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Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez takes part in an ecumenic ceremony to pray for his health and cancer treatment at Miraflores Palace in Caracas August 21, 2011. REUTERS/Jorge Silva



Men run away from burning oil tankers, used to carry fuel for NATO forces in Afghanistan, as they explode after they were attacked on the outskirts of Quetta August 19, 2011. Five NATO trucks have been set on fire in Mastung in the province of Baluchistan. Gunmen attacked and then set fire to the trucks, carrying fuel to NATO troops in Afghanistan, security officials said. There are no reported casualties. REUTERS/Naseer Ahmed



Nuns sing as they wait for Pope Benedict XVI's departure from the monastery of El Escorial in San Lorenzo de El Escorial, near Madrid, on the second day of his four-day visit to Spain coinciding with the World Youth Day festivities, August 19, 2011. REUTERS/Andrea Comas



A man rests under the sun after bathing in mud in the village of Ovca near Belgrade August 21, 2011. In the "Ovcanska Spa" the water is salty and comes out from the depth of several hundred meters with high mineral content (having 28 various minerals). Locals believe that various vein diseases, rheumatics, sciatica, and vision disorders are treated by curative mud and mineral water. REUTERS/Marko Djurica

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POLITICS

LIBYA

Yesterday we reported, backed up by reputable news sources, that Saif al Islam, Muammar Gaddafi's son, had been arrested by the transitional national council and was in the hands of the International Criminal Court. The report was incorrect as today Saif strolled into the hotel where foreign journalists were sitting. Gaddafi's son told the group that his father was in Tripoli and that the fight-back against the rebels had begun. (Al Arabiya, however, reports that Brother Leader's compound is being bombed by Nato.) Saif claimed that Tripoli was under government control and that neither him nor his father cared about the arrest warrants issued by the ICC. The rebels have claimed control of Tripoli airport while both Morocco and Brazil now recognise the TNC as the government of Libya.

SOUTH AFRICA

More debates on the Protection of Information Bill resulted in ANC lawmakers restricting the application of the bill, and defining "national security" regarding which information could be kept secret – a pretty solid victory for the Right2Know campaigners and political and societal bodies against the originally sloppily drawn law.



Muammar Gaddafi still on the ropes (Reuters)

JAPAN

Ex-Thai premier Thaksin Shinawatra visited Japan today which has caused an almighty amount of drama in Thailand, where his sister, Yingluck, took power a fortnight ago. There is massive consternation in Bangkok over just how much influence Thaksin has over the Thai government, which isn't great when the new premier's top objective is trying to stabilise a politically aggressive nation.

RUSSIA

St Petersburg governor, Valentina Matviyenko, who is a close Vladimir Putin ally, won a regional election to become speaker of Russia's upper house of parliament, winning 95% of the vote - which opposition parties claim is fraudulent. Analysts believe Putin's United

Russia Party will do better in December's parliamentary elections without her governance in Russia's number two city.

JAPAN

Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan told his cabinet on Tuesday they are likely to resign on 30 August, claimed economics minister Kaoru Yosano. The ruling Democratic Party of Japan is due to pick a new leader on 29 August to replace the unpopular Kan. This means Japan will have a sixth new leader in five years.

ISRAEL

The Spanish ambassador to Israel has been hauled into the foreign ministry after the Iberian nation's foreign minister, Trinidad Jimenez, alluded to



US and Europe to push for UN sanctions against Syria (Reuters)

Spain supporting Palestine's bid for statehood next month. The ambassador told Israel that support for Palestine was conditional on the stance of the EU and the specifics of the Palestinian Authority's request.

USA

Republican Paul Ryan has firmly ruled himself out of the running for the presidency of the USA. Ryan made his name earlier in the year when he headlined Republican efforts to cut spending, tabling a budget which was highly criticised by the Democrats. He had stoked speculation previously, saying on a radio show he didn't see any of the Republican candidates offering an alternative to Obama.

SYRIA

Reuters reports that a US- and Europe-led push for UN Security Council sanctions against Syria will be announced soon. These restrictions usually include a travel ban, and freezing of financial assets, as well as business prohibitions. This could make life tricky for Russia, which is a long-standing arms supplier to Syria. China is also unlikely to support the sanctions – a form of diplomacy it doesn't believe in.

BUSINESS

ASIA

Asian shares edged up on Tuesday, but investor skittishness

kept the gold price up, crossing over \$1,900 early on Tuesday morning. The Nikkei average rose 0.7% in the morning and was pretty reflective of what was happening in other markets which were open. The S&P ASK 200 was 0.8% up, but with little early trade.

USA

Delta Air Lines confirmed on Monday it was going to buy new aircraft, pending the deal being passed by its board. Although the company has not confirmed the specifics, the airline is expected to purchase 100 Boeing 737s worth an approximate \$8.5 billion.

USA

US stocks were pretty steady as speculation surrounding the Federal Reserve's plan to boost the economy rages. The three major indicators were flat, with the Dow up 0.34%, the S&P 500 (which took a hit) up 0.03% and the Nasdaq up 0.15%.

WORLD

Ford and Toyota will join forces in the production of hybrid vehicles as US carbon and fuel restrictions begin to tighten. According to a joint statement on Monday, an agreement has been made to sell vehicles with hybrid technology this decade,

develop communications systems in the vehicles and provide online services.

AUSTRALIA

Fosters put pressure back on SAB Miller, which currently eyes a takeover of the Australian brewery. In an effort to thwart SAB Miller, Fosters announced a (Australian)\$500 million capital return even as profits and market share slid, and proposed returning money to shareholders via share buyback or capital reduction to drive the share price up and over SAB Miller's offer of (Aus)\$4.90 a share. The share price didn't really move at the news, with a small increase to (Aus)\$4.92.

SPORT

UK

Football: Manchester United beat Tottenham Hotspur 3-0 at Old Trafford in a strong showing, with young striker Danny Welbeck netting once and setting up another which was scored by Anderson. Wayne Rooney scored the third to send Harry Redknapp's side back to London at the bottom of the table (having only played one fixture). Spurs played without Luka Modric while his reported move to Chelsea is still being haggled.

UK

Rugby: England announced their Rugby World Squad, omitting centre Ricky Flutey and including uncapped scrumhalf, Joe Simpson due to Danny Care's availability. Lewis Moody will captain the squad which contains two specialist flyhalves, Toby Flood and Johnny Wilkinson, but five props due to Andrew Sheridan's suspect fitness.

SRI LANKA

Cricket: Lasith Malinga took his third one-day international hat trick as Sri Lanka achieved a consolation win against Australia in the fifth match of the series. Malinga bowled Mitchell Johnson, trapped John Hastings in front and then bowled Xavier Doherty to hold Australia to 211 which the hosts chased down with three overs to spare.

USA

Golf: Tiger Woods will eye an extra tournament or two after Presidents Cup US captain, Fred Couples, told him to play more if he wants to be on the team in November. Woods is next scheduled to play at the Australian Open, but will probably eye the Las Vegas Open on 29 September and the Disney Classic from 20 October.

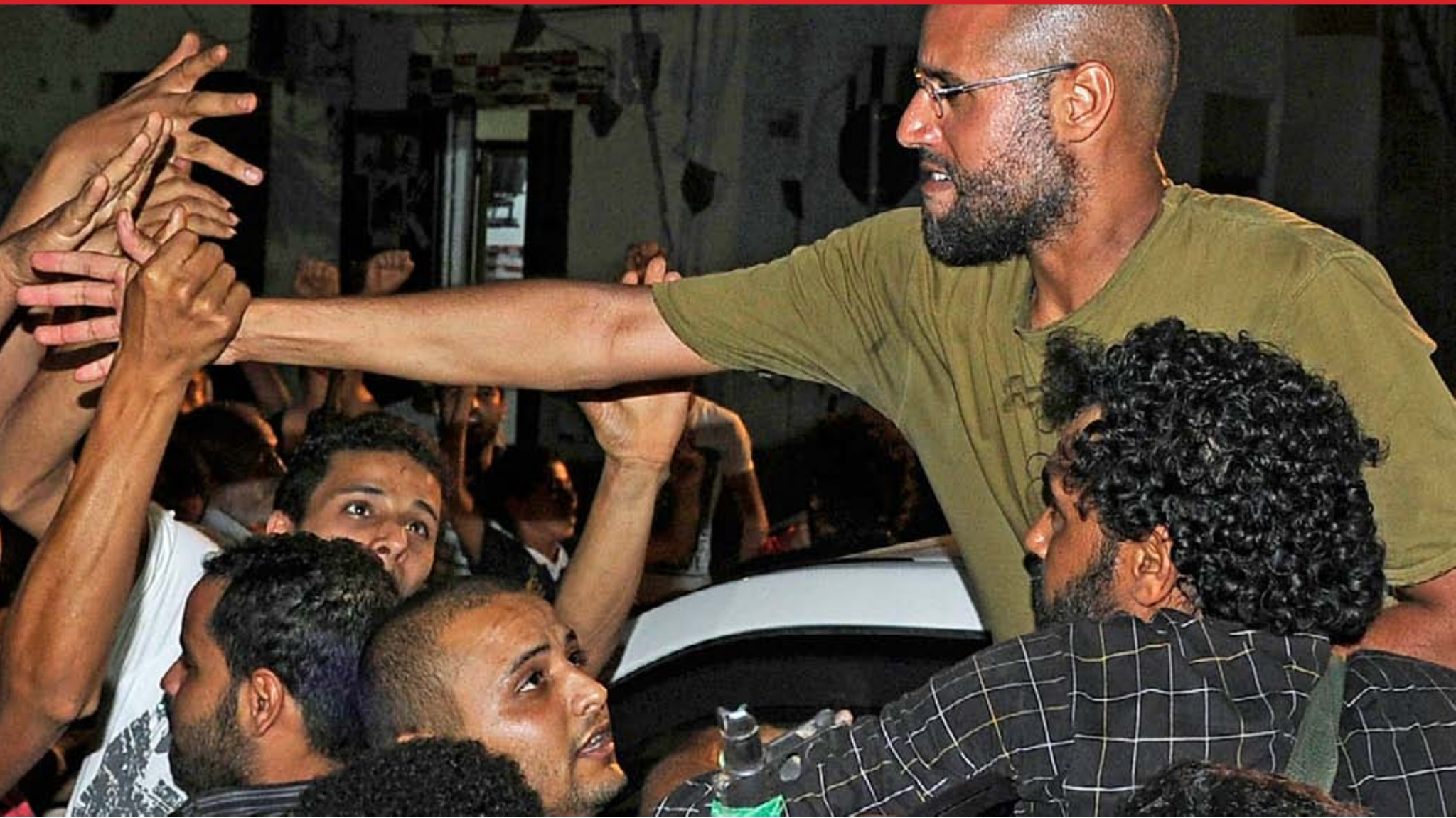
LIFE, ETC

USA

Manhattan prosecutors formally requested a judge to discontinue prosecuting ex-IMF chief, Dominique Strauss-Kahn. The district attorney's office produced a 25-page document reporting its findings, most notably around the difficulty in believing the woman who accused Strauss-Kahn, Nafissatou Diallo, saying, that she was "persistently, and at times inexplicably, untruthful in describing matters of both great and small significance". Prosecutors also claimed they could only establish that a sexual act had taken place, and that the case would therefore rely on Diallo's testimony. Diallo's attorney called the motion a "hatchet job on [her] credibility".

UK

A petition calling for the release of cabinet documents into the Hillsborough disaster, which killed 96 football fans at an FA Cup match in 1989, has reached 100,000 signatures, the minimum required for its contents to be debated in the Commons. The Cabinet Office will appeal against the release of the documents to let the Hillsborough Independent Panel (established by the previous government) oversee the documents' disclosure.



THE MAGICAL APPEARING ACT OF SAIF, GADDAFI'S SON AND HEIR

It was all going so well. Most of Tripoli was in rebel hands, Gaddafi besieged in the tunnels of his presidential palace, and three of his sons in rebel custody. Then Saif Gaddafi – supposed to be safely in rebel custody – turned up in the middle of the night at the government-controlled Rixos hotel, flashing V signs and telling reporters this was all nonsense. What the hell's going on in Tripoli? By SIMON ALLISON.

Journalists at Tripoli's Rixos Hotel have had a frustrating war. Trapped by their government minders, they've been fed a steady stream of government misinformation and been kept away from the real action. So they turned up to another press conference outside Gaddafi's presidential complex called by the government in the middle of Monday night with low expectations. And then Saif Gaddafi walks in.

