

## THE FRONT PAGE

In the headlines today: President Jacob Zuma said he was not surprised by the UK press's scathing criticism of his polygamous practices because Britons have always believed that Africans were "barbaric" and "inferior". Vuvuzela's, flags and South Africans adorned in national colours were the order of the day in Sandton yesterday as celebrations for the 100 days to kick off of the FIFA World Cup began. Food, security and economic growth are being undermined by the collapse of more than 90% of the farms that the government bought for restitution or redistribution to victims of apartheid. And Economic Development Minister Ebrahim Patel is to present his much awaited "strategic plan" to parliament today, with strong protectionist elements central to a government push to prop up local companies and preserve jobs.

NEWS REVIEWS

## THE DAY IN SHORT

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## TOP STORIES

### 'Buffoon' Zuma hits back

President Jacob Zuma says he is not surprised by the UK press's scathing criticism of his polygamous practices because Britons have always believed that Africans were "barbaric" and "inferior". In what could spark a diplomatic row, Zuma said those who did not understand his culture should engage with and not hurl insults at him. "When the British came to our country, they said everything we are doing was barbaric, was wrong, inferior in whatever way. Bear in mind that I'm a freedom fighter and I fought to free myself, also for my culture to be respected. British papers competed for the sleaziest headlines on Zuma - who brought his third wife, Thobeka Madiba-Zuma, to the UK.

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### Now for next chapter in Selebi saga

The state has finally closed its case against Jackie Selebi - but its star witness, Glenn Agliotti, seems set for an encore. Five months after the corruption trial of the former police commissioner began, prosecutor Gerrie Nel said yesterday: "I now close the State's case." But instead of a quick transition to the start of the defence's case, Selebi's advocate revealed that a mammoth application to have Nel's case dismissed - and a bid to recall key witness - was imminent.

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### Cops too late to find evidence

The Midrand police have taken so long to respond to a theft that the only evidence of the crime has disappeared. "The CCTV footage only lasts for four days, so all the evidence is now gone," said Riaan Meyer, a Midrand News Cafe manager said. Another manager, Tony Ngwenya, said a customer's handbag, cash, identity document and passport were stolen last week. But the police refused to respond and even though the suspects were taken to them, they refused to arrest them, saying there was no evidence.

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### Joburg raves at countdown street party

Hundreds of people partied it up outside Nelson Mandela Square in Sandton yesterday afternoon, celebrating the 100-day countdown to the World Cup. The City of Joburg hosted the street party, with MEC for Transport Rehana Moosajee opening the event. "Every passing day brings us another day closer to that much anticipated whistle that will open the World Cup," she told the crowd.

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## POLITICAL NEWS

### Malema lawyer blames 'miscommunication'

African National Congress Youth League leader Julius Malema was "not aware" that he was still a director of a company that won multi-million rand government tenders in Limpopo, his lawyer has said. Tumi Mokwena faced the press at a briefing in Johannesburg on Tuesday called by the Youth League to "clarify" Malema's position with regard to his business interests. He admitted that Malema still had "a relationship" with directors in SGL Engineering Projects and said he was investigating how it came about that Malema was still registered as a director. Malema has also claimed that his signature on the company records, as published by City Press, was forged. Mokwena on Tuesday morning confirmed that they were hoping to go to court about this.

IOL.CO.ZA; SAFM NEWS @ 12:00; TALK RADIO 702 NEWS @ 12:00; KAYA FM NEWS @ 12:00; CITIZEN (Second Edition)

### Call for king's budget to be scrapped

The Young Communist League in KwaZulu-Natal has called for the scrapping of King Goodwill Zwelithini's annual budget and his function of undertaking the annual opening of the KZN Legislature. The call is among the resolutions made by their weekend provincial lekgotla. The YCL questioned the logic of holding the opening to the provincial parliament by the king and the state of the province by the premier over two days. The league has also questioned the king's budget, saying it consumes millions of rands of taxpayers' money. The provincial secretary of the African National Congress, Sihle Zikalala said the remarks have been noted, but that the party respects the king and the kingdom.

WITNESS

### DA welcomes announcement on co-generation agreements

The Democratic Alliance (DA) has welcomed Public Enterprises Minister Barbara Hogan's announcement that Eskom will sign co-generation agreements with independent power producers (IPPs) this month. "This is a landmark, if still rather tentative, shift way from Eskom's current status as the sole power producer in South Africa," DA spokesperson Sejamothopo Motau said yesterday.

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### MP apologised for swearing

Democratic Alliance (DA) MP Dianne Kohler Barnard yesterday apologised unreservedly to the National Assembly for using the F-word. It was her first appearance in the House since she was suspended for five days by both her party and National Assembly speaker Max Sisulu. Sisulu thanked her for the apology.

BUSINESS DAY (National)

### DA welcomes news on road funds

The Democratic Alliance (DA) yesterday welcomed the announcement by Transport Minister Sibusiso Ndebele that the department would look at ring-fencing funds to tackle the road infrastructure backlog. This was a measure the DA has repeatedly called for in the past, in a form of a dedicated road maintenance fund with funding sourced from the fiscus and bolstered by money-market loans, the fuel levy, concessions and public-private partnerships, DA spokesperson Stuart Farrow said yesterday.

