFA 2010 Soccer World Cup for Mbombela when Cote d' Ivoire plays against the North Korea, otherwise known as the Democratic Republic of Korea (Korea DPR).*

The festivities, however, will continue until the last day, 11 July 2010, when the final World Cup match will be played at Soccer City in Soweto.

Off the soccer stadia, FIFA has established FAN FESTs around the country, and the province's FAN FEST is located at Bergvlam High School in Nelspruit. When the school was identified for a FAN FEST, the Democratic Alliance mobilised communities to oppose the idea alleging that their residential area would be infested by prostitutes, used condoms strewn all over and people urinating over their walls.

This incensed many soccer followers, who are traditionally black, such that many people were calling for the FANFEST to be established in black townships and other deserving areas.

In this Second and final installment of the interview with the Mbombela 2010 Co-ordinator, Differ Mogale, he answers about this and other matters relating to the FIFA 2010 World Cup.

**ZIWAPH:** There is a school of thought that the FAN FEST that was taken to Bergvlam High School should, instead, have been directed to deserving communities in the townships. What is your response to such views?

**DIFFER MOGALE:** That view is correct, but unfortunately FIFA regulations required of us to have a FAN FEST within a radius of 10 kilometres from the stadium that will be hosting the games. That's part of the guarantees signed by the national government. We all would have wished to have the FAN FEST right in the deep rural areas where people would just walk, but unfortunately, that requirement could not have been ignored.

Secondly if the municipality had its own peace of land where we could put up a FAN FEST, we could have put it up elsewhere either than where it is currently. So we ended up having to reach a compromise. So the compromise we had to make was to take it to a public school. It's better spending R20 million in a public school than a privately owned property.

**ZIWAPH:** How did you feel when some of the political organisations, the Democratic Alliance in particular, said that they do not



**Tireless Mbombela's 2010 World Cup Co-ordinator, Differ Mogale**

**support the establishment of the FAN FEST at Bergvlam High School, saying that soccer fans would be urinating on their walls and that there would be prostitutes and used condoms strewn all over?**

**DIFFER MOGALE:** I was not surprised, I expected that, firstly because this project was driven by a former African National Congress (ANC) councillor, and I expected that from the DA constituency. Secondly, you can't run away from the fact that there are still white people who believe that Blacks can't behave. It's something that will take time to change.

When it came from that quarter, one only prayed that a solution would be reached. We had to meet with the affected communities.

Unlike the Innibos (Afrikaans annual festival), where they don't have to convene public hearings, which naturally they should, but nobody complains. But then comes a soccer FAN FEST, we have to go through a public participation process, but some people still say it should not be done.

From a transport operation point of view, we will only be blocking one street. We will still accredit residents residing in that street. We are spending R20 million in a school which, in a sense, if that upgrading were to be done by the school itself, then the school fees would have to be increased. Unfortunately those who are complaining are not parents of the kids who are going to that school, but residents who stay in the neighbourhood.

**ZIWAPH:** What benefits would accrue, as well as legacy projects, to black areas that they can always point to, that the 2010 World Cup indeed had an impact on these communities?

**DIFFER MOGALE:** We've upgraded two training areas, Kanyamazane and KaBokweni stadiums to the same standard as required by the Premier Soccer League which means that we can host PSL matches in future.

We are taking a lot of projects around the green gold concept to the different areas that we need to clean and recycle waste.

I have already spoken about the infrastructure that goes to Mataffin.

There are also thousands of temporary jobs that have been created, but these infrastructure projects will have to be maintained, which means there will be a number of permanent jobs that would be created.

There are also legacy projects that would be attached to that. I have already talked about assisting local smaller soccer teams to be developed to go to the PSL level. There are also talks within the municipality around the development of a high-performance centre next to the stadium.

We are also looking at establishing a cricket academy next to the stadium, which means that we would ultimately declare the whole Mataffin area as a sports precinct, which again would change the nature of the tourism of the area around here.

We will be starting to bring international acts, in terms of festivals and soccer teams. That would expose us to the outside world. That would bring other people from other countries. Those visitors who are here for the World Cup will return as visitors and investors, because they would have realised that money can be spent properly here.