This is the same Saif Gaddafi who the rebels claimed, with great fanfare, to have detained. The same Saif Gaddafi who was the subject of hasty and apparently presumptive negotiations between the rebel national transitional council and the International Criminal Court, who want him to appear in The Hague on war crimes charges. The same Saif Gaddafi whose

Photo: Saif Al-Islam, son of Muammar Gaddafi, greets supporters in Tripoli August 23, 2011. REUTERS/Paul Hackett

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capture was meant to symbolise the collapse of the entire Gaddafi regime.

Was he ever caught by the rebels? He denied it, saying the whole thing was made up. “I am here to refute the lies,” he said. Asked if Gaddafi senior was safe and well, and still in Tripoli, he shrugged; “Of course.”


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Saif’s appearance was verified by CNN, BBC and Al-Arabiya news stations. CNN’s Matthew Chance (@mchancecnn) was particularly excited, tweeting: “Here’s the picture I took sitting next to #Saif #Gadhafi! Certainly not detained! Exclusive!! #cnn #libya #tripoli <http://t.co/1hoFcgo>”. The liberal use of exclamation marks, and a sudden change from the CNN preferred spelling of ‘Gaddafi’ in his tweets caused a brief Twitterstorm with angry – and perhaps disillusioned – rebel supporters convinced his Twitter account had been hacked by Gaddafi loyalists. This theory seemed to be disproved by his subsequent appearances on CNN.

Still, there’s no way to substantiate the veracity of the reports of Saif Gaddafi’s unexpected appearance – just as, in retrospect, claims of his detention were impossible to verify. But if true, his

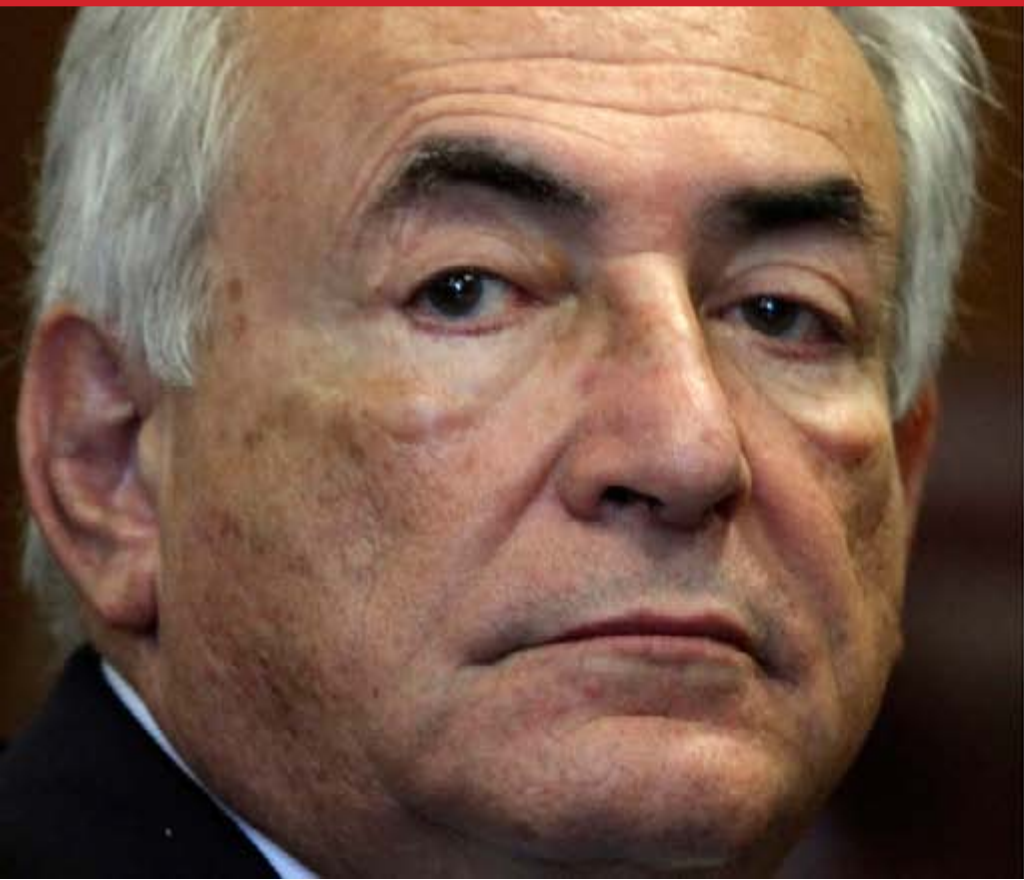
appearance smashes the credibility of the rebels, who are guilty of one of three things, none of them good: wrongly identifying Saif, lying about his capture or lying about the degree of their control over Tripoli.

And it gets worse for the rebels. Al Jazeera reports that another son, Muhamad Gaddafi, also detained by the rebels, escaped on Monday night after pro-Gaddafi forces freed him from the house where he was being kept. This indicates – again, if true, an important caveat given the fog of war and the disinformation campaigns that both sides seem to be waging – that the rebels don’t have nearly the degree of control over Tripoli that they claim, and that the battle for the capital isn’t over yet.

After the rebels massive gains on Sunday, Monday proved their was a sting in the tail of the Gaddafi regime. It’s not going to save Gaddafi, or his sons; Libya’s too far gone now for that, with the rebels in control of too much of the country. But it might just fatally wound the TNC, the interim rebel government, which in a country with weak laws and a severely damaged infrastructure has only its credibility to rely on. 

READ MORE:

1. Who is Saif al-Islam Gaddafi? on [CNN](#)
2. Gaddafi son makes his stance in Tripoli on [al Jazeera](#)



STRAUSS-KAHN CASE: WHY PROSECUTORS WANT TO DROP ALL CHARGES

After being arrested at JFK International on 14 May for an alleged sexual attack, sent to Rikers Island for detention and released from jail only after posting a \$1 million cash bail, the former head of the International Monetary Fund could be free as soon as Tuesday to pack his bags and head back to the airport. By Ron Scherer, CS Monitor

On Monday, district attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. told Nafissatou Diallo, a maid at the Hotel Sofitel where the alleged attack against her took place, that he intends to ask the court to dismiss all charges against Strauss-Kahn.


The main reason, expected to be spelled out in detail during a court hearing Tuesday, was Diallo's credibility as a witness. A Guinean immigrant, she apparently lied on her request for US asylum and made other claims that later turned out to be false. In addition, even before Vance had decided whether to pursue the criminal case, her lawyer filed a civil lawsuit against Strauss-Kahn. Moreover, Diallo has made television appearances to explain her allegations – something most prosecutors would discourage before a case goes to court.

Outside the district attorney's office on Monday, Diallo's lawyer, Kenneth Thompson,

made a brief appearance before a huge contingent of the press.

“Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance has denied the right of a woman to get justice in a rape case,” said Thompson. “He has not only turned his back on this innocent victim, but he has also turned his back on the forensic, medical and other physical evidence in this case.”

Strauss-Kahn's lawyers said, “We have maintained from the beginning of this case that our client is innocent. We also maintained that there were many reasons to believe that Strauss-Kahn's accuser was not credible.”

In a letter to Strauss-Kahn's defence lawyers, the district attorney's office said the accuser lied on an asylum application about a gang-rape that she said took place in Guinea, lied about what she did immediately after the alleged attack, and has been cheating on her income taxes for the past two years. 

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MP KILLED IN ROBBERY

Cope MP Jack Tolo was shot and killed during an apparent robbery at his house in Sekhunenene, Limpopo on Monday, according to a Sapa report. Tolo's wife and two children were tied up by three men who later shot Tolo during a scuffle.

Tributes and demands for his killers to be apprehended poured in, with the ANC saying in a statement that they were deeply saddened at the loss of an anti-apartheid veteran through senseless and mindless criminality.

R183.9 MILLION SPENT ON MINISTERS' HOUSES FOLLOWING ZUMA CABINET RESHUFFLE

Public works minister Gwen Mahlangu-Nkabinde said in a written reply to questions posed by Democratic Alliance MP Erik Marais that her department spent R183.9 million on 34 houses for ministers following President Jacob Zuma's 2009 Cabinet reshuffle.

DA spokesperson on public works said in a statement that the R183.9 million could have built 2,000 RDP houses and raised further questions, including why 34 houses were needed for six new ministries.



SA Public Works Minister Gwen Mahlangu-Nkabinde

NYDA DENIES THREAT TO MAKE THE COUNTRY "UNGOVERNABLE"

The NYDA on Monday denied weekend reports that their chairman, Andile Lungisa, had said he would render the country "ungovernable" should the youth unemployment situation in the country not improve, Sapa reports. Lungisa is alleged to have made the comments at a Black Management Forum summit in Cape Town on Friday.

FALLING GLOBAL COPPER PRICES COULD DISCOURAGE THIEVES

According to the South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry's non-ferrous metals theft barometer, falling

copper prices have resulted in decreased cable theft. It said the Second-Hand Goods Act, which will be passed in to law next year and aims to limit the trade in stolen goods, and recent calls for copper theft to be viewed as a serious crime, are also likely to further reduce theft.

Gautrain commuters, who in the past month weeks have experienced delays in service due to cable theft, are likely to celebrate. Metrorail commuters will celebrate, too, as cable theft is said to be a major contributor to rail accidents.

Energy department deputy director-general Ompi Aphane said last week that cable theft cost the country R100 million last year. The number increases drastically if you factor in indirect costs.

DA CALLS FOR BILL TO STOP TENDER FRAUD IN LIMPOPO

With recent reports of tender fraud in Limpopo, the Democratic Alliance, who are fashioning themselves as a party of good governance, called for a bill to regulate state business in the province, according to a Business Day report.

The DA leader in the province Desiree van der Walt said the party planned to call on the National Council of Provinces to ensure the Limpopo legislature tables the bill, the report said.

ONLY ONE NAME ON NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER

The national child protection register, which is to record names of convicted child abusers who have been deemed not suitable to work with children, was allocated R1.8 million last year. But only has one name on it, according to a written reply from the minister of social development, Bathabile Dlamini, to DA spokesperson on social development, Patricia Kopane. The reply said 64 more names could be added should the courts deem them not suitable to work with children.

Kopane said in a statement that with 4,000 cases of ill-treated children last year and estimates saying that 30,000 children are

abused in the country year, it is difficult to believe that only one person is on the list.

HEALTH MINISTER IN BID TO MAKE WOMEN BREASTFEED

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi on Monday suggested that to encourage women to breastfeed, milk formula should be made prescription-only. His comment came at a two-day summit on breastfeeding in Centurion. The minister blamed milk formula producers, and working and teen mothers for the decline in breastfeeding in the country, which he said was contributing to increased child mortality.

WWF WELCOMES EXTENSION TO SHALE GAS PROSPECTING MORATORIUM

According to AFP, the World Wide Fund for Nature welcomed minister Susan Shabangu's announcement last Thursday that the moratorium on shale gas prospecting would be extended a further six months. Shabangu had said that the interim reports would be sent back for further study

NZIMANDE AT A LOSS OVER TUT'S APPOINTMENT OF MOLEFE

Higher education minister Blade Nzimande was at a loss

to explain why the Tshwane University of Technology had appointed Johnny Molefe as vice-chancellor despite his holding a fraudulent doctorate degree, according to a report by Eyewitness News. The minister said his ministry was not informed on the appointment and only found out about it in the papers.

Molefe is reportedly still earning his R2.2 million salary despite the minister having removed him as vice-chancellor.

AMLA SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



Proteas batsman Hashim Amla was named sports star of the year at Sunday's South African Sports Awards, besting a field that included US Masters champion Charl Schwartzel and IRB sevens player of the year Cecil Afrika. Amla is currently the world's top-ranked one-day international batsman. Banyana Banyana striker Noko Matlou was named sportswoman of the year, having been part of the team that claimed bronze at the African Women's Championship.

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JULIUS, COUNTRYMAN, LEND US YOUR EARS

Oh Young Julius, we warned you this could happen. That you would go too far. That if you looked behind you there would be this rather large broad line that you are on the wrong side of. Oh well, now that that's happened, I suppose we should provide you with some political, and a touch of legal, advice. Especially because we once gave President Jacob Zuma some advice. Which he appears to have taken.
By STEPHEN GROOTES.

Julius, boet, first we need to impress upon you something. This is serious. You are in it. Deep. Like half-a-nostril-getting-air-at-the-moment deep. So deep in fact that no amount of thrashing about will help you, it'll just make your situation worse. So this is a good time to stop and think. Hard. Harder than you did in

your trial, harder than you did the last time you sat down to write an exam.