BUSINESS DAY (National)

### ID calls for probe of Eskom deal

The African National Congress (ANC) has come under fresh attack over its stake in a company that has a lucrative contract with Eskom, with the Independent Democrats (ID) saying it was "morally wrong" for the ruling party to benefit financially from fixing "an energy disaster" that it had helped to create. The ANC, through its investment arm Chancellor House, has a R5 billion stake in the Hitachi Consortium, which won the contract to build boilers for the new Medupi power station. ID Chief Whip, Lance Greyling, yesterday called for a report by the Public Protector that probed the Hitachi deal to be tabled in Parliament, so that it could be scrutinised and debated by MPs.

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## Mayor called on to take action over big-spending managers

The Democratic Alliance (DA) yesterday called on Johannesburg's mayor, Amos Masondo, to take action against what it described as corrupt senior city managers, who overspent money without looking at their budget. Victor Penning, the DA caucus leader in the Johannesburg City Council, said monthly revenue collection was a big problem, with the council claiming to collect "in excess of 95% of the previous month's billings, while actually only collecting 50%-60% each month. He blamed the mayor for being quiet about managers who had freely overspent and for allowing low revenue collection, saying that the practice was making it impossible to manage the city's finances.

*BUSINESS DAY (National)*

## SGL saga may hurt Malema in 2012

There is still no proof that Julius Malema resigned from his business interests after becoming president of the African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL) in 2008. Despite claiming that one of the companies traded on his name without his knowledge, Malema has so far failed to clear himself. The saga could damage Malema and his allies ahead of the ANC's 2012 elective conference. In what is believed to be a push by the left, the ANC is finalising guidelines spelling out how members will be required to disclose business interests. It is also developing rules on electioneering.

*BUSINESS DAY (National)*

## SAFETY & SECURITY NEWS

### German navy working with SANDF

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) needs to enhance and maintain its defence capabilities, chief of the SA navy Vice-Admiral Johannes Mudimu said on Monday. The navy needed to continuously test and sharpen its skills to achieve this, he said. The German navy is in SA to take part in exercise Good Hope IV and to share its experience of hosting the 2010 World Cup. It would inform the SANDF of any dangers to be on the alert for, Mudimu told the press during a media day on board the SAS Amatola. "I want to assure you that South Africa is safe and the world is safe in our waters and on our land," he said. Captain Kevin Packer, the SA task group commander for Good Hope IV, said the two navies would learn from each other in the exercise, which is done every two years.

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### State wraps up its case against Selebi

The state has closed its case in former Police Commissioner Jackie Selebi's corruption trial in the South Gauteng High Court. This after the defence briefly cross examined the last state witness this morning. Selebi made admissions related to undisputed transactions on his and his wife's personal banking account, related to a specific period during his tenure as police commissioner. But, proceedings had to be adjourned after the court recorder broke down yet again. Judge Meyer Joffe threw his pen down in frustration and called for an adjournment to see how much of the court proceedings the recorder had picked up. Selebi's charges centre around an alleged corrupt relationship that Selebi apparently had with convicted drug smuggler, Glen Agliotti. Selebi is accused of using his high ranking position within the police service to shield Agliotti and his friends.

*SAFM NEWS @ 12:00; KAYA FM NEWS @ 12:00*

### John Hlophe concerned about Premier Helen Zille

Western Cape Judge President John Hlophe is concerned that Premier Helen Zille's legal challenge to the Judicial Service Commission's decision to clear him of gross misconduct would expose judiciary to further political attacks and loss of public confidence. Hlophe said that given all parties involved in the proceedings accepted the outcomes, the only interest Zille's application serves is a political one.

*CAPE TIMES*

### Selebi trial postponed to April

Former national police commissioner Jackie Selebi's corruption trial was postponed on Tuesday to 7 April to allow his lawyers time to consult with State witnesses such as convicted drug trafficker Glenn Agliotti. Some of the witnesses advocate Jaap Cilliers intended consulting were National Intelligence Agency members, who had been linked to statements Agliotti made on DVD. Cilliers said that calling the witnesses would strengthen the defence's application to prove that the State had no case against Selebi.

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## JMPD scares motorists into paying

The Johannesburg Metro Police Department (JMPD) has been accused of scare mongering in its attempts to rake in unpaid traffic fines. Over the past few weeks, thousands of motorists have received text messages and emails over unpaid traffic fines, some dating back years. The JMPD has called in the services of VVM Collections - the same debt-collecting agency used by the SABC to hunt down unpaid television licenses. Questions are now being asked over the legality of the emails that are sent to motorists, which carry the official JMPD insignia, contact details and the scanned signature of JMPD director for licensing, prosecution and courts Gerrie Gerneck - even though the emails are from a private company.

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## Lolly accused of 'human trafficking'

Over 100 members of the African National Congress Women's League descended yesterday to vent their anger at "human trafficker" Lolly Jackson. Jackson walked out of the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court "very much the worse for wear" on Monday afternoon after spending the weekend in prison. He had been arrested at Teazers Rivonia last Saturday night over a long-standing dispute with businessman Michael Kalyomnios - who accuses Jackson of extortion and intimidation.

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## LABOUR & UNION NEWS

### Solidarity slams SAPS over AA appeal

The South African Police Service (SAPS) has filed papers with the Labour Court in Braamfontein in which they ask for leave to appeal against the Labour Court's affirmative action ruling in favour of Solidarity on behalf of Captain Renate Barnard. Solidarity has criticised the SAPS for the decision. Captain Barnard has been fighting for promotion since 2005 and the SAPS's intention to appeal could prolong her battle for promotion by another two years. Solidarity has asked the SAPS to rather buy police vehicles with the nearly R1 million they would spend on legal costs, instead of going ahead with the appeal against a loyal police member whose dream it is to serve the public. The Labour Court ruled last week that the SAPS had to promote Captain Barnard retrospectively. The court found, among other things, that the SAPS was guilty of unfair racial discrimination.