**ZIWAPH:** The fact the Mbombela Stadium became the first FIFA 2010 World Cup Stadium to host Bafana-Bafana was a major accomplishment.

**Who should be credited for such a "coup"?**

**DIFFER MOGALE:** Look, the whole province must be credited for that. For instance, one thing that we are proud of is that we are the only province that has a 2010 Integrated Office that is operational, where you have all the structures that are dealing with the FIFA 2010 Soccer World Cup in one office.

You have the Acting Deputy Director General from the Office of the Premier, the Host City and the Department of Culture, Sports and Recreation. Opposite us, we have the offices of the Local Organising Committee, which includes the South African Soccer Association (SAFA).

It was teamwork. So all of us must take the credit. We set the record and standard which the other host cities will have to replicate.

**ZIWAPH:** What sort of participation, if any, or spin-offs will accrue to other municipalities of the province from this event?

**DIFFER MOGALE:** It's something that I would not commit to, because I am only representing Mbombela. But I can safely say that there would be public viewing areas (PVA) in the three districts. In Nkomazi, Thuamahashe, Secunda and Middelburg.

In our provincial technical committee, we have co-ordinators who are representing the three districts (Ehlanzeni, Gert Sibande and Nkangala). They have taken up certain projects out of our planning as the host city, which they implement in their respective municipalities, for example, Emalahleni Local Municipality will be implementing the fountain water ball features similar to the ones we have implemented in Mbombela. Ehlanzeni District Municipality is our implementing agents in terms of upgrading of training venues and is branding the ports of entry.

**ZIWAPH:** It is not over, just yet, however, what would be your message to the political leadership in the province and the people of this province?

**DIFFER MOGALE:** Perseverance is the mother of success. If we work together we can do more. We have to stop fancying other provinces, because if you look at what is happening nationally, there are many individuals who are coming from this province, and are occupying senior positions. That demonstrates what we can achieve as the people of this province. So we need to begin to work together as a province and I'm sure we can make a lot of difference in the communities where we come from.

# Swazi boys steal across border to watch the World Cup

BY STAFF REPORTER

MBABANE, Swaziland

*Two children from Nyakatfo Primary School in Swaziland were found stranded in South Africa after they left their homesteads in a bid to watch Fifa World Cup soccer games in neighbouring South Africa.*

The two boys, aged 13 and 17, went all the way from Mbululu in northern Swaziland to Schoemansdal near Malalane, where they were discovered on Thursday washing cars in a bid to raise money for tickets.

They were found stranded by the police after they had been reported missing in Swaziland.

A Swazi police official, who did not want to be named, said the boys crossed the border at an informal entry point.

"The two left the country in the company of a friend who decided to come back to Swaziland. On his return he told relatives of the boys that he had left them in South Africa. He said they were waiting for the soccer games to start."

The Swaziland police's deputy public relations officer, Wendy Hleta, confirmed the incident.

"Parents must please tell their children that the World Cup tickets are not



Residents in neighbouring Swaziland woke up to buildings in the capital of Mbabane having been draped in flags

obtainable at the stadiums," she added.

She said this was not the first time children had tried to go to South Africa for the World Cup.

"Two pupils from a school for the deaf in eastern Swaziland were caught trying to skip the country through the Lavumisa Border Post and told the

immigration officers that they were going to watch the World Cup soccer games. But they did not have passports and were turned away," she said.

Meanwhile, World Cup fever has also gripped the landlocked kingdom and hundreds of Swazi nationals have donned Bafana Bafana shirts.

In the early hours of Friday, vuvuzelas reverberated through the capital of Mbabane, and many cars were seen flying the South African flag. During the past week, cabinet ministers were also clad in Bafana Bafana shirts at press conferences.

## World Cup PVA volunteers want KFC and Adidas clothing

BY ERIC MASHABA

NELSPRUIT

*About 250 volunteers working at Fifa World Cup Public Viewing Areas in KaMhushwa and Bushbuckridge in Mpumalanga protested on Tuesday, demanding Adidas-branded clothing like those worn by Local Organising Committee members.*

The volunteers also demanded food from McDonald's and KFC and wanted transport from their individual homes and back, instead of getting lifts from prearranged pickup points in their areas. They threatened to quit if their demands were not met.