There are two things you need to do. You need to sort the politics, and you need to sort the legal. You will know, better than us, that the

Photo: Helen Zille (Reuters)

The point, dear Julius, is to use the fact that you are such a divisive figure to show that there is no one in the ANC who doesn't have an already formed, possibly negative, opinion about you.

politics is more important than the legal. So we'll start there.

First, you need a good lawyer. Politically speaking, that is. Whatever hold you got over anybody with a law degree in the ANC, now's the time to call in the favour. Really, anything, pictures of goats, love-children, video of Mathews comparing Helen to her namesake from Troy, a scrap of paper showing that someone owes you cash. You need a heavy hitters to help out here. Without them, you're doomed.

Then you need to pick off the members of the disciplinary committee. This is going to be hard. Don't even bother with Derek Hanekom. He's going to chair it, he's a neutral figure, he's not to be messed with, and he spoke in your defence at your hate speech trial even as he was publicly disagreeing with you on Twitter. So keep him 'cos you'll never make a case against him fly. But everyone else, you need a reason to get them to recuse themselves. Start with Susan Shabangu. She's Minerals Ministers, she's spoken against nationalisation, she's a good place to start. Explain the conflict. Then there's Febe Potgeiter-Gubule. Tricky

to find something on her, but didn't she work with Gwede for a time? That might help you a bit. Then there's Collins Chabane. Oh, that's easy. He's close to Zuma, one of the "National Officials" who brought the charges, therefore... Now, Ayanda Dlodlo you may want to think about keeping. Not sure which way she'll go. Then while you're there, you can nibble parts of the Disciplinary Appeals Committee as well. Its Chair, Cyril Ramaphosa is against nationalisation; Trevor Manuel, well you've annoyed him enough in the past. And once you're past those two, you should be in the clear.

The point, dear Julius, is to use the fact that you are such a divisive figure to show that there is no one in the ANC who doesn't have an already formed, possibly negative, opinion about you. This could mean you can never be disciplined.

But the real people whose will you want to sap is that of Jacob Zuma and Gwede Mantashe. Zuma's easier than Mantashe. Zuma is president. His main reason for getting out of bed in the morning is to stay president. You need to find a way to make him realise that

if he continues with this, he will no longer be president. You need to find the smoking gun that will bring the Arms Deal back into play. It's already kind of there. But you need facts, numbers, video evidence, testimony the whole bit. You need to make him realise that if he continues, you will bring him down.

Dear Julius, that is tough. But he must surely be vulnerable on this score.

Mantashe is harder. You've made an enemy there alright. And he's sprung a well-laid trap, so you're going to have to think quite hard about him. But if you get Zuma, you could get him at the same time.

Julius, you need to mobilise. Not your youth, not your League, not your friends, but everyone who stands to benefit from Zuma being humbled, from being down and out. Anyone with an interest in Mangaung. Yes, we know who that means, and while he's been quiet of late, it's time to bring Keyser Soze back into the game. You need to read the riot act to Cassel Mathale and Fikile Mbalula. They need to realise that the worst case scenario is not having to sit out Mangaung, it's going to jail. Your financial life is surely intertwined with theirs. You go down and they surely go down. So, your fight is very much their fight.

Don't worry about the Hawks and SARS for now, you well know that you don't stay out of jail through the law, you stay out of it through politics. The stronger you are, the higher your chances of staying a free young man. So leave them be for the moment. You win the politics, you win your freedom, geddit?

Now, a briefing on the legal side. You need to get witness testimony in this. You need to make the point you were speaking on behalf

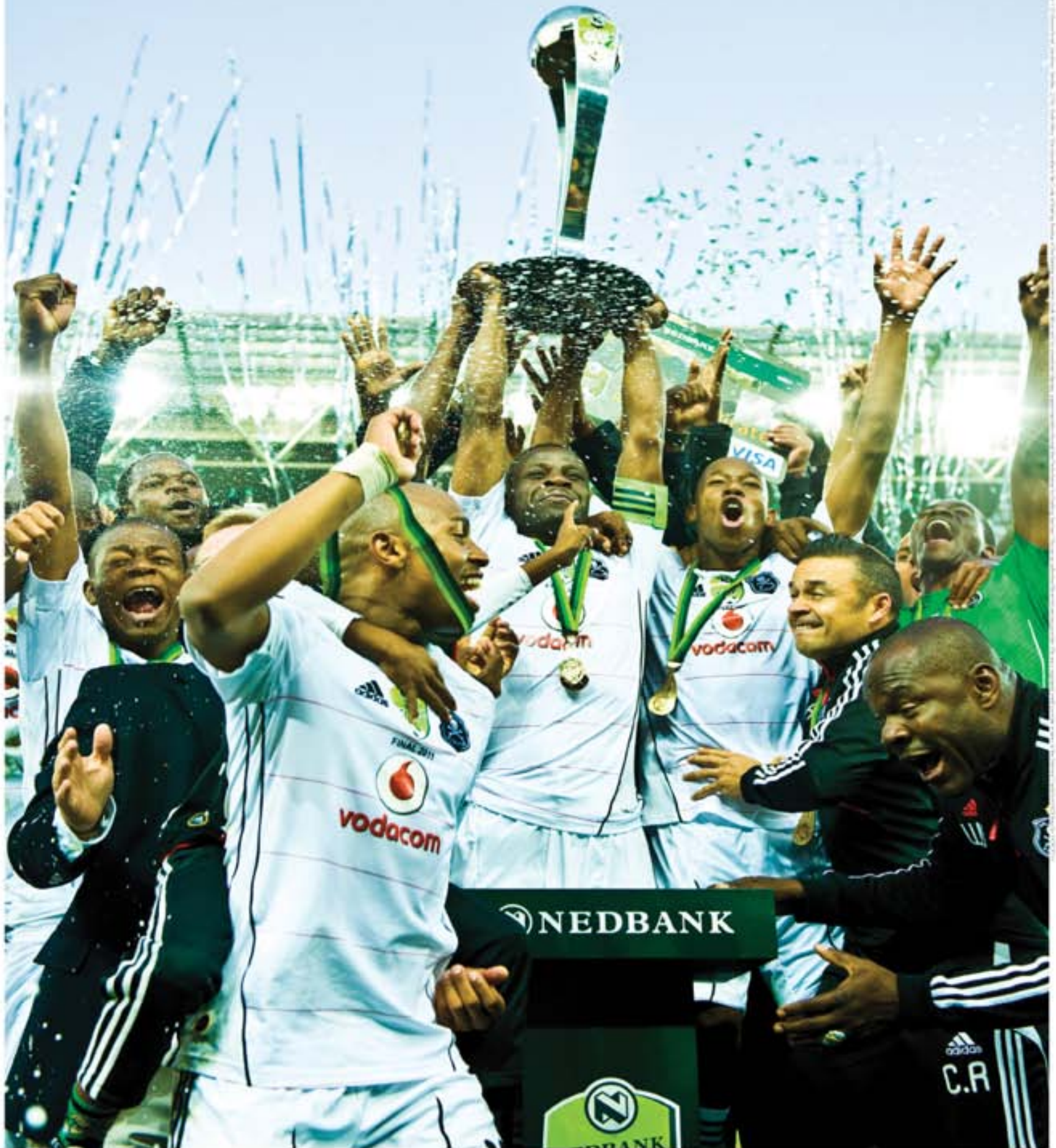
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of the organisation. They will say it's your responsibility, you need to demand hard evidence. You need to keep this going for as long as possible. The longer it goes, the worse it will get for Zuma and Co, the better it will get for you. Bear in mind that our President has a tendency to have a little whoopsie-daisy from time to time. Drag it out and hope against hell something happens. You never know. And forget this nonsense about bringing the entire League to your hearing, that'll just look undisciplined. It'll add to the charges.

Julius, you are in the fight of your life, buddy. What happens here will probably determine who leads the ANC after Mangaung. So your back's against the wall. You have to fight dirty. But that is something you're particularly good at. **FM**

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MALEMA'S DISCIPLINARY: NOT EVERYONE IN THE LEAGUE STANDING BY THEIR MAN

As the ANC Youth League decides on a strategy ahead of its leaders' disciplinary hearing, the organisation is divided between defiance and compliance – and not everyone is squarely behind their leader, Julius Malema. CARIEN DU PLESSIS deciphers.

When the young lions gathered on Sunday to plot a battle plan following the charges slapped on their president Julius Malema, the leaders from at least one province were absent.

Eastern Cape Youth League leader Ayanda Matiti on Monday told Daily Maverick that the province's leadership did not attend the meeting, where members of the league's national executive committee – which includes provincial leaders – decided that the League would rally behind Malema and seek an “urgent meeting” with the ANC.

“We did give our reasons for not attending, but I cannot discuss that (with the media) outside the structures. We didn't just stay away,” Matiti said.

An anti-Malema source in the ANC Youth League, however, said the Eastern Cape Youth League had good relations with their seniors in the ANC in the province, which have aligned themselves with President Jacob Zuma.

Photo: Julius Malema and Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, former wife of post-apartheid President Nelson Mandela, sing during Malema's appearance at the Johannesburg court for a hate speech trial April 19, 2011 (Reuters)

“(Sunday’s) meeting was called to undermine the ANC,” he said.

Malema and his followers have in recent years been critical of Zuma and they have been pushing for Sports Minister Fikile Mbalula to replace ANC secretary-general Gwede Mantashe.

Also, in the run-up to the League’s elective conference in June, the Eastern Cape had hoped to strike a deal with Malema’s camp to nominate Matiti as League secretary-general, but Matiti couldn’t get enough support from the floor during the nominations process.

Those around him speculate that he felt betrayed by Malema’s people and in the true spirit of tit-for-tat, now thinks twice before he supports Malema.

A report on Monday said the League has resolved to bus thousands of supporters into Joburg CBD next Tuesday when Malema’s case comes before the ANC’s national disciplinary committee, but the League’s Gauteng leader Lebogang Maile said this wasn’t true.

“We didn’t take such a decision. We can never march on the ANC,” he said.

Gauteng’s young lions are expected to confer this week to discuss what they, as the “host province” to Malema’s case, will do, if anything.

A source close to the League said some felt Malema should defy the hearing because they believed the charges were part of a political conspiracy by Zuma’s supporters to neutralise the vocal Malema before the ANC’s conference in Mangaung next year, so that Zuma’s second term could be secured.

Others felt that he should subject himself to the discipline of the ANC, and in this way take the moral high ground. But they fear that this meant he would then be forced to go along with

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whatever punishment the elders meted out, and at worst, that could mean expulsion or a suspension from the party.

This would put Malema out of the political picture for at least the duration of the punishment.

Malema and his spokesman Floyd Shivambu were charged on Friday for bringing the ANC into disrepute with their utterances on wanting to help effect regime change in Botswana, and for sowing divisions within the party.

Their fellow leaders, deputy president Ronald Lamola, secretary-general Sindiso Magaqa and treasurer Pule Mabe, are also expected to be charged soon.

By Monday night, the ANC had not yet responded to the League’s request for an urgent meeting, and ANC spokespeople could not be reached to confirm.

ANC spokesman Keith Khoza earlier said the party was likely to have a press conference on Tuesday.

The ANC’s top 90 leaders spent their weekend locked in an unusual marathon four-day national

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executive committee meeting, which ended well after 9pm on Monday night after a similarly late end the night before.

Asked whether the meeting went on so long because it was “very tense and difficult”, as has been reported from the gathering, a national executive committee member simply remarked wryly: “No, we just had no time limits on speakers”. (An organisation that caters for politicians should surely know better.)

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The party is likely to want to do a proper stock-take of where it is, ahead of its centenary in January next year, but some of these discussions were also likely to have been initiated by elders in the organisation who believed Malema's League was morally derailing the party.

While the older generation joined the ANC at a time when it meant selflessness and a risk

to one's own life, and where no individual was allowed to be bigger than the party, some of their juniors are now pushing for change. They argue that politics is now also a career with monetary rewards, although in the ANC, it's of course always important to remain humble and in touch with the impoverished masses.

Meanwhile the law enforcement agencies are also on Malema's case, with the Hawks having confirmed over the weekend that they are investigating corruption charges against Malema for his business dealings through his Ratanang family trust and its shareholdings in On-Point Engineering, which has business dealings with Limpopo's government.

Public Protector Thuli Madonsela has also re-opened her investigation into the tender processes in the province. 