*NEWS REVIEWS*

### NUM calls off strike at Gold Fields

The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) had suspended strike action involving up to 52 000 workers at Gold Fields operations, it said yesterday. The company had acceded to its demand, the union said. Gold Fields said that it and the union had agreed on a process during which issues related to the compulsory functional work capacity testing system would be negotiated.

*BUSINESS REPORT (Star); BUSINESS DAY (National)*

### Telkom to urgently tackle labour problems

With only 100 days left before the largest sporting event is hosted in South Africa, Telkom will urgently have to tackle its labour relations problems in order to ensure that the Soccer World Cup goes off without a hitch, the trade union Solidarity warned yesterday. Employees of all three trade unions in Telkom's largest single unit, Data Advance Services (DAS), are unhappy about salary discrepancies between them and employees of the company's Merlot project, a unit responsible for the telecommunications company's largest contracts. DAS employees are not only demanding that they be remunerated at the same level as Merlot employees, but also that the payment be implemented two years retrospectively. Employees of the DAS unit in Telkom are dissatisfied because they are occasionally expected to provide services to the so-called Merlot clients, without being compensated for the services.

*NEWS REVIEWS; BUSINESS DAY (National)*

### Mdladla 'ban' on labour broking falters

Labour Minister Membathise Mdladlana has backtracked on his intention to ban labour broking and may not even be able to regulate the practice unless he gets a bill to Parliament by Friday. Last year, Mdladlana announced he wanted to change labour legislations so that labour broking was banned by the end of this year. According to Parliament's legislation cycle, any legislation that is to be passed by 27 August - the end of the first of two legislative cycles this year - must reach it by Friday.

*BUSINESS DAY (National)*

**NEWS BRIEF****Blatter calls on Heaven to ensure Mandela's presence**

FIFA President Sepp Blatter has called on God to ensure that former president Nelson Mandela makes it to the opening ceremony of the World Cup, which kicks off in just under 100 days' time. At a gala dinner at Durban's Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre on Monday night, Blatter said that it was more than 4 000 days ago that the idea of giving the event to Africa was first discussed when he was canvassing the former president in South Africa in 1998. "It was exactly 2 208 days later that I was able to say that I am sure South Africa will host the World Cup. On that day the first president of this country, Nelson Mandela, held up the trophy and said, 'A dream has come true.' Now I am asking heaven to help us and ensure that he will be there when the World Cup starts so he will see the realisation of that dream," Blatter said.

MERCURY

**Roadworks continue**

The South African National Roads Agency (Sanral) said on Monday upgrades and construction work in Gauteng were on track for the upcoming FIFA World Cup. Construction work on the province's major highways led to some major traffic delays as building operations expanding the road networks continues as part of the Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project. Sanral's Alex van Niekerk said only certain upgrades were earmarked for completion by May this year. He said the Freeway Improvement Project would continue after the soccer event.

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**Airlines will not rip off passengers during cup: Motlanthe**

Airlines will not rip off passengers during the World Cup. That's according to Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe. He has assured visitors amid concerns that some airline companies are inflating prices in a get rich quick scheme. The Competition Commission has announced that its investigating collusion among South African airlines on World Cup prices and pricing strategies. FIFA and Sifa officials as well as Motlanthe gathered in Durban to mark a hundred days until kick off. FIFA President Sepp Blatter has congratulated the country for what he believes will be a successful tournament.

KAYA FM NEWS @ 13:00

**15% of South Africans believe SA is not ready**

Fifteen percent of South Africans do not believe that SA will be ready to host the 2010 World Cup, a survey company said on Monday. However, the recent survey shows "a record high" 85% of South Africans believe the country will be ready, African Response said. The survey results were released to mark 100 days to the 2010 World Cup. Despite the 15% who professed scepticism, 89% of the respondents said they intend to watch matches on television. The survey respondents were most positive when it came to the construction of stadiums, with 89% saying they would be ready on time. They had a more pessimistic attitude on Bafana Bafana - only 55% believed that the national team would be prepared for the tournament. Bafana did marginally worse in the survey than Eskom, with 59% believing the power supply will be ready ahead of the matches.

CAPE TIMES

**Khoza mum on Zuma love child**

Organising Committee Chairperson Irvin Khoza on Tuesday refused to be drawn on his daughter's relationship with President Jacob Zuma, saying he was worried it would take the spotlight away from the FIFA World Cup. Speaking to Talk Radio 702's John Robbie on the 100 days to kick off, he hinted he may speak after July. Zuma recently came under fire for having a child out of wedlock with Khoza's daughter, Sonono. Khoza said his focus was producing a world class soccer spectacle.

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**City Parks' green fingers makes eco-magic in Joburg**

In keeping with the "100 days to kick-off campaign" celebration, Johannesburg City Parks joined the bandwagon by beautifying the entrance to its building in Braamfontein. Large stone vases filled with flowering plants lined the sidewalk, a water feature was attached to the wall, and on the corner of De Korte and Henri streets, a huge soccer ball was perched on a big container. City Parks employees gathered on the sidewalk to add to the spirit of the day by blowing vuvuzelas and wearing Bafana colours.