Representatives from the volunteers later met with officials from the provincial Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation in Nelspruit to discuss their demands.

"The provincial government volunteers were given uniforms that were secured through a public-private sector partnership to minimise the costs involved in the PVA volunteer process," said department spokesperson Sibongile Nkosi on Wednesday.

"Unfortunately we neither have the

budget nor the resources to buy them Adidas-branded clothing. The issues of transport and meals have been resolved. The volunteers will be dropped off at home only if they work at night, otherwise they must use the pickup points, and they've agreed to eat

the food parcels supplied by a service provider. The department is continuing with its discussions with the volunteers and it will do everything in its power to resolve any issues that may arise."

Nkosi added that in the end only seven volunteers, three from KaMhushwa

and four from Thulamashashi, had quit.

"They will be paid for the one day they worked, on June 11. Those who have stayed will continue their work and the PVAs will continue as planned," she said.

## Nelspruit gets field hospital during WC

BY SYDNEY MASINGA

NELSPRUIT

*A huge tent to be used as a 24-hour field hospital during the Fifa World Cup has been erected at St. Peter's School in Nelspruit to limit the number of non-emergency cases at Rob Ferreira Hospital.*

Spokesperson of the Mpumalanga Department of Health and Social Development Mpho Gabashane encouraged residents to use the field hospital to relieve the pressure off Rob Ferreira Hospital, which is a designated Fifa World Cup emergency medical facility.

"Rob Ferreira hospital has always been preferred by patients over their primary

healthcare facilities (clinics), even for the treatment of minor ailments like flu, and this has resulted in the unnecessary overcrowding of the hospital. I hope our people listen and use the field hospital until the end of the World Cup. Rob Ferreira's priorities will be to respond to general emergencies and any from the games," said Gabashane.

"The field hospital is fully stocked with all essential medication and has a compliment of fully skilled staff to attend to all community health needs. When the need arise, patients will be transferred from the field hospital to Rob Ferreira."

He said using the St. Peter's "hospital", which was within walking distance from Rob Ferreira Hospital, would

ensure prompt and improved service delivery in the latter.

"We humbly request cooperation in this regard, and residents should note that operations in all other hospitals are normal."

Rob Ferreira Hospital is one of 11 public and private hospitals designated for the treatment of patients during the World Cup. The others are Barberton, Middelburg, Witbank, Themba and Evander public hospitals and, in the private sector, Nelspruit Medi-Clinic, Barberton Medi-Clinic, Midmed Hospital (Middelburg), Cosmos Hospital (eMalahleni) and the Higgeld Medi-Clinic in Trichard near Secunda.

# GOVERNMENT WANTS PUPILS BACK FOR WINTER CLASSES

BY HELENA NELL

NELSPRUIT

*It may be school holidays, but 35 000 Grade 12 pupils in Mpumalanga will attend 15 days of winter school classes from Monday to July 9.*

The winter classes are mandatory for all public schools that had a pass rate of less than 30% in last year's exam.

"The intention of these classes is to

consolidate what has been taught and learned to date and to assist learners in dealing with difficult subject areas of the syllabus," said Department of Education spokesperson Jasper Zwane.

He added that the classes would be taught by teachers who had at least a 70% pass rate in their respective subjects in last year's matric exam.

"I must say that we've had an overwhelming response from teachers

who were prepared to help," said Zwane.

"Consultations with teacher unions, principals, school governing bodies and learners' formations took place and ensured active involvement and buy-in."

The classes will be conducted in 113 schools, with two in each school circuit to make it easier for children without transport.

"In Bushbuckridge, the department will provide transport for pupils, and in

Gert Sibande district, a vast area with many small schools, we have decided to accommodate about 2 000 in boarding schools, where they will stay for the duration of the winter classes," said Zwane.

The children will also receive lunch courtesy of the department.