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CENSUS 2011: HOW YOU WILL ADD UP


In 50 days you'll be just another number when people in canary yellow suits come by to count you. CARIEN DU PLESSIS reports from the Union Buildings.

The population of the world will top 6 billion people this year, according to [global expectations](#), and South Africa's census data, published in November next year, will help determine if the estimates are accurate.

Our last census in 2001 counted 44.8 million and we have probably reached the 50 million mark by now, but we have to be sure. Planning minister Trevor Manuel, who has now gazetted the [October count](#), on Monday said South Africa's data is among the last still outstanding for the UN's 2010 Census Round, which generously stretches from 2005 to 2014.

Known to be a scrupulous bean counter, Manuel has given [Statistics SA](#), led by statistician general Pali Lehohla, a tight margin of no more than a single digit undercount. No wonder they'll burn a R1 billion census budget between 2006 and 2013, with an extra R2 billion just for census year.

Lehohla defines the mission poetically in the information guide: "On the tenth day of the tenth month in the tenth year of the millennium, Stats SA will be deploying an army of 120,000 people dressed in yellow bibs who will be combing the length and breadth of South Africa. On that day, this army of peace will enlist households and their members from the undulating hills of KwaZulu-Natal to the flat planes of the Free State. They will count in the winelands of Western Cape while the imposing Table Mountain towers over them."

There was no mention of [rumours](#) that fieldworkers would be armed with condoms too, but then President Jacob Zuma was in the room telling us about grave matters like how the census is important for the millennium development goals. So please cooperate with the yellow army. Because you count. 



NKOANA-MASHABANE SETS AIMS FOR COP17


At a breakfast with businesspeople in Johannesburg, the international relations and cooperation minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane spelt out what the government's stance at the upcoming COP17 conference in Durban was going to be. The South African government will seek a balance between avoiding the impasse that defined the Copenhagen conference, and setting out a strong pro-development stance that most emerging economies want. By SIPHO HLONGWANE.

It is important that the 17th Conference of Parties (COP17) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change does not see a repeat of the political impasse that happened at the 15th conference in Copenhagen. This was the sentiment repeated by Nkoana-Mashabane on Monday. She was addressing a breakfast attended by various representatives from businesses with a stake in the conference. She expressed again that the world would expect the conference to go swimmingly, as it would be held in South Africa.

“[The world expects that] if South Africa hosts it, it must be good,” Nkoana-Mashabane said. “This is partly because of our struggles, and partly because there was

no coup [leading up to 1994]. We sat around the table and talked.”

She also said developing countries feared they would have to curtail their fledgling industrial economies if too great a burden for climate changes was pressed on them at COP17. The priority of such countries would be development. “People must eat before you can raise these other issues,” she said.

In case you're worried this means nobody would come out to bat for global policies and agreements to combat climate change, Nkoana-Mashabane also said she would push very strongly as the incoming COP president for a new climate change deal out of Durban to replace the expiring Kyoto Protocol. 



BATTLEGROUND NSSF: LOOMING FIGHT FOR THE SOUL OF FORCED STATE PENSIONS

Debate around a National Health Insurance scheme is still red-hot, but the next massive financial engineering concept is about to be unleashed, and it will be only a little less contentious. Considering it will be worth at least R3 billion a month and will affect every formally employed South African, you'd expect nothing less.

It's more than three years since talk about a mandatory, government-run pension fund started in earnest, but finally the **National Treasury**, the department of social development, and President Jacob Zuma agree that a framework for the mandatory, government-

run pension scheme will be released this year, possibly within months.

And that's when the fun starts. Because with billions at stake, not to mention bureaucratic empires and the future fortunes of huge

Photo: (Reuters)

financial services companies, the details on this one are going to be tricky.

Back in 2007, then-president Thabo Mbeki announced South Africa needed a universal pension fund to make sure citizens saved for their retirement, and to introduce a bit of cross-subsidisation. The idea received a surprisingly warm welcome. The need to rope lower income earners into the pension net is universally agreed after all, and the benefits of a mandatory system, with the SA Revenue Service handling the collection and the benefits of scale behind it, seem clear. In broad theory, the National Social Security Fund is just grand.

Now, however, it is nearly time to discuss the reality, and we'd wager good money that it will go less smoothly.

Based on the latest available tax data there are 3.3 million individual tax payers who will be liable for contributions to the NSSF, 2.8 million of who earn enough to pay the maximum contribution. That makes for somewhere north of R3 billion a month that will be flowing into the NSSF immediately, through a straight transfer from tax takings. A not-inconsiderable amount of money, that will have to be invested somewhere. Who gets to do so, how much of it is poured into potentially job-creating investments rather than ones with higher returns and how much of it can be taken offshore (either to further national interests or manipulate the currency)? Those are just the most immediately vexed structural issues.

If the new draft of the scheme follows the outline first published in 2007, anyone in formal employment who earns R6,250 a month will pay a capped R1,000 a month into the NSSF, with lower income earners paying 16% of whatever

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they make. However – and this is the sneaky bit – voluntary contributions can be made for up to the first R150,000 in annual earnings, and that would be the default. In other words, the NSSF would claim R2,000 a month from anyone making R12,500 or more a month, unless told not to, in which case it would drop down to R1,000 a month.

For those who earn a significant amount and have already been enticed into pension fund contributions by the tax breaks they offer, or forced into contributions by company policy, that doesn't mean a change in lifestyle. Just a slight change in how their contributions are invested. Those who earn least, on the other hand, and at whom the entire NSSF is aimed, simply could not afford such a drop in salary. Hence the need for a wage subsidy, an automatic tax break that is implemented along with the NSSF, to offset some of the impact. But even spending R30 billion a year on such a subsidy would only equate to a small offset for

individuals. Under one proposal, a wage subsidy in three tiers, those earning R3,750 a month would still be hit by a R600 a month reduction in what they take home, assuming they have no pension fund or life insurance. Their final benefit, though, would be roughly equal to those earning as little as R1,250 a month – and who effectively won't be contributing to the NSSF at all. Those who earn between R50,000 and R100,000 a year or so may have reason to be unhappy about that.

The NSSF is designed as a roach trap: money goes in, but never leaves before retirement age. That too will be unpopular. Withholding the cash from a contributor who loses a job, or has medical expenses (assuming they aren't covered under the NHI) or needs to educate a child will be unpopular. On the other hand, making provision for withdrawals means a huge administrative headache, and undermines the argument that retirement saving needs total discipline, regardless of short-term financial needs.

Reducing pre-retirement withdrawals from private retirement funds as well is a government priority, and legislation to that effect could well be introduced before the

NSSF. The combination of an increasingly mobile workforce, the mandatory pension funds run by many companies and rules that allow withdrawal on exiting a pension plan, have made for a lottery mentality among especially younger professionals. Every time they change jobs they strike it rich, because they withdraw their accrued pension savings and spend it on trinkets. That, everyone agrees, needs to be stopped or limited.

But doing so isn't straight forward. In 2008, after the NSSF and withdrawal limits were first proposed, pension funds saw a run on the bank. Those who had put such freed-up pension savings into preservation funds (leaving the money available for withdrawal, but without the tax hit that comes on actual withdrawal) decided it was best to grab the cash while they could. Others scaled down on voluntary contributions, figuring it best to run their own rainy-day funds rather than have money locked down until retirement age. In the short term, even talking about limiting access actually had a negative effect on the amount of money put towards retirement.

The most long-running fight, however, will be about the nature of the retirement

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benefits. Unlike private retirement savings, the government has no intention of opting for a defined-contribution scheme, where the final annuity is based on the investment plus growth of an individual's portfolio. Though the benefit calculation will take into account the amount invested and age of retirement, the NSSF will guarantee investment growth at some level lower than it is likely to actually achieve in the market. Back in 2007 the treasury proposed two ways of handling the excess money accrued: pay it to members as some sort of smoothed bonus, or put it straight back into the fiscus for spending. If the latter option were followed, it dryly remarked, "the justification for this may be difficult to communicate".

Either way will lead to an outcry about fairness, or lack thereof. Those lucky enough to retire during sustained boom times will receive bigger payouts, a sustained downturn will see younger contributors subsidising older ones, or everyone will be outraged that they had been stealthily taxed. Keeping everyone happy seems possible only by coming up with a formula so convoluted that nobody can understand it.

The original 2007 plan also called for existing pension funds to act as collectors for the NSSF, forking over a portion of the contributions they receive. That is practical for both individuals, who would pay a single premium every month just as before, and the NSSF, which would reduce its own administration and pull a large number of contributors into the net in one fell swoop. Politically, though, it's dangerous. Those private pension schemes will be accounting to their members every year, showing the return on investment from their private investments

versus the defined benefits they can expect from the NSSF. Unless the private schemes really suck at their jobs or markets tank, the comparative NSSF growth will look weak, making for more angry taxpayers.

The pension fund industry (which is fairly advanced and generally well run, not to mention organised enough to engage in some strenuous lobbying) has an entire raft of reasons to be unhappy about the NSSF. Top of the list is the money that will be diverted from their coffers, both in terms of investments and the management fees they earn. In the long run, though, the NSSF is designed to deny them access to a whole swath of the market. Though they may mostly be ignoring low-income earners at present, nobody likes seeing an untapped reserve snatched away. Then there is the option, likely to be included in a draft proposal, for anyone to transfer existing pension savings to the NSSF, which should be able to offer cut-throat administrative fees if not guarantee massive growth. And winning individuals back from the NSSF as they move their way up the income ladder into territory where they become viable clients will be tough, perhaps tougher than it is to acquire them as new customers right now.

Will the NSSF be as hard-fought, as controversial as the NHI? Probably not, no; medical care is a touchier subject than retirement savings. But it's not going to have a smooth ride either. 

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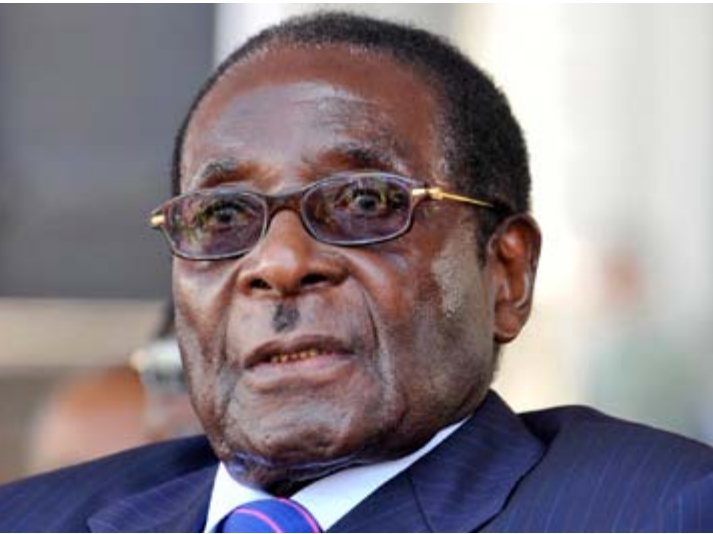
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FOOTBALL STAR'S FATHER FREED AFTER POLICE RAID

Following a 10-day kidnapping ordeal, Michael Obi, father of Chelsea footballer John Obi Mikel, has been freed following a raid by police in Nigeria, according to AFP. Obi was found in Kano having been abducted in Jos, 300km away. Obi, who was viciously assaulted, told reporters that the kidnappers wanted \$64,000.

ENDGAME FOR GADDAFI

Following rapid developments in Libya over the weekend culminating in Sunday night's advance into Tripoli, it would appear that Muammar Gaddafi's 42-year rule in Libya is over. Around the world, embassies recognised the national transitional council as the legal government of Libya. The African Union said on Monday it would hold an emergency meeting on Libya on Friday as the body continues its push for a negotiated settlement in the country. Rebel leaders had said they would welcome into their fold anybody who was not involved in the slaughter of civilians.

HEAD OF NIGERIA'S COURT OF APPEALS SUSPENDED

Nigeria's national judicial council has advised President

Goodluck Jonathan to "recommend the compulsory retirement" of the head of the country's court of appeal, Isa Ayo Salami, for misconduct, according to a statement issued by the country's presidency. Jonathan, ignoring calls by the country's national bar association that he dismiss the judicial council's letter, has approved the appointment of the court's deputy as acting head until the issues over Salami's suspension are resolved. Salami has been involved in a war of words with the country's chief justice, Aloyisus Katsina-Alu, over the handling of a legal dispute arising during the 2007 general election. The Nation reported that only seven of the 24 members of the council were present when the decision to suspend Salami was taken.