STAR

**'Sceptics, be silent!'**

Soccer fever gripped the nation yesterday as countrywide celebrations marked the 100-day countdown to the soccer spectacle. South Africa's Deputy President, Kgalema Motlanthe, got in on the act, saying he felt like putting his football boots back on and returning to the soccer field. He reminded the audience there remained a great deal of work to do. "We must now focus on how we will be dealing with the movement of people during the World Cup, and tourists whenever it is needed," he said.

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**Eskom promises blackout-free World Cup**

Eskom on Tuesday said it forecasted sufficient generation capacity for the duration of the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Senior officials from the power utility briefed parliamentarians on their readiness to provide a blackout-free event. Officials told parliament that electricity demand during the World Cup is expected to increase by 275 megawatts. The numbers were from a study done during the last World Cup in Germany. The utility's Erica Johnson said only critical maintenance would be allowed during this time to ensure that there were no supply problems. She told MPs that agreements were in place with Southern African partners and, if need be, they could import electricity. Simulation exercises have already begun with the utility checking its response times should power reaches strike the system. MPs have indicated that they wanted to be present at one of the exercises to see Eskom's readiness

ENEWS DAY @ 13:00; HIGHVELD STEREO NEWS @ 13:00

**Consumers urged to ease up on electricity demand**

Electricity supply would be very tight between next year and 2013 when new generation capacity came on stream and savings by consumers would be crucial, Eskom officials told MPs yesterday. South Africa had no choice but to make its energy usage more efficient over the next three years if it was to avoid further load shedding, they said. They also told Parliament's Public Enterprises Committee that decision would have to be made this year about a new power plant if it were to become operational in 2017 to meet projects demand. This could involve construction of a new nuclear power station.

BUSINESS DAY (National), CITIZEN (Second Edition), CITIZEN, Citi Business

**Coastal areas at risk due to climate change**

Stronger and more frequent storms in the next 30 years caused by global climate change and rising sea levels could put several of the city's coastal areas at risk. The final phase of the three-year study on the impact of sea level changes had identified several areas in the Cape as high risk areas. Mayoral committee member for planning and environment Marian Niewoudt said that the City would refer to the assessment when considering planning and development applications.

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**High food prices loom for SA**

South African consumers should brace themselves for higher food prices in the next few months as the food supply chain will be badly affected by the 24% Eskom electricity tariff hike. The Bureau of Food and Agriculture Policy says the potato industry is already experiencing a decline of 5% and the hikes will negatively impact on farmers' incomes. More South African jobs could be on the line after industrial holding company Bidvest warned that it may eliminate more jobs if the South African Reserve Bank does not lower interest rates further to boost the economy. Bidvest Chief Executive Officer Brian Joffe says that unless the company sees some change in the interest rate structure in South Africa, it will have to cut more jobs.

5FM NEWS @ 06:00

**South African kidnapped in Nigeria still alive**

The family of a South African sound engineer who has been abducted in Nigeria has confirmed that he is still alive. Nick Greyling was abducted with two Nigerian sports commentators and a cameraman after the bus they were travelling in was attacked in Owerri near Lagos, Nigeria. Greyling's father-in-law Johann Rossouw says he personally phoned his wife Lorna. "Unfortunately he is being beaten up - how much the damage to his body is - we do not know at this stage. He was allowed to make one call - that is why he made a call to my daughter. As far as we could understand, negotiations are going to take place for his release," says Rossouw. Greyling, together with his colleagues were on their way to an airport in the Niger Delta when the bus they were travelling in was attacked.

SAFM NEWS @ 10:00; BUSINESS DAY (National)

**Cash-strapped airline awaits liquidator**

The future of cash-strapped Interlink Airline looks bleak, and the company is at the mercy of a liquidator to determine whether it should continue trading or fold. The company is reportedly in the red to the tune of an estimated R20 million, which apparently led to its launching a voluntary application for liquidation in the Johannesburg High Court on 23 February, with a return date of 11 May for a final order.

STAR

**HEALTH NEWS****Medical association 'sellouts' over strike**

The South African Registrars Medical Association has described the South African Medical Association (Sama) as sellouts after Sama distanced itself from a proposed strike by doctors dissatisfied with payouts under the occupations specific dispensation. "Sama has taken a decision to distance itself from the proposed strike next month, but we are not surprised by their move because they are close friends with the government," Lebogang Phahladira, spokesperson for the registrars association, said yesterday.

BUSINESS DAY (National)

### Western Cape hospitals ready for the World Cup

The Western Cape has impressive health services that will certainly deliver excellent medical care to international visitors during the World Cup. This is according to Deputy health Minister Molefe Sefularo during a tour of provincial hospitals on Monday. Sefularo and other senior health officials went to check the readiness of health services for the tournament.

CAPE ARGUS (City Late)

### 444 confirmed cases of measles in Western Cape

The number of confirmed cases of measles in the province has risen to 444. The City of Cape Town's Director of Health, Ivan Bromfield said that 323 of the confirmed cases are in Cape Town. Two isolation wards have been opened at two separate hospitals and both are now stretched to the limit as it can only accommodate 30 patients each. Provincial health spokesperson Mark van den Heever said that an additional 60 beds has been made available. Health MEC Theuns Botha will go to Tygerberg Hospital tomorrow to speak to patients as well doctors heading the isolation ward.