Zwane said the dial-a-tutor programme to provide support to learners who may experience challenges while studying at home would also be operational from Monday.

"Learners and parents can dial the department's toll-free number, 0800 203 116, to be linked with an expert curriculum specialist who will give guidance on the spot. We urge all learners to take advantage of this opportunity. We will also distribute educational tutorials and DVDs to schools."

Last year, Mpumalanga had the lowest matric pass rate in South Africa at 47.9%, down from 51.8% the previous year.

## Soccer boss slain

BY ERIC MASHABA

NELSPRUIT

An Mpumalanga soccer boss was shot dead in his parents' home in Pienaar near Nelspruit early on Friday morning.

KaNyamazane police spokesperson Warrant Officer Andries Skwambane said Thabo Mlangeni (33), owner of Thabo All Stars Football Club, was shot twice in the chest by unknown men in his room.

"His father says he heard people arguing in his son's room just after 3am and shortly after he heard gunshots being fired. He went to investigate and found his son bleeding. He died on the scene," Skwambane said.

He added that the attack could have been planned because nobody had heard the men entering his son's room.

"Mlangeni never reported anything about people threatening him before the incident," he further said.

Mlangeni was running a brick-making company in KaNyamazane. His soccer team had just been promoted to play in the Vodacom League during the coming season.

"We are following a lead and hope to make arrests soon," said Skwambane.

MEC for Culture, Sports and Recreation, Vusi Shongwe also conveyed his condolence message on the former footballer.

"Mlangeni also touched our lives off the pitch as a football administrator par excellence. Football is now poorer and our lives are now empty without him," Shongwe said.



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**The Mpumalanga Department of Education is calling on professionals within communities and retired educators who wish to volunteer as mentors of underperforming schools in the following areas:**

- School Management and Leadership
- Teaching of priority subject areas
- Financial management

**All interested people should submit their profiles to the nearest Circuit Office or alternatively e-mail to Ms Ntombikayise Masemula at [n.masemula@education.mpu.gov.za](mailto:n.masemula@education.mpu.gov.za).**

**For more information call Ntombikayise Masemula @ 013 766 5894 during office hours.**

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# MPUMALANGA BUILDS SPECIAL HOUSES FOR DISABLED

BY SYDNEY MASINGA

## BUSHBUCKRIDGE

*A paraplegic woman from Mpumalanga cannot wait for the day she can move into the new RDP house which is being built to accommodate her disability.*

Dolly Mzimba (33), a paraplegic who cannot walk without assistance, was kicked out of her family home by her siblings when her parents died six years ago. But now, thanks to the provincial Department of Human Settlement, she is one of 16 people in Bushbuckridge who will be getting houses specially adapted for people with disabilities.

"For the last five years, I have been living with my husband and children in a rented house that has no proper sanitation or windows. I am very grateful to the government for building me my own place that I can call home. I hope God blesses the government so that it can build houses for all the needy people of the province," she said.

Mzimba and her family survive on her disability grant and the child support grant she receives for her two children.

Department spokesperson Freddy Ngobe said the 16 units under construction in Bushbuckridge would be supplemented by another 18 that would be built in other parts of the province.

"All the houses are 50 square-metre units and they have specific features such as special paving and ramps to doorways, grab rails and bigger-sized



**David Dube (centre) from the Department of Human Settlement with Dolly Mzimba, her husband Andrew Ubisi and their two children during his visit to Bushbuckridge.**

bathrooms to cater for the needs of people with disabilities."

He said the department's MEC, Madala Masuku, had dedicated this financial year to the building of houses for the disabled.

"This does not mean that we won't be building houses for other needy people, but most of the houses that will be

built this year will be for people with disabilities."

The spokesperson of the Mpumalanga branch of Disabled People South Africa, Robert Masambo, said it was good that the department had focused on the housing needs of people with disabilities.

"The houses are expected to be

completed by end July 2010 and we hope they don't disappoint us. But we are happy with their commitment to prioritise people with disabilities this year," said Masambo.

A delegation led by department head David Dube visited the houses under construction in Bushbuckridge on June 16 to meet the beneficiaries.