ZIMBABWE'S LARGEST TRADE UNION'S SUCCESSION BATTLE

The Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions is involved in a leadership spat that could lead to a split, according to SW Radio Africa. The trade union federation held its annual congress over the weekend where George Nkiwane was elected as its new leader to replace Lovemore Matombo, who'd boycotted the event. Matombo and his supporters tried to

obtain a court order to have Lucia Matibenga, an MDC MP, removed from the nomination lists. Their attempt failed and Matibenga was elected vice-president of the federation over the weekend. The Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions has over 400,000 members and was one of the main forces behind the formation of the MDC.

GHANAIAN PRESIDENT VISITS SOUTH AFRICA

Ghanaian President John Mills is in the country for two days to strengthen economic and social ties between the two countries. Mills and President Zuma are expected to sign three bilateral agreements that would see exports to Ghana grow.

CAPE VERDE INCUMBENT CONCEDES IN PRESIDENTIAL RUN-OFF

Manuel Sousa, flag-bearer of Cape Verde's ruling party, congratulated his rival and presidential candidate for the opposition, Jorge Fonseca, on his victory in Sunday's presidential run-off, according to AFP. Fonseca won 54.9% of the vote. Election observers said the elections were calm and transparent, which makes for a welcome change for elections on the continent.



KABILA ALMOST CERTAIN TO GET YET ANOTHER TERM IN DRC

The DRC goes to the polls in November, and President Joseph Kabila looks set for another term thanks to the opposition's lack of concentration (it's hard to campaign from a Dutch prison cell) and a few gentle tweaks to the electoral law. By SIMON ALLISON.

The Democratic Republic of Congo's ruling party, the PPRD, nominated incumbent President Joseph Kabila as its candidate in the November presidential elections after a three-day conference this weekend. The nomination surprised absolutely no one, given that Kabila is head of the party and eligible for another term as president, but it's still unclear whether Kabila will accept it. There's no doubt he'll run for president, but he just might choose to do so as an independent, as he did in the last elections – a move designed to broaden his appeal.

Kabila's main opponent in those 2006 elections was Jean Pierre Bemba, who he defeated after a run-off. Bemba's contesting this election too, having received his party's nomination once again, but might find campaigning a little difficult given that he's sitting in a prison cell in The Hague, being tried on three counts of crimes against humanity

and five counts of war crimes for his role in neighbouring Central African Republic, where his militia helped put down a rebellion in 2002.

And there'll be no run-off election this time round, with the PPRD forcing through constitutional amendments scrapping it. This means, in theory, that the DRC's president could be elected with as little as 15%-20% of the vote, as long as no one else gets more. And given the fractured nature of the politics in the country, this is not an unlikely scenario. Kabila, with his residual popularity and control of state resources, will most likely be top of the pile again. **iM**

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2. Elections in DRC are an imperfect but necessary step towards order in [The Guardian](#)
3. DR Congo leader Kabila chosen as presidential candidate on [AFP](#)




LIBERIAN REFERENDUM TESTS YOUNG DEMOCRACY

Still recovering from its long civil war, Liberia's taking steps to improve its democracy with a referendum on Tuesday. But it's not clear if the new constitutional provisions are in the country's best interests or just those of the ruling party. By SIMON ALLISON.

Liberians head to the ballot boxes on Tuesday for a controversial constitutional referendum. Some of them, anyway – turnout's not expected to be great. The government of Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf wants to change four things: the date of national elections from October to November, the retirement age of judges from 70 to 75 years, the voting threshold for elected officials (except the president and vice-president) from absolute to simple majority and the presidential residency requirement from the current 10 to five years.

Most controversial of these reforms is the push to change the voting threshold, which would make local elections significantly cheaper, but also easier to win. The requirement for an absolute majority requires parties and political groups to work together to achieve power, but if only a simple majority is needed there would be no need to cooperate. "Any change in the absolute majority rule for legislative elections

would desecrate Liberia's electoral politics and reduce the national legislature to a hegemonic club of ethnic and class lords," wrote a columnist in the *Liberian Analyst*

Government is pushing for a yes vote in the referendum, while the opposition is campaigning strongly against it. The referendum is also seen as a test of the electoral authorities and processes in preparation for the presidential elections in October or November. President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf – who enjoyed cozy ties with, and funding from, Libya's Muammar Gaddafi prior to the Libyan revolution – has announced she'll run again, despite promising when elected to serve only one term, while the the main opposition is led by Winston Tubman after former football star George Weah declined to run again. 

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REBEL LEADER: 'THE ERA OF GADDAFI IS OVER'

As the endgame plays itself out on the streets of Tripoli, attention is turning to what a post-Gaddafi Libya might look like. While nobody knows for sure, rebel commander Mustafa Abdul Jalil might just have the best idea of what's coming next. By SIMON ALLISON.

Mustafa Abdul Jalil's an unlikely revolutionary. A justice minister in Gaddafi's cabinet until February this year, he was despatched to Benghazi, which would become the rebel stronghold, to deal with the protests. Sent because of his reputation as a man who would, on occasion, stand up against the Brother Leader's crazy dictates, Gaddafi thought the protestors might just listen to Jalil. They did.

In fact, they liked him so much they appointed him as chairman of the transitional national council, the rebel leadership which has now been recognised by more than 30 countries as Libya's official government. His conversion from inside Gaddafi's tent pissing out, to

Photo: Mustafa Abdel Jalil, chairman of the Libyan National Transitional Council, attends a news conference in Benghazi August 22, 2011. (Reuters)

outside it pissing in was prompted by Gaddafi's initial response to the protests, which resulted in the death and detention of a number of peaceful protesters.

And now, as the rebels mop up the hardcore remnants of Gaddafi support in the capital, Jalil finds himself in a prime position to shape the nature of the new state. "Now I say, with all transparency, that the era of Gaddafi is over," he said at a press conference in Benghazi on Monday. But, he added, "the future will not be a bed of roses."

His first steps were promising, at least if the intentions expressed at the press conference are anything to go by. He called on all Libyans refrain from taking justice into their own hands and "to practice self-control and to protect the lives and properties of others". Justice would be administered, but at a later date and in a controlled environment. He outlined the principles which would guide the new state, namely freedom, democracy, justice, equality and transparency, within a moderate Islamic framework. He stressed the adjective "moderate", wary of international paranoia that Libya might slide into an Islamic theocracy, saying all minorities would

be protected and free to practice their culture and way of life

But Jalil's tenure as chairman has not been without controversy, and the bitter internal divisions within the ranks of Libya's rebels mean his views aren't necessarily representative. Criticised by some for his prominent role in Gaddafi's government, he evoked a few comparisons with his former boss when he summarily dismissed the entire shadow cabinet last month for failing to properly investigate the murder of the rebels' top military commander. The cabinet hasn't been reappointed.

A more consultative and conciliatory approach will be needed if the rebels are to avoid stumbling at the final hurdle, which is to actually build a state that satisfies them all. As The Guardian's Middle East editor Brian Whitaker writes: "Libya has its social faultlines. Tribal, ethnic and religious rivalries that were swept under the carpet by the Gaddafi regime will now emerge into the open. Allowing them to do so is the only way to address them in the long term, though in the short term they could easily become an obstacle to democratic processes."


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Immediate problems for the rebels include what to do with the Gaddafi family. They've detained two sons already, and possibly three, but the big fish remains elusive, and it's his fate that will provoke the most debate. If they catch him, the International Criminal Court already has a cell prepared for Gaddafi in The Hague, but there will be pressure to try him in Libya where the death penalty is an option. That's presuming no one takes justice into their own hands, or he doesn't manage to escape to exile.

There will also be some debate over the role of the international community in shaping the new Libya. While Nato undoubtedly played a role, rebels are unlikely to give them too much credit, especially as the fatalities and injuries came almost exclusively from their ranks. But the West might start exerting pressure, especially if it looks like Islamic groups (even the moderate ones, the US doesn't really like those either) might take control.

Even after the fall of Tripoli, there's no fairytale ending for Libya's revolution, but instead lots of hard work and even more political wrangling. Reassuringly, Jalil has insisted in the past that himself and the other members of the transitional national council have no intention of seeking office in the post-Gaddafi government, perhaps allowing them to focus on creating solid foundations rather than their own short-term political benefits, a problem that's undermined nation building in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Whatever happens, the new government won't be constructed on the principles outlined in Gaddafi's Green Book, and that can only be a good thing. 

READ MORE:

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2. Report of Jalil's Monday press conference in the [Tripoli Post](#)
3. After Gaddafi, let's hope for the best in Libya in [The Guardian](#)



WHERE TO NOW, COLONEL?

The Colonel is out of Libya. Or he should be, if he knows what's good for him. South Africa is a signatory country of the treaty that created the International Criminal Court. The lovely people at the ICC will want to have words with the Colonel, and South Africa will be obliged to help, so he can't come here. Which raises the obvious question: where can the Colonel go after everyone stopped writing letters? SIPHO HLONGWANE weighs Muammar Gaddafi's options

Very few international villains of the “leader” persuasion have perfected the art of evading the fuzz once they get booted out of their countries.

There is Idi Amin, who spent most of his post-presidential life in Saudi Arabia where he eventually died. Granted, he died a year

after the International Criminal Court came into being and probably long after Ugandan ill feeling against him had waned. [Tunisia's former president](#) Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali

Photo: Reuters

The lesson of Charles Taylor is to avoid friendly countries that signed the Rome Statute on the ICC. So Nigeria is out, as is South Africa. The Colonel's safest bets on the continent would be either Mauritania or Ethiopia



followed Idi Amin's example and took to Riyadh when his subjects decided that he'd overstayed his welcome.

Then there are those who weren't as lucky. Liberia's Charles Taylor took refuge in Nigeria when he was forced to resign in 2003, only to see his host country hand him back in 2006 when Ellen Johnson Sirleaf asked them to.

Former Yugoslavian and Serbian president Slobodan Milošević didn't even bother running from Serbia when he resigned in 2000. His war crimes trial at The Hague was in its fifth year when he died of a heart attack in 2006. His former ally [General Ratko Mladic](#) now finds himself in prison too, awaiting the humiliation of an ICC trial.

This will be a fate that a fiercely proud Colonel Muammar Gaddafi will want to avoid.

The first thing to do, of course, is to get the hell out of Libya while he can. Even if the Transitional National Council (to use the less sexy name for the Libyan rebel army) decides not to hand him over to the ICC for his part in the seven-month Libyan civil war, it will certainly want to have its own version of the

former Egyptian president [Hosni Mubarak's trial](#).

Then only can he consider where to hole up. The lesson of Charles Taylor is to avoid friendly countries that signed the Rome Statute on the ICC. So Nigeria is out, as is South Africa. The Colonel's safest bets on the continent would be either Mauritania or Ethiopia, as both countries are not ICC signatories. Of the two, he should probably pick Mauritania – it is less open to international pressure via aid than Ethiopia, and the desert climate would suit his dress aesthetic.

You wouldn't think it, but Venezuela signed the treaty in 1998, and it came into force in 2002, which means that if Hugo Chavez decided to welcome Brother Leader into his country, he would have be opening himself to international sanctions. Chavez could use that as an opportunity to stick it to the world – or he could bow under pressure, and hand Gaddafi over. No, Venezuela is too risky.

And even though Turkey has yet to accede to the Rome Treaty, it is making steps to do so in order to lube up its entry into the European

Union. Also, Turkey is a Nato member state. The USA “unsigned” the Rome Treaty and thus wouldn’t be obliged to hand Brother Leader over? Please, be serious.

It really boils down to three choices: China, India and Pakistan. All three countries have refused to sign the Rome Treaty, mainly because it would open up their regional tiffs to international scrutiny.

You’d think that China would be the obvious choice here. It is richer than the other two states, so the Colonel would probably be ensconced in greater luxury. And the likelihood of [Seal Team Six](#) sneaking into the People’s Republic in the dead of the night and shooting Gaddafi in the head would be very small indeed.


But it isn’t in China’s interests to take on a more rogue-state stance. In fact, they are probably looking to cosy up to the TNC, which wouldn’t work if they had Gaddafi stowed away somewhere. “The Chinese side respects the

choice of the Libyan people,” Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said in a statement.

“The Chinese side is willing to work with the international community to play a positive role in the reconstruction process of Libya in the future.” Hmmm. Gaddafi hasn’t fled the country, and China is already making “Libya after Gaddafi” noises? Nah, scratch Beijing.