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### Private oncology centre in Durban

Two prominent Durban doctors have established a privately-owned oncology centre housing all the associated facilities under a single roof. The Oncology Centre is the only independent unit to offer radiotherapy treatment, chemotherapy facilities, a dedicated oncology CT scanner operated by diagnostic radiologists Lake, Smith and Partners and an on-site laboratory operated by Lancet Laboratories. Doctors Rory Gallagher and Greg Landers have opened the doors to the facility in a landmark Berea building in Peter Makoba Road. The centre is part of the Independent Clinical Oncology Network (Icon), a South African movement that offers its services to low-end and lower-tier medical aid patients.

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## PROVINCIAL NEWS

### Gauteng government tables it's budget

Gauteng government will spend R6.7 billion for the 2010/11 financial year. Gauteng Finance MEC Mandla Nkomfe announced on Tuesday more money for health and education in the province. He presented the province's budget in the Gauteng legislature. Nkomfe said the provincial economy was hit hard by 2009's economic crisis. He also announced more money for antiretroviral drugs. "The prevention and treatment of HIV and Aids has also necessitated that we become more radical in our approach. We are expanding the rollout of the anti-retroviral drugs through the opening of more facilities for managing people who are on treatment."

KAYA FM NEWS @ 11:00; TALK RADIO NEWS @ 11:00

### Development proposals pushed through

City of Cape Town Councillors say they are being asked to rubberstamp major development proposals that are pushed through the council of officials and other organisations, without being consulted. The city's planning and environment portfolio committee (Pepco) has asked for a report by Intersite on regeneration plans for the inner city to be pulled from today's mayoral committee meeting. Councillors say the plan had not been presented to the ward councillor for the area or affect sub-councils.

CAPE TIMES

### Strike leaves Msunduzi filthy

Businesses in the Msunduzi Municipality are angered by the filth that has engulfed pavements in front of their establishments. They have called for the municipality management, councillors and employees to come to a compromise to resolve the strike. Piles of garbage line every street in the central business district after workers from the electricity and traffic divisions downed tools last Wednesday. Today they will embark on a massive march to hand over a memorandum of grievances to Co-operative Governance MEC Nomusa Dube at the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature.

WITNESS

### Gauteng heads for huge deficit after it overspends

The Gauteng government is heading for a huge deficit as it has overspent by more than R3 billion in the 2009/2010 financial year. The province's revenue was R56.9 billion, but it has spent R60.3 billion. To finance the deficit, the government would have to cut spending on other programmes and increase its revenue by charging citizens more for services rendered. Delivering his budget speech for the 2010/2011 financial year at the Gauteng legislature yesterday, Finance MEC Mandla Nkomfe said that there was a long-term plan to meet the deficit, which includes hiking licence fees for vehicles, gambling and liquor. Vehicle licensing fees will increase 10%. In the 2010/2011 financial year, the provincial government would receive an equitable share of R45.1 billion and raise R2.8 billion from its own revenue.

BUSINESS DAY (National)

### Orange Farm protest disrupts schooling

"Now we have started to fail, an Orange Farm pupil said as another day of school was disrupted amid violent service delivery protests. There were people stoning teachers as they were on their way to school," Joseph Mbete, 15, told The Star yesterday. "Its bad because we were supposed to start writing our quarterly exams tomorrow," he said when he found his school's gates locked. Violent protests over poor service delivery flared again yesterday in the troubled township, south of Johannesburg - five days after politicians and residents appeared to have struck a truce when a delegation from the Johannesburg mayor's office promised that work on a sewerage system would start immediately. But yesterday, nothing happened.

STAR; BUSINESS DAY (National)

### Medical waste clean-up begins

The operation to clean up illegally dumped medical waste in Welkom kicked off yesterday. The waste discovered on the Maximus Bricks site, a game farm outside town and the Welkom showgrounds is to be relocated to the Holfontein disposal site in Gauteng. Independent company Waste Giant was awarded the clean-up contract by another company, Wasteman, which has been implicated in the illegal dumping of medical waste. Department of Environmental Affairs spokesperson Albi Modise said the clean-up is expected to be complete within 30 days.

CITIZEN (Second Edition); MERCURY

## EDUCATION NEWS

### No evidence of pupil and principal relationship

Teaching at Uxolo High School in Khayelitsha resumed yesterday after pupils protested on Monday. Pupils went on the rampage after allegations that the headmaster was dating a pupil and promoted her from Grade 11 to 12. Western Cape Department of Education MEC spokesperson Bronagh Casey said that no evidence has been presented at a meeting that would prove that there was a relationship between the two.

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### UKZN pupils to strike

Students from the University of KwaZulu-Natal's (UKZN) Pietermaritzburg campus are embarking a strike tomorrow. They are protesting against the financial exclusion of some students and the shortage of accommodation. The Young Communist League's Isaac Luthuli and the organiser of the march said that the demonstrations will last the whole day which will be a huge setback for the institution as the is a very short academic year. Executive director of corporate relations said the university is aware of the problems.