## Rural school gets state-of-the-art media centre

BY ERIC MASHABA

### BADPLAAS

*Cellular giant MTN has officially opened a multimillion rand media centre with 30 computers at Engabezweni High School in Badplaas, Mpumalanga.*

During the launch of the centre on Wednesday, MTN SA foundation head Eunice Maluleke said the centre formed part of the company's commitment to investing in and empowering the communities in which it operates.

"Quality education is the surest and most sustainable way to break cycles of poverty and provide young people with a brighter future," she said.

According to Maluleke, MTN's education interventions include providing schools with technology-based teaching and learning aids, enhancing the outreach of existing science centres, establishing interactive tele-teaching technology platforms and developing the capacity and institutional infrastructure of schools.

"The education portfolio is the largest



**Pupils use the computers donated by the MTN Foundation at Engabezweni High School in Badplaas**

in the foundation and accounts for almost half of the company's spend in each community. Projects in this focus area are closely linked to MTN SA's core business and focus on using technology to improve the standard and quality of teaching and learning," she added.

In the last year, the company has invested about R56-million in fully fledged media centres at 15 selected schools in Limpopo, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape, North West and Mpumalanga.

The opening of the centre at Segofole

Sepeke High School in Schoonoord in March was the first in a series of provincial launches.

"The whole programme includes 15 computer workstations, 300 computers, 30 printers, 15 data projectors, 15 interactive white boards, 15 DStv dishes and 45 data cards. The teaching and learning support programme saw 50 educators from 25 schools and six curriculum advisors receiving training on numeracy, maths, science and technology during 2009," Maluleke said, adding that the education projects supported the Department of Education's priorities. "State-of-the-art ICT centres provide learners in remote rural communities with access to the latest technology, and our outreach programme enhances the capacity of existing science centres so that they can reach more learners. The infrastructure and capacity built around schools is intended to benefit the entire community, the members of which all have access to the facilities at the schools," she said.

# 2010 art brings youths together

BY HELENA NELL

## NELSPRUIT

Soccer fans arriving at the Mataffin transportation hub at the new Mbombela Stadium on Youth Day were welcomed by a colourful representation of Mpumalanga in the form of two massive mosaic murals.

The artworks, each spanning 20m x 2m, were created by youths from different schools - rich and poor - in the Nelspruit area to create their own legacy for the 2010 Fifa World Cup.

About 200 youths of varying ages worked for more than two months to complete the pieces. They included children from Cyril Clark Secondary and John Mdluli Primary - two schools that had to move to make way for the construction of the stadium - Tsemabani Primary School, as well as students from Damelin and CTI colleges.

"Through this fun-filled process, which helped to forge many new friendships, the youth not only learned a new crafting skill but also a valuable lesson that, by working side by side with a shared vision, even with limited resources one can create something beautiful," said project coordinator Jennifer Schormann.

"But the main aim was really to make the youth feel that they, too, are part of 2010."

Created from thousands of pieces of broken glass, mirror and tiles, the two works depict tourism in Mpumalanga - with the rising sun, the rock spirals in the Blyde River Canyon known as the Three Rondavels, gold seams in the mountains, waterfalls, acacia trees and



Project coordinator Jennifer Schormann and some of the youths who had helped to create the mural. Far left is Isaac Maphanga, who has been inspired to become an artist since working on the project

wildlife - and sports, arts and culture.

The process involved painting thousands of shards of broken glass, which then were affixed to panels that eventually became individual tiles on the walls to reveal the whole picture.

Isaac Maphanga (22), who has returned to Cyril Clarke Secondary to complete his schooling after leaving it in search of a job, said the project had inspired him to become an artist.

"It was the first time I came in touch with art projects and now I just want to do art. It has taught me artistic skills

and hope I can perhaps become an artist in the future," said this student, who is too poor to afford tickets to any of the matches at the stadium.

"I've also made many new friends through this project, and I was so proud to see it for the first time with them. Hopefully, one day I will take my children to see it, to show them what I had helped to make."