So, India or Pakistan, then? Would the warring neighbours be crazy enough to piss off the powers that be in the world to afford the Colonel a refuge?

The SABC reported on Monday that Angola was offering asylum to the Brother Leader, according to its sources. He may just opt for the Southern African nation, where he could possibly still advance his long-running dream for a “United States of Africa”.

Or Gaddafi could just go to North Korea and forego the flowing kaftans for a military khaki suit. Back to basics time, Colonel. 



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LIBYA VER 2.0 STARTS ... RIGHT NOW

At the time of this writing, Tripoli is not yet fully in rebel hands and there are still garrisons loyal to Gaddafi in various places. Brother Leader has not yet been run to ground or brought before the International Criminal Court, let alone exile – although Angola has reportedly offered to be a host. Regardless, the maneuvering over what happens next is already well underway. By J BROOKS SPECTOR.

On Monday, Richard Haass, a veteran Republican foreign policy pro and now president of the Council on Foreign Relations, defined the new challenges. "The rebels – in effect a disparate mix (coalition would suggest something more structured than is the case)

of individuals and groups, from former regime loyalists to liberal secularists to Islamists –

Photo: People celebrate the fall of Tripoli near the court house in Benghazi August 22, 2011. The Arab League and Egypt threw their weight behind Libya's rebels on Monday as opposition forces cornered Muammar Gaddafi's loyalists in their remaining strongholds in the capital Tripoli. REUTERS/Esam Al-Fetori)

have little in common beyond their opposition to the continued rule of Libya's first family. Now that this goal is about to be realised, their disagreements could well take centre stage... What is also all but certain is that the Libyans will not be able to manage the situation about to emerge on their own."

Haas added that now is the time for international forces to "restore and maintain order" rather than after things really go to pieces, adding

"...it is up to Nato, the European Union and the UN, working with the Libyan opposition, the African Union, and the Arab League, to put together a response to the new Libyan reality – a reality that includes one million refugees, several hundred thousand internally displaced civilians and a country capable of producing some two billion barrels of oil a day."

That looks a very tall order. Haass argues Barack Obama may need to reconsider his policy of no US boots on the ground – a position that Obama had reiterated Tuesday afternoon. Taking Haass' advice would probably put Obama on a collision course with the Congress, much of his own party, and the potential Republican challengers for his job – simultaneously.

In contrast, another Bush II foreign policy heavyweight, Philip Zelikow, argues Libya's transformation virtually ensures that while a return to the old Middle Eastern oligarchy of cronies and despots is increasingly unlikely, the solutions to the problems of this new landscape will come from within the societies now in such flux, rather than from outsiders. But the Financial Times' David Gardner counters there

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is not much to build with in Libya now to "kick-start the lengthy process of rebuilding a country ruled for 42 years by a messianic tribal chieftain who destroyed all institutional life".

But Libya's incipient chaos and confusion includes a wide range of key questions beyond what to do with Gaddafi – if or when he is captured. Among these are how to identify and repatriate funds looted by Gaddafi and his allies and family. Once such funds are successfully claimed, the next step is how or if to make whole the many individuals and domestic and foreign companies which suffered injuries and property damage. On top of these issues, Khalid Koser of the Brookings Institution adds "there is another civilian population equally in need of protection from whom attention seems to have fallen away in recent weeks, and that is the displaced within and from Libya".

And all of this does not include providing payments to the survivors of people who died in the conflict, or any restitution process for people jailed or driven into exile by Gaddafi. In a country where the governmental and judicial systems were so thoroughly personalised and degraded by the cult of Gaddafi, even creating

mechanisms to address these problems will be difficult and time-consuming.

Then there are the questions related to restoring oil and natural gas production. Beyond technical issues will be determining whether current contracts and production leases must be renegotiated – and if so, with whom. Even before Libyan rebels had captured Tripoli, Italy's foreign minister Franco Frattini had already put down a marker saying Italian oil company Eni “will have a No. 1 role in the future” in Libya, and getting a little ahead of himself, he claimed Eni technicians were already en route to restart oil production. For the record, Eni quickly denied it had any personnel on the way to Libya, Italy's largest single source of imported oil.


Eni, BP, France's Total and Austria's OMV were all big producers before the fighting started and they obviously have the most to gain from an end to the fighting. And American companies, Hess, ConocoPhillips and Marathon had also been in bed with the Gaddafi regime, although the US itself depends on Libya for less than 1% of its total oil imports.

The big question, now, of course, is whether or not a new regime would continue to honour all those contracts signed by Gaddafi's government. Responding to this as yet unanswered question, Abdeljalil Mayouf, a spokesman for the Libyan rebel oil company Agoco, is already on record with “We don't have a problem with Western countries like Italians, French and U.K. companies. But we may have some political issues with Russia, China and Brazil.” Now this is going to be very interesting, once the squabbling begins in earnest once peace finally breaks out.

Beyond sorting out claims for restitution or confirming oil production contracts, the apparent

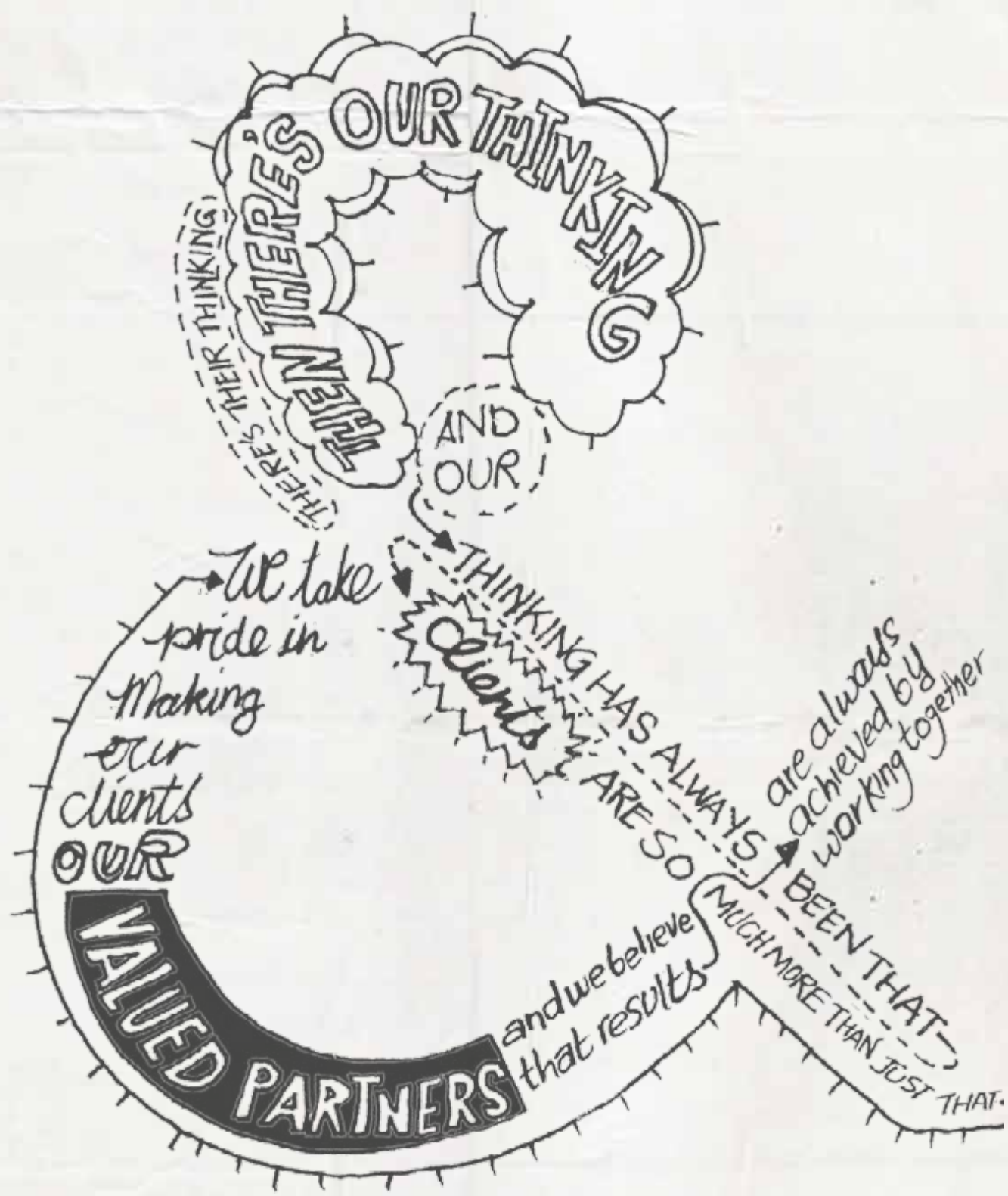
collapse of the Gaddafi regime may well have positive consequences for the leaders of France, the UK and the US as well. Karim Emile Bitar, a Middle East specialist at Paris' Institution of International and Strategic Relations said: “So this final break-through is a result of real progress and improvement among rebel fighters, as well as the political decision by Western leaders that they couldn't afford to let their intervention in the conflict drag on past six months”.

And the New York Times, in the lead-up to the 2012 election, is already posting video reports analysing the impact of the rebel's victory for Obama's reelection.

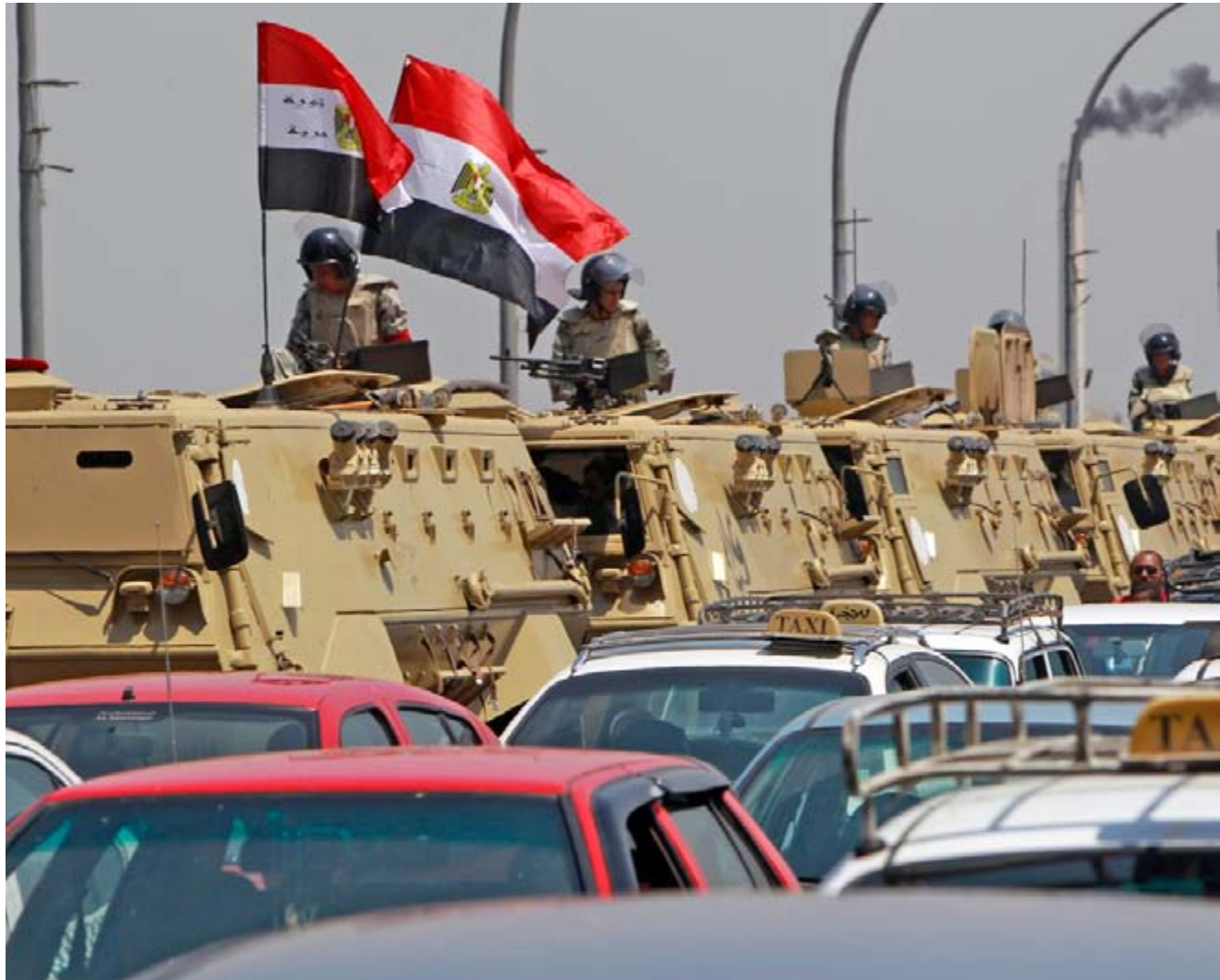
We almost certainly will be hearing the inevitable calls for international conferences to sort out the rebuildings – along with some very sharp elbows under the basket over oil contracts. And this list doesn't even include the turf battles and infighting over whether the UN, the AU or yet some other body takes the lead in spending Libya's money for all this. Along the way, the Libyans will also have to sort out their own new national compact amongst the many tribal loyalties that split the country east to west and north to south. 