WITNESS

## GOVERNMENT BRIEF

### SA in talks with Nigeria over kidnapped journalist

The Ministry for International Relations and Co-operation says South Africa's ambassador in Nigeria is in talks with authorities in the west African country after three M-Net Supersport journalists are reported to have been kidnapped there. The Ministry will release a full statement on the incident today. Ministry spokesperson Malusi Mogale says the talks are intended to gather more information on the incident. "At this point in time, our mission in Nigeria has begun a process of engaging the Nigerian authorities with a view of ensuring that we arrive at a solution of getting back our citizens." On Monday, Mogale said that they were hoping to make contact with those claiming to have kidnapped 'our nationals'. The journalists, including a South African and two Nigerians were on their way to an airport in the Niger Delta when the bus they were travelling in was attacked.

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### Zuma: Nationalising mines is not ANC policy

President Jacob Zuma said yesterday that it was not the policy of the African National Congress (ANC) to nationalise the mining sector, as had been demanded by the head of the ANC Youth League, Julius Malema. He also urged the lifting of sanctions against Zimbabwe, saying that this was necessary if progress was to be made in resolving that country's political crisis.

CITIZEN (Second Edition)

### SA will not dictate Zimbabwean policies - Zuma

President Jacob Zuma says South Africa will not dictate to Zimbabwe on how to pursue policies aimed at ensuring that Zimbabwean nationals obtain majority shares in foreign companies. Zimbabwe's new local ownership law requiring locals to own 51% of major foreign firms took effect yesterday. Zuma was speaking in London after arriving on a state visit to Britain. President Zuma arrived in London for a three-day State visit aimed at strengthening trade and diplomatic relations between the two countries. The president who has been invited by the British monarch Queen Elizabeth the second, is leading a high powered government and business delegation to the UK. It is expected that Zimbabwe and recent debates on the nationalisation of mines will dominate discussions.

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### Demand for Cup air tickets much lower than expected

International demand for flights for the Soccer World Cup had been far lower than anticipated, with only 100 000 air tickets having been sold so far despite the 450 000 international spectators projected initially by the event's planners. The slow uptake meant South African Airways (SAA) had about 360 000 domestic seats that still had to be filled, the Department of Transport's aviation co-ordinator for 2010, Godfrey Pule Selepe, said yesterday. Kulula and Mango airlines had unloaded unwanted seats onto the market two days ago.

*BUSINESS DAY (National)*

### State intervenes over idle farms

Government has set aside R254 million - equal to 25% of the total budget allocated to rural development and land affairs - to resuscitate 200 non-productive commercial farms it handed over to emerging farmers. During a media briefing of cabinet's economic cluster, Minister of Rural Development and Land Affairs Gugile Nkwinti confirmed this is in line with government's new approach to land redistribution. In the last 15 years the state has bought and redistributed 5.9-million hectares of farmland, but Nkwinti said about 90% of this is no longer productive. As a result, Nkwinti said government's emphasis is no longer on reaching the target of redistributing 30% of all agricultural land by 2014. Aside from the fact that government does not have the money required to meet this target by the prescribed date, the focus is on giving emerging farmers the support they need.

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### Cronin gives credence to road problems

Deputy Transport Minister Jeremy Cronin appears to have given credence to reports of problems within the Limpopo Roads Agency. In an apparent reference to newspaper articles claiming that roads built by a company linked to African National Congress Youth League President Julius Malema are falling apart, Cronin said there seemed to be challenges within the provincial agency. The deputy minister said corruption within road infrastructure and other projects, as well as the involvement of so-called 'tenderpreneurs' (people who make a living by winning government tenders through their political ties), needed to be addressed. "We think that a lot of rent-seeking and a lot of money devoted through the budget simply doesn't hit the tar and is not sufficient."

*TALK RADIO 702 NEWS @ 12:00*

### Frosty UK reception for Zuma

President Jacob Zuma's recent controversies have followed him to the UK, with scene setters on his state visit revisiting his polygamy and his court travails. "His country's first openly-polygamous President, Mr Zuma will be received with the usual pomp by the Queen and Prime Minister Gordon Brown during a three-day visit likely to be dominated by interest in his personal life and the continuing crisis in Zimbabwe," wrote the Independent's online edition. Describing him as "exuberant" with a "colourful CV", and "shrewd", the Guardian online leapt straight into his battle with rape and corruption charges, his rejection of calls by the ANC Youth League for nationalisation, and moved swiftly on to which wife he had chosen to accompany him - Thobeka Madiba - for the visit. They also claim to have been told of twins he had had with a Ukrainian woman.

*NEWS24.COM - NEWS 24; IOL.CO.ZA; IAFRICA.COM; BUSINESS DAY (National)*

### Foreigners' land buying 'a recipe for chaos'

Foreigners were buying land in South Africa at three times the rate of the government, a situation that was a "recipe for chaos", Rural Development and Land Affairs Minister Gugile Nkwinti said yesterday. He was addressing a parliamentary cluster briefing on economic and employment sectors. Land remains an emotive issue and has proved to be a thorny problem in SA since 1994. Nkwinti said the skewed land ownership patterns in SA were unsustainable and in part drove the need for a review of the land tenure policy.

*BUSINESS DAY (National)*

## BUSINESS BRIEF

In Business news today, at least nine out of 10 black farmers given land through the government's redistribution programme have failed, prompting the government to commit itself to guarantee about R207 million in helping them all start over. The government also indicated that it had given up on the target to transfer 30% of land by 2014, which would cost about R80 billion, as it was unachievable. Blacks and women continue to be grossly under-represented in all directorships and top executive leadership positions in companies listed on the JSE, according to a survey by Busa. No shortage of beer can be expected during the upcoming FIFA World Cup spectacular, SAB said. Estimated to increase by between 4% and 6%, the beer consumption during the five-week tournament will be balanced by SAB, ensuring additional stock is available.