His sentiments were echoed by Bongwiwe Sibanyoni (20), president of the students' representative council at the Nelspruit campus of CTI.

"Firstly, I would say it brought people together. It was not just about art, it was also about fun. We had music going as we made our tiles and we really enjoyed ourselves. But it's also a legacy for us - 20 years from now it will still be there and we can bring our kids and say 'We did it!'," said Sibanyoni.

The original designs, by well-known Lowveld artist Hanna Styne, will be auctioned after the World Cup, with the proceeds going towards art development in the province.

## Mpumalanga, Chile discuss trade

BY SYDNEY MASINGA

### NELSPRUIT,

*Mpumalanga's MEC for economic development, environment and tourism, Jabu Mahlangu, has discussed possible trade and investment relations with Chile's ambassador, Francisco Marambio.*

Mahlangu was taking advantage of the presence in the province of the Chilean soccer team, which has based itself at a lodge outside Nelspruit for the duration of the Fifa World Cup.

Department spokesperson Mohau Ramodibe said Mahlangu had hosted Marambio during a breakfast on Friday at Emnotweni Hotel in Nelspruit, where they discussed investment opportunities in both countries.

"South Africa-Chile bilateral trade will be concentrated on the primary and semi-processed metal, chemical and agricultural sectors. The major focus of this possible investment is expected to attract investment in the green energy,

mining, agriculture, ICT, machinery, chemicals and crafts sectors," said Ramodibe.

"We are planning to undertake trade and investment promotion missions to the Latin American countries of Brazil, Chile, Mexico and India later this year. Our mission will be to explore Chile first to strengthen the ties we've just established, and to also identify a suitable province in Chile with which we can forge links in trade, investments, tourism and sports."

Ramodibe said the Mpumalanga government was also looking forward to possibly signing an historical memorandum of understanding with a province in Chile, which would be a first for Mpumalanga and a South American country.

Also present at the breakfast meeting were MEC for human settlement Madala Masuku and the executive mayor of Emalahleni local municipality, Linah Malatjie.



## WORKING CLASS VOICES

### SAFPU congratulate Bafana Bafana for their win against France.

South African Football Players Union [SAFPU] would like to congratulate Bafana Bafana for their 2-1 win against France at Free State Stadium in Bloemfontein today.

Although we did not qualify for the knockout stage of the tournament, we are happy with the performance of our players.

Also encouraging is the fact that our

boys created a lot of chances and with a bit of luck we could have buried the French team.

SAFPU would like to appeal to all South Africans to keep on supporting our national team.

We therefore call on all South Africans to celebrate this deserved 2-1 victory. Issued by SAFPU • Elvis Sekgobela

### COSATU pays tribute to Busi Mhlongo

The Congress of South African Trade Unions mourns the passing last night of singer, dancer and composer Busi Mhlongo, and sends condolences to her family, friend and fans.

She made a unique contribution to the development of our music and culture, and paid tribute in her music to workers struggles. Her song Umentyisi

condemned the violence inflicted on our people by their colonial masters.

She fused traditional Zulu music with modern styles and promoted South African music to a worldwide audience.

COSATU dips its banners in honour of a great South African. Hamba Kahle Busi Mhlongo!

# A decent exit for Bafana Bafana

BY MUNTU SIYAYA

*For some of the locals, the experience of the FIFA 2010 Soccer World Cup is over. First through the early exit of our national soccer team and secondly for the people of Mpumalanga the experience of live World Cup soccer at the Mbombela Stadium comes to an end this evening when the Cote d'Ivoire takes on Korea DPR (People's Democratic Republic of Korea).*

For others, the proudly South African, the fun is just beginning. They look beyond South Africa's failure to advance to the next round. They are more content that the World Cup is held in South Africa. Every day they religiously camp at the FAN PARKS and in front of their television sets, despite the early exit of the hosts.

It is difficult to say exactly when Bafana-Bafana's fate to progress to the round of 16 teams was decided. Some will blame the fact that our boys failed to score enough goals in their match against a 10-men France; others will blame the humiliating defeat at the hands of Uruguay, while others will blame our draw against Mexico in the opening match.