READ MORE:

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2. [Libya Now Needs Boots on the Ground](#) in the Financial Times
3. [Libya's Fall Will Renew the Arab Spring](#) in the Financial Times
4. [The Arab World Must Support Libya](#) in the Financial Times
5. [The conflict in Libya The sands of time Amid criticism, William Hague calls for patience over Libya](#) in the Economist
6. [The fall of Tripoli - With a rebel yell](#) in the Economist
7. [Displacement in Libya: Humanitarian Priorities at the Brookings Institution Project on Internal Displacement](#)
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9. [The Scramble for Access to Libya's Oil Wealth Begins](#) in the New York Times



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NEW YORK

Dominique Strauss-Kahn's rape accuser's Monday meeting with District Attorney prosecutors will determine whether the charges against him will be dismissed ahead of Tuesday's court date. The former IMF head, memorably described as a "rutting gorilla", has been accused of rape by chambermaid Nafissatou Diallo, but concerns over her credibility as a witness may see Strauss-Kahn walk free.

CHINA

US VP Joe Biden concluded his visit to China by reassuring the country that the US would not renege on its debt. The Chinese are understandably getting a little edgy about the fact that the US owes them £608 billion, given America's recent credit downgrading. "You're safe," Biden told students at a Chinese school, but that might not make them – or their parents – sleep any easier.

GAZA

As of Sunday night, a UN and Egypt-brokered ceasefire had supposedly been agreed after three days of violence between Israel and Islamic militant group Hamas. But on Monday, Hamas allegedly continued to fire rockets into Israel, leaving the integrity of the agreement in doubt. Israel's Foreign Ministry said they were gung-ho for



Joe Biden in China (Reuters)

a ceasefire but had no knowledge of whether Hamas would stick to their side of the deal.

SYRIA

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has rejected calls from Western leaders to resign, saying that criticism from the West meant nothing to him. English deputy PM Nick Clegg was the latest to ask Assad to step down, calling him "as irrelevant to Syria's future as Gaddafi is to Libya's". Assad claims he is going to introduce reforms any day now, but we're not holding our breath.

RUSSIA

Kim John-Il is taking his first visit to Russia in almost a decade, although North Korean state media is calling it an "unofficial visit". It's hard to see

what would constitute an official visit in that case, since he's travelling by armoured train and meeting President Medvedev. It's suggested that one of the items on the agenda will be a plan for a pipeline through the Korean peninsula to allow Russia to sell gas to South Korea. It might be worth it for North Korea because they'd make a packet in handling charges.

USA

American education just gets weirder and weirder. Following on the announcement earlier this year that Indiana would no longer teach kids how to do joined-up writing, because they'll only need to type, comes the news that almost one in four schools in South Dakota are cutting the school week down to four days due to budgetary constraints. Kids from all

over the States will be begging their parents to move there.

IRAN

Iran is moving some of its centrifuge machines to an underground bunker in the country's centre. As if you needed us to tell you, a centrifuge machine is used to enrich uranium, and uranium is the source for nuclear energy. The new site will help protect the stash from attack, because it's carved out of a mountain. Iran's nuclear chief and VP, Fereidoun Abbasi, said in June that Iran planned to triple its output of uranium, for no reason whatsoever of course.

USA

NASA has released a report suggesting that climate change may heighten the chances of an alien approach. You see, aliens might be watching the changes in Earth's atmosphere and take them as a sign of a civilisation growing out of control (well, fair assumption). The researchers' report suggests there are three possible outcomes for aliens making contact: beneficial (we cooperate with them or enslave them), neutral (they're too alieny to talk to) or harmful (they enslave us, or hang around irritatingly like the prawns in District 9).

PUERTO RICO

The first hurricane of the Caribbean storm season has



Valentina Matviyenko (Reuters)

landed. Hurricane Irene has hit Puerto Rico, flooding streets and causing rivers to overflow, and leaving a million people without electricity. Now it's on its way to the Bahamas, with the Dominican Republic on high alert. Obviously meteorologists are most afraid that it might affect Haiti, which is so denuded of vegetation after the earthquake that the risk of mudslides and landslides is very high.

TRIPOLI

By Monday night, the vast majority of Tripoli was under rebel control, although fierce fighting continued. Three of Gaddafi's sons – Saif, Mohammed

and Al-Saadi – had reportedly been captured, although there was no sign of the big guy himself. There were jubilant scenes in the re-named Martyrs' Square in central Tripoli, with a lot of celebratory gunfire and rebels shooting holes in posters of Gaddafi's face. They'll be hoping to get their hands on the real thing next.

INDIA

Thousands of supporters of anti-corruption activist Anna Hazare are gathered in the grounds of Ram Lila Maidan, a large park in Delhi. Hazare continues his hunger strike, which has so far seen him lose 5kg but reportedly maintain good health. Rallies in support of Hazare are also taking place in other major Indian cities. Hazare is rapidly establishing himself as a Gandhi-like figure to this generation of disenfranchised Indians.

RUSSIA

A close female ally of Russian PM Vladimir Putin has won a seat in Russia's upper house of Parliament, strengthening her bid to become speaker of the house, the third most powerful job in Russia. Valentina Matviyenko allegedly won 95% of the vote, but opposition observers claim the vote was rigged. If she makes it to speaker, she will officially be the most powerful Russian stateswoman since Catherine the Great.



NEW EGYPT, SAME ISRAEL, OLD CRACKS APPEARING

Much of the Western coverage of the Egyptian uprising centred on the potential pitfalls in ties between Egypt and Israel. Hosni Mubarak was a darling of the Egyptian government. He had helped to secure the Sinai peninsula, secured gas deals well beneath market value and kept the squeeze on Hamas in Gaza. By KHADIJA PATEL.

Such was the esteem in which Mubarak was held in Tel Aviv that when he finally bowed out of office, speculation was rife that he would spend his remaining years in the patronage of the Israelis. Formally, Israel and Egypt have been at peace for years now. The military government that assumed power after the collapse of Mubarak's regime were quick to assure the Americans and their Israeli neighbours that they would indeed uphold the peace treaty. The rest of the world heaved a sigh of relief, a potential

war between two armies subsidised heavily by the Americans seemed to have been averted.

Formally at least Egypt and Israel enjoy friendly relations. Israeli tourists frequent the Red Sea resorts and Egyptians with more liberal sensibilities hop across the border to visit with their Israeli friends. The sentiment on the Egyptian street, however, always

Photo: Egyptian army vehicles are parked near the Israeli embassy as protesters shout slogans against Israel during a protest in front of the Israeli embassy in Cairo August 21, 2011. Reuters.

remained deeply antagonistic towards Israel and when Mubarak fell, one of the most vocal calls in the reform process was a review of relations with Israel. Those Egyptians who had thronged to public squares across the country earlier this year feel Israel benefits the most in its friendship with Egypt. In a post-revolution Egypt where antagonism towards the ruling military council is growing as well as frustration with the lack of palpable change, a fight with Israel is waiting to happen.

Revolutionary Egypt has not endeared itself to Israel by making good with Iran, opening the Rafah border and so easing the isolation of Hamas in Gaza. Away from the corridors of power, the gas pipeline supplying Israel and Jordan with natural gas was sabotaged by unknown assailants. Then a historic peace treaty between warring Palestinian factions, Hamas and Fatah was brokered in Egypt. Soon, Egypt also looked to squeeze a few more pennies out of Israel by redrawing contracts for gas exports. The Egyptian government may well not have transformed yet, but it showed early on that it was no Mubarak. This is an Egypt with far greater self-esteem.

So on Thursday as Israel reeled from the attacks on the Red Sea resort of Eilat that left eight Israelis dead, Israeli officers in a haze of speculation, shot and killed five Egyptians in a security sweep on the border. Egyptian feathers were immediately ruffled.

When Israeli defence minister Ehud Barak pointed to Egypt's weak hold on Sinai to explain the attacks on Eilat, Egypt immediately demanded an apology. Israel contends gunmen reached the area by travelling from Gaza through Egyptian Sinai then across the border with Israel. Egypt in turn refutes this insisting

that the security of the Sinai peninsula is none of Israel's business. The Israeli Defence Force explained it had fired "toward the sources of fire" and had not aimed at Egyptian soldiers, but did not rule out the possibility that Egyptian soldiers were hit by IDF fire "because terrorists had fired from positions near those of the Egyptian army".

Following the deaths of the officers, Egypt in an angry huff, threatened to recall its ambassador from Tel Aviv. Israel after some prodding from the US relented and issued a statement expressing its "regret" over the killing of the Egyptian soldiers. Egypt, not yet satisfied with Israeli regret, insists Tel Aviv issue an unequivocal apology instead, but for now the tensions seem to have cooled off.

On the Egyptian streets, however, the mood is quite different. Thousands of protesters gathered outside the Israeli embassy in Cairo on Saturday and after a day spent chanting against the Israelis, protesters broke through barricades. Eventually, early on Sunday morning a young Egyptian man scaled 13 floors of the apartment building housing the Israeli embassy in Cairo and took down the Israeli flag. He replaced it with an Egyptian flag, instantly propelling himself to the status of a national hero. The mood in Egypt was suddenly buoyant. People have been as happy as the night Mubarak stepped down. This then is revolutionary Egypt where Israel is certainly no friend of the people. 

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1. Egyptian young man scales 13 floors to bring down the Israeli flag in [Al Ahram Online](#)
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The JSE All Share Index ended the day flat at 29,433. Prepaid airtime distributor, Blue Label Telecoms led the gainers, up 8.4% whilst Harmony Gold regained some Friday's losses with a 4.6% gain. Airline operator Comair was amongst the biggest losers dropping 8.7%.

GLOBAL**US**

Dennis Gartman, the famed technical investor, said the gold price was set to go "parabolic" (cone-shaped) as it neared the \$1,900 per ounce level. Whilst technical indicators show signs of a pull back, analysts expect the price to break through \$2,000 in the long-term. Gold has seen a spectacular rise in price as market fears have fled to the precious metal as relative safe haven in the sea of turmoil.

UK

The FTSE closed up 1.08% at 5,095 as investors climbed into dividend yielding stocks after the mayhem of last week. Randgold, the mining exploration company, was amongst the big gainers up 3.9%. Vodafone, Royal Dutch Shell and GlaxoSmithKline added most



Bank of America (Reuters)

points to the FTSE 100 index after recent losses, which took 6% off Europe's leading equity market. Financial stocks continued their free-fall led by Royal Bank of Scotland, dropping yet another 5.3%. RBS has now shed over 20% of its value in the last three trading days.

Glencore, the world's largest diversified commodities trader, will be hoping that market volatility has helped lift earnings ahead of its first-half results announcement next week. Since listing in May, the counter is down almost 33%.

A father and son swindling team were jailed for a total of 19 years for a share-selling scam reminiscent of the Hollywood movie "Boiler Room". The scam spanned ten countries and over 1,700 investors were relieved of £28 million.

US

Shares in Bank of America plunged as much as 6.6% on Monday as market fears of further legal liabilities over mortgages grew. BOA and JP Morgan Chase are hoping to pay penalties in excess of \$20 billion in exchange for being released from a wide-range of potential legal liabilities over mortgage practice claims.

The Mortgage Bankers Association of America said that 8.5% of homeowners missed at least one repayment in the most recent reporting quarter. In a normal market environment, this figure normally stands at 1.1%, with eight times more homeowners now at risk of foreclosure.

Car manufacturers Toyota and Ford announced a partnership agreement to work on petrol-



Greek Finance Minister, Evangelos Venizelos (Reuters)

electric hybrid trucks and SUV's. The partnership will focus on developing rear-wheel drive hybrid vehicles with telephone, internet and entertainment systems for the people's choice of gas-guzzlers.