*NEWS REVIEWS*

### Tariff hikes could knock retail back

Expected increases in municipal rates and Eskom's tariff hikes would slow growth in the retail economy, listed shopping mall owner Hyprop warned yesterday. Mike Rodel, Hyprop's Chief Executive, said there was a possibility the tariff hikes would pose a threat to Hyprop's business because rental increases caused by higher rates could decrease the number of new tenants, while the viability of existing tenants could also be placed under pressure. Rodel said that the major problems were likely to arise from independent retailers, particularly restaurants, which were big users of power. He said 17% of the gross revenue of Hyprop collected came from electricity and utility costs, which it recovered from tenants and paid over directly to utilities.

*BUSINESS REPORT (National)*

### Business rescuers will need special skills

Business rescue practitioners will require a unique set of skills and qualifications to negotiate with trade unions and other creditors to give financially distressed companies a second chance at survival. Regulations to go with the new Companies Act - expected to come into effect later this year - will spell out the skills criteria for "turnaround" specialists. The new regulations are much needed in South Africa in the wake of the economic downturn. "The skills set of the business rescue practitioner is very different from that of the liquidator, who up to now has been the dominant figure in dealing with financially distressed companies," says Eric Levenstein, a Director at Werksmans Attorneys. The liquidator's role is more complex, says Levenstein.

*BUSINESS DAY (National), Companies & Markets*

### Bucks stop with bosses

Restraint on executive pay is one of four conditions the government has laid down for support to companies struggling to weather the recession, Ebrahim Patel, the Minister of Economic Development, said yesterday. Patel said there would be no specific cap on salaries or bonuses, but negotiators would be able to recognise excess when they see it. "If we can see that there is no relationship between the executive remuneration and the underlying performance of the company, then that becomes a formal topic for the discussion between the company and the government," he said. "This is public money... We've got to be able to show that it is being used appropriately and therefore it cannot be a source for financing inappropriate executive pay." Patel said that the Industrial Development Corporation had allocated R1 billion by January, saving an estimated 7 700 jobs.

*TIMES, THE (First Edition) Business Times*

### Quota window closed before state woke up

Restrictions on Chinese clothing imports demanded by trade unions and textile and clothing manufacturers has, at best, a mixed effect on South Africa's clothing industry. The quotas, designed to give the local sector space to become more competitive, ended a year ago. "It worked in some areas, in (others) it didn't," says Abisha Tembo, Chief Director for clothing, textile footwear and leather at the Department of Trade and Industry. The issue is crucial to the future of an industry that formally employs 114 000 people - and as many as 80 000 informally - and which shed 14 300 jobs last year. The industry, which contributed R38 billion to the economy in sales, has long been struggling with the question of remaining viable against imports from China, where wages are less than half of those in SA.

*BUSINESS DAY (National)*

### Farming reform a failure for 9 out of 10

At least nine out of 10 black farmers given land through the government's redistribution programme have failed, prompting the government to commit itself to guarantee about R207 million in helping them all start over. The government also indicated that it had given up on the target to transfer 30% of land by 2014, which would cost about R80 billion, as it was unachievable. The focus would now move to rescuing existing black farmers, who had already gained land. At a media briefing yesterday Rural Development and Land Affairs Minister Gugile Nkwinti was candid about the failure of the emerging farming lobby to make a commercial success of their farmland. He provided the shocking statistic that 90% of the 5.9-million hectares of redistributed farming land had failed. He also warned that those with redistributed farmland had to start using it to avoid agricultural output declining further.

*BUSINESS REPORT (National); TIMES, THE (First Edition)*

### Too few black and women directors - Busa

Blacks and women continue to be grossly under-represented in all directorships and top executive leadership positions in companies listed on the JSE. This is according to a survey by Business Unity SA (Busa) conducted on the demographics and age profile of the top management echelons of all 295 listed companies, which was conducted between April and July last year. Some of the study's major findings show that of the 269 chief executive positions, Africans occupied 4%, coloureds 3%, Indians 2% and whites 91%. Women accounted for 3% and men for 97%.

*BUSINESS REPORT (National); BUSINESS DAY (National)*

## Maize futures end down

South Africa exported 18 985 tons on white maize into the rest of southern Africa last week, data showed yesterday, and its main maize futures ended down. The white maize exports were less than the 51 139 tons the week before, the South African Grain Information Service (Sagis) said. Exports of yellow maize were at 2 660 tons, up from the 2 433 tons exported in the week before, Sagis said. Neighbouring Lesotho bought the bulk of the white maize exported in the week with a purchase of 7 792 tons, while most of the yellow maize went to Swaziland, which bought 1 097 tons.

*BUSINESS DAY (National)*

## BANKING BRIEF

In Banking news this morning, property was the main focus as the government has set aside R254 million - equal to 25% of the total budget allocated to rural development and land affairs - to resuscitate 200 non-productive commercial farms it handed over to emerging farmers; and five successive months of lower declines in Standard Bank's median house price index indicate that house price growth is improving very slowly, but is likely to turn positive by the second quarter of this year. Looking at the local economy, the Gauteng government is heading for a huge deficit as it has overspent by more than R3 billion in the 2009/2010 financial year; and in business, Glenrand MIB, the insurance broking and employee benefit consulting group, said yesterday that the financial benefits of new business wins should start to flow in the next few months.