This seemingly confusing situation probably explains why Nigeria were still eligible for qualification in their Group B, even after suffering two defeats against Argentina and Greece.

Bafana-Bafana, however, had a decent exit when they added to their World Cup winning tally to 2 and goals scored to 11. This may be a far cry to Brazil's 64 wins and 201 goals, but it would be unjustifiable to compare Bafana Bafana against the Brazilians who started their participation in the soccer world when the World Cup started in 1930. South Africa was only admitted to the world soccer body, FIFA in 1992, when the world ended the country's cultural boycott which was imposed when the National Party government introduced apartheid.



Sphiwe Tshabalala celebrates his goal at the opening match between South Africa and Mexico at Soccer City

Incidentally, it was the 1930 winners of the tournament, Uruguay that inflicted on our boys one of their heaviest defeats on June 16.

The June 16 defeat was however forgotten when the Bafana-Bafana supporters propelled their team to record their second World Cup victory when they thrashed 1998 winners, France 2-1 in their last match.

It was sweet revenge for our boys who were defeated 3-0 by France in 1998 when South Africa was drawn to play against France in the opening match.

Supersport defender, Bongani Khumalo, opened the score following a corner kick taken by Sphiwe Tshabalala and a few minutes later, Katlego Mphela scored at close-range, after a blunder by a French defender.

Bafana-Bafana, who needed three goals to advance to the round of 16, conceded a goal after a French counter-attack when they surged forward surge for more goals. After the French goal, it seemed that our boys were more concerned about protecting their lead than concede an equalising goal.

The team's supporters were, unusually, forgiving, even though Bafana made history by being the first team that failed to advance beyond the first round since the inception of the tournament.

The spirit of forgiveness embarrassed a TV journalist who had made his own introduction that Bafana-Bafana fans were disappointed with our boys' failure to progress to the next round, only to discover that the fans were happy with the win.

"I am proud to be a South African and I

am happy that we have defeated France, the one-time World Cup champions," she said.

#### ABOUT ZAKUMI

Zakumi, the 2010 World Cup mascot turned 16 years on June 16 2010.

"ZA" stands for South Africa and "kumi" translates into "10" in various languages across Africa.

#### HIGHEST RANKING

The highest FIFA ranking for South Africa was during the 2002 World Cup in Korea/ Japan, when it ranked no 17. During the 1998 World Cup, South Africa ranked 24.

#### ATTENDANCE

84 490 spectators attended the opening game between Bafana Bafana and Mexico on the 11th June 2010.

## Chile coach acknowledges Mbombela support for his team

*The decision by Chile to set-up their camp in Mpumalanga seems to have paid off, and the Chile coach acknowledged the support that he got from the people of the province.*

"The support will always enhance performance. It is difficult to quantify it, but it is important to feel recognised," said Chile's Argentinian coach Marcelo Bielsa.

Chile won a hotly contested match by beating Honduras 1-0 in Mbombela's opening match on June 16.

Mbombelans gave the Chile team a passionate welcome from the locals when they landed on our shores to set up camp in White River.

The support continued into the field of play and helped spur Chile when the two teams contested for the all-valuable three points. While



PROUDLY SOUTH AFRICAN • Rochelle Schutte, Estie Wahl, Bhovert Nkosi and Marli Scholtz at the Chile game

Honduras had more creative players, it was the Chileans who dominated in terms of ball possession (57%) and

opportunities, 27 shots on goals against Honduras' 9.

It came as no surprise when Chile's

forward, Jean Beausejour, scored the only goal of the match on the 34th minute, and went on to win the Man of The Match prize. At the time of going to press, Chile was at the helm of Group H after collecting another valuable three points when they defeated Sweden by the same margin.

Chile will be facing their toughest test tonight when they play number 2 ranked Spain. Spain was toppled by Brazil from the number one spot when FIFA released its March 2010 rankings.

Chile's coach, however, seemed confident of his charges in a post match interview.

"The team was very good in the attack and our attack was very well coordinated. We had many good passes and we had a number of situations where we could score sufficiently," said Bielsa.