*NEWS REVIEWS*

## Black people, women lose out in to positions

Black people and women continue to be grossly under-represented in all directorships and top executive leadership positions of JSE-listed companies, according to a survey released yesterday by Business Unity South Africa. The study showed that of 269 CEO positions, black people occupied 9% and white people 91%. Females accounted for 7% and males 93% of 245 non-executive chairperson positions, and females made up 6% and males 94% of 1 664 non-executive director positions.

*BUSINESS DAY (National)*

## Joburg in development dispute

City of Johannesburg and the Gauteng Development Tribunal are awaiting a Constitutional Court decision as to whether the two bodies can independently approve new property developments in and around the city. This follows after the City of Johannesburg asked the South Gauteng High Court to terminate the development tribunal's right to make such approvals. After the court rejected the request, the council took the issue to the Court of Appeal, which directed the matter to the Constitutional Court. The Constitutional Court reserved judgement on the matter on Thursday. According to the City of Johannesburg, development tribunals' right to approve property developments, as per the Development Facilitation Act (DFA), is unconstitutional.

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## Turnaround in housing market slow

Five successive months of lower declines in Standard Bank's median house price index indicate that house price growth is improving very slowly, but is likely to turn positive by the second quarter of this year. The index for last month was released yesterday. Standard Bank property analyst Johan Botha said that in spite of the economy emerging from recession, important drivers of spending such as household income, debt and employment did not point to a rapid turnaround in the housing market. "The nature of the recovery in economic activity and the lack of demand in the early phases of the upswing mean that the property market could possibly be one of the last sectors to improve this year".

*BUSINESS DAY (National) ; TIMES Business Times*

## SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

With South Africa having celebrated 100 days to the kickoff of Soccer World Cup yesterday, Bafana Bafana's friendly international against Namibia in Durban tonight takes on extra significance. World football governing body FIFA has given their thumbs up to the stadiums and South Africa's readiness to host football's showpiece event is no longer in doubt. But the performance of the national team remains very much so. Therefore, Bafana need to win tonight - and play well to boot - to ensure the nation, the Local Organising Committee and FIFA that the host nation is also on track to be successful. Success for the hosts goes hand in hand with a successful hosting of the event. Without one being a success, neither will be considered successful so tonight is the night when Bafana need to start allaying the fears of all those who believe - and might well hope - that they will fail.

*News Reviews*

## Motlanthe urges SA to rally behind Bafana

Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe has called on South Africans to be proud and celebrate the achievements made in the country in the run up to the 2010 World Cup. Speaking at the ceremony marking 100 days to kick-off, Motlanthe said that SA has delivered on its promises despite the global economic recession. He commended FIFA President Sepp Blatter for putting his faith in Africa by ensuring that the tournament comes to the continent. Motlanthe said that South Africans must now rally behind the national soccer team, Bafana Bafana. "We have already achieved so much with all the reasons to celebrate," he said.

*SABCNEWS.COM*

## Parreira urges players to seize opportunity

Bafana Bafana coach Carlos Alberto Parreira has urged his players to seize the moment and make the most of their opportunity to play for South Africa at the World Cup. The Brazilian said the real fight for places in the final squad would begin in earnest when South Africa take on Namibia in a friendly international in Durban tonight. "Now that the World Cup is close, the players are part of an elite group. Very few soccer players get the chance to play at a World Cup, especially at home. Now every training sessions well as friendly matches are important in the preparations for the event and players must make the most of it".

*BUSINESS DAY (National), Sports Day; SPORTS24.CO.ZA*

## Francis set to replace Spencer

Flyhalf Burton Francis is set to make his first Super 14 start for the Lions when they take on the Brumbies in Canberra on Friday. The former Blue Bull will take over from the injured Carlos Spencer, coach Dick Muir confirmed. "Carlos has suffered a minor injury and might be on the bench if he passes a fitness test tomorrow," Muir said from Canberra yesterday. Muir also confirmed that Walter Venter would start ahead of the injured Deon van Rensburg at outside centre, while Willem Stoltz would come in for Franco van der Merwe at lock.

*THE TIMES*

## Kidnapped cameraman escapes

A cameraman who was among three members of a South African television crew abducted in Nigeria has fled to safety and is now in Lagos, an official from M-Net channel said. Alexander Effiong, a Nigerian cameraman, "fled from his abductors and has now arrived in Lagos." M-Net Supersport General Manager in Nigeria, Felix Awogu, said in a telephone interview.

*CITIZEN (Second Edition)*

## INDICATORS

Rand - Dollar \$	7.5770	(+0.0809)
Rand - Sterling £	11.3132	(+0.1101)
Rand - Euro €	10.2502	(+0.0811)
JSE Allshare	27371.9	(+345.90)
Gold	1126.5	(+12.50)
Platinum	1562.0	(+14.00)
Brent Crude Oil	78.1	(+1.08)

The figures quoted are from the close of business yesterday, along with any movement, either up or down, from the previous day.

## WEATHER

Bloemfontein	16	(28)
Cape Town	22	(33)
Durban	21	(26)
East London	14	(23)
Johannesburg	16	(25)
Kimberley	18	(30)
Mafikeng	19	(26)
Nelspruit	18	(27)
Pietermaritzburg	16	(24)
Polokwane	16	(28)
Port Elizabeth	15	(25)
Pretoria	18	(27)