HP's attempt at an iPad killer, the "TouchPad", has been confined to the ever-increasing graveyard of iPad challengers, after only seven weeks on the market. The tablets were cut from a retail price of \$399 to just \$99 to move initial stock off the retail shelves. "Non-iPad tablets just aren't selling at retail," said an analyst from research firm Detwiller Fenton.

Skype, the free VOIP service provider about to be consumed into the Microsoft empire, has announced that it plans to buy GroupMe, the group text messaging player. GroupMe was

founded last year at a Tech-Crunch Disrupt Hackathon. Skype would not reveal how much it paid for GroupMe.

EUROPE

Germany's Bundesbank warned against the euro zone becoming a "transfer union" that wouldn't incentivise each member country to run sound financial budgets. Efforts by the French and German governments, announced last week, look to push the zone towards some form of fiscal union against growing opposition from the German public to take on other countries' debts.

The European Central Bank spent 14.3 billion euros on buying government bonds to shield large countries like Spain and Italy from the debt crisis. The ECB purchases have driven down borrowing rates

that have threatened to cripple their economies. Two words, "black" and "hole" spring to mind.

SPAIN

The Spanish Football League and the Player's Union are set to continue talks after failing to find a resolution to the strike action that has delayed the start of the Spanish league. These are fourth round talks that have yet to determine how unpaid players contracted to clubs under administration will be protected. The Player's union says that over 50 million euros is owed to 200 players from the end of last season.

GREECE

Finance Minister, Evangelos Venizelos, forecasted the debt stricken country's GDP to shrink by more than previously expected. Original estimates of 4.5% have been revised to an even more shocking 5.3%. The country is barely surviving on the rescue loans of 220 billion euro from its European buddies and the IMF.

QATAR

The Qatari tourism authority says it intends to spend \$20 billion in tourism infrastructure development over the next 11 years as it prepares to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Here's hoping air-conditioning units will be near the top of the budget list.



A BRIEF LOOK: HP FIRESALE SEES TABLET SELL FOR \$99

It is a stunning admission of defeat to the Apple iPad. Last week, after announcing that it was effectively shutting down its hardware business, HP's TouchPad – the 16Gb model – was being sold for a mere \$99 (about R720) in some stores. The four-fifths bite out of the asking price invited a flurry of customers, but still HP lost. Badly. By SIPHO HLONGWANE.

Last week, HP said it was looking to get rid of its Personal Systems Group, its PC and mobile devices marketing division, and would stop all production on the flopped HP TouchPad. HP said it wanted to concentrate wholeheartedly on its software division.

In response, retailers slashed prices on the TouchPad, hoping to recoup a fraction of the cost. The 16Gb TouchPad was going for \$99, and the 32Gb for \$150 (R1,000), on [HP's very own site](#).

Even without its parent company's troubles, the TouchPad was a sad shadow of the iPad. When it was launched on 1 July last year, it was greeted with indifference or outright loathing.

It was [described](#) as buggy, too heavy and too expensive. Last week, US chain store Best Buy announced that it had sold just 25,000 TouchPads in an inventory of 270,000. Apple [sold](#) 3.27 million iPad tablets between April and June 2010.

As if to rub salt into HP's wounds, rumours of the [next generation iPad](#) are surfacing. It is apparently going to be ready for an early 2012 launch.

READ MORE:

1. U.S. Best Buy to sell \$100 HP TouchPad Sunday in [CNet News](#)
2. HP's \$99 TouchPad Tablet Selling out in Retailer Fire Sale in [PC World](#)



ACSA SEXTUPLES LOSS, EYES RAID ON CONSUMER WALLETTS

The Airports Company of SA on Monday reported a R310 million loss for its last financial year – and it doesn't like it. Despite spending billions on new infrastructure, Acsa considers itself entitled to continuous profits, and thanks to its stranglehold on air travel in SA and an incestuous regulatory system, it will be getting them again next year. BY PHILLIP DE WET.

Sometimes operating airports isn't as easy as you may think. During its last financial year, to the end of March, Acsa took a R2 million a month hit in car park revenue at Johannesburg's OR Tambo International Airport because travellers started using the Gautrain. That was before the Gautrain system was significantly expanded, and ignoring the negative impact on car rentals at the airport. Or consider what happened when Emirates introduced a direct flight between Luanda and Dubai: with dollar-flush Angolans no longer passing through SA, retail sales at airport malls declined.

But for a company that charges a toll on just about every passenger that boards or disembarks an airplane in South Africa, that is small change. With the World Cup providing a fillip to passenger numbers, Acsa saw its revenues increase 34%, with increases in everything from aircraft parking fees to the money made from billboards inside airports. It was real money too; cash takings were up by R1 billion.

The only thing missing was a profit. The core

Photo: OR Tambo, Johannesburg. (Reuters)

company reported a R310 million after-tax loss for the year, more than six times the real-world loss it would have reported for the previous year, if it hadn't been for a highly profitable property sale. Its entire operational profit, and then some, was eaten up by almost R1.5 billion in finance expenses as it rolled out huge upgrades to the two biggest airports in the country, and built a new one in rural KwaZulu-Natal.


Dipping into the red on the back of a build programme of that scale would have been acceptable for many companies, especially if they still had R578 million in cash in hand afterwards. After all, during the last financial year Acsa built what it values at R5 billion in buildings, and another R2.76 billion worth of runways, aprons and roads. Those investments allowed it to increase the space available for retail in airports (which now makes up 32% of its revenues), display more billboards, land more and bigger planes, and generally put in place the foundation for future growth.

Acsa, however, expected to turn a profit throughout its expansion, and is miffed at what it considers its first-ever loss since 1993. (A handy R821 million profit booked on the sale of land around the new King Shaka airport in the 2010 year masked a small loss.) It is determined to reverse the "unfavourable economic regulatory regime" it blames for that loss. That would require increasing its operating margin from 24.4% to a healthy 31.1% – and that can only come from higher prices.

After a long battle with its regulator and the transport ministry, which ended up in court, it will get its wish this year, it seems, one way or another. The airline industry believes Acsa has already been granted tariff hikes that

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will amount to a 70% increase this year, with more to come. Acsa, however, is under the impression that talks are still required around compensating it for the long delay in price increases, plus some recalculation to be done. In other words, it doesn't believe the increases about which the airlines are already screaming blue murder are big enough.

The ultimate referee in the dispute between Acsa, the airlines, and the regulator, is sadly anything but neutral. Acsa is 74.6% owned by the department of transport (as opposed to the national Treasury), and another 20% is effectively owned by the pension fund that looks after government employees. It is in the interests of neither to put Acsa under pressure to contain costs or improve services. A nice smooth increase in fees, buried in airline ticket prices and borne by consumers a hundred rand or so at a time, is so much simpler. 

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For generations, South Africa has been a nation of beer drinkers that supported a brewing monolith with a virtual stranglehold on the market. But the independent brewers are staging a revolution, and two of the smartest marketers in this country are part of this effort to overthrow the old ale order. By MANDY DE WAAL.

This was not the kind of beer you could open and throw down the hatch while sitting around a fire burning boerewors. Named after the vessel that was specifically crafted to bring Vasco de Gama to South Africa, Gabriel was a champagne-style corked beer produced in Portugal. After popping the cork, the bottle was to be shared, like a really good wine, alongside fine food. “This was a premium, occasional beer,” says Brad Armitage. It was also the first line of premium craft beer that Armitage and his partner Rui Esteves brought to South Africa

as part of a revolution they wanted to start in the market.

There’s good reason why the names Brad Armitage and Rui Esteves sound so familiar. The pair, who met while surfing in Durban 11 years ago, founded vida e caffè which set the tone for coffee drinking cultural cool very quickly after the first store opened its doors.

Five years ago they sold the vida e caffè business and decided it was time to get into

Photo: [Greg Beadle](#)

beer. “Rather than becoming brewing experts ourselves, we wanted to concentrate on sourcing the very best beer.” After a pilgrimage of the global beer world, the corked beer was their first artisan entry to the local market.

“We struggled to bring people round to the idea of sharing bottles, and a champagne-style beer bottle at that. It was just too far a stretch, and our first lesson was understanding that you have to pick and choose your battles carefully. It’s crucial to have some form of focus,” says Armitage. “In order to cultivate that market we would have had to change consumer behaviour considerably, which is very difficult. Beer is a volume business and if you don’t do the numbers you simply cannot survive.”

Under the brand **Brewers & Union**, Armitage and Esteves import hand crafted beers from Belgium and Germany at breweries that have been specifically cultivated for this purpose. To find these artisans, Armitage and Esteves travelled from Portugal to Belgium and Germany for what they say was a pilgrimage of truth and honesty in the world of beer. They believe that there is a growing market of people who want more from life than what monopolies are offering, and this was driving a thirst for values, quality, tradition and taste.

During their pilgrimage, Armitage and Esteves wanted to find artisans who had kept their integrity and who managed breweries that had been passed down from generation to generation without selling out to mass commercialism. “We went in search of Europe’s oldest, family-run breweries so that we could bring back beers we would love to drink ourselves, and to create a community who would share in this passion.”

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The result of the search is a small range that is handcrafted off shore with brands specifically selected for this market. They include Berne, an unfiltered amber lager with a fairly unique taste profile; Versus Goliath which is a filtered version of the Berne; Weiss a German style wheat beer; and Beweres & Union which is closest to the South African drinking palate.

South Africa is a mass produced beer consuming nation who out of habit drink the marketing campaign rather than the beer. If it is a cold familiar brand and has got bubbles, locals will twist the cap and drink without too much thought. To set themselves apart, elite beer drinkers were easily conned into thinking that Amstel was a “slow-brewed, extra-matured” amber brew, which possibly meant the production was governed by some purity law like the Reinheitsgebot. This together with the price gave the beer snob appeal. “If the beer comes from abroad, consumers automatically think it is a premium or better, which isn’t always so.”

The global beer market is very diverse but because of an almost monopoly type local market, South Africans largely glug down one style of beer which Armitage says is a “sterile, crisp, dry lager.”

Truth is, Amstel was a little traditional Dutch brewery in the 1800's, but became part of the mass beer market after being bought by Heineken in 1866. After the sale went through, one of the first things Heineken did was to consolidate operations and relocate brewing to the heartland of Heineken operations at Zoeterwoude in the Netherlands. There Heineken pumps out about 139.2 million hectolitres of beer.

“Basically the South African beer market is a little like the wine market was 15 years ago when KWV was in control. But there's a small revolution going on driven by the growth of independent and boutique bears, and this is witnessing the burgeoning of a whole new market. We are educating people to question what they're putting in their mouth. Now when people drink wine they want to know how the grapes are farmed or want to meet the wine maker and sit with him in his cellar.”

After the KWV stronghold over the local

wine industry ended, enthusiasts got to truly appreciate wine thanks to the marketing and education efforts of local wine brands. Nowadays enthusiasts collect anything and everything from everyday drinking wine to rare special editions.

“People spend days with the winemaker trying to understand why a wine is unique and why they should pay a little extra. They match wines with what they are eating and with what kind of day it is. But when it comes to beer they simply pour whatever down their throat,” says Armitage.

The global beer market is very diverse but because of an almost monopoly type local market, South Africans largely glug down one style of beer which Armitage says is a “sterile, crisp, dry lager.” He says the big mass breweries own some 90% of the local market, if not more. “Chefs have been force fed this narrow view of beer. You'll go to high end restaurants and they will have a hand curated list of wine, but sell the box wine equivalent of beer.”

“We're not saying that our beer will replace all other beers. The beers we are bringing into South Africa are unique and should be curated at restaurants just like wine, so people appreciate the process of selecting and enjoying a craft beer as they would a bottle of good wine,” he says.

Initially Brewers & Union struggled to get their beer into restaurants and knew they'd be dead in the water if people didn't have some place where they could enjoy the beer, so they opened up a pub under the old NG church in Bree Street, Cape Town. “The bar has been instrumental to growing our brand and people

come and enjoy some food and music and our beer.”

Brand expert Jonathan Cherry says the smartest aspect of Brewers & Union’s marketing is the successful way it has been able to target and own a niche segment. “The people who go to the bar are the cool kids in town, and that has drawn the Cape Town community to the bar because we tend to be quite ‘clicky’. If you are attracting the right crowd, and influential people, you build your brand through the word of mouth that comes through that crowd.

“The owners are at the shop the whole time, and are personally involved. They’ve not just hired a manager. They welcome you in and this personal fire makes a huge difference,” says Cherry.

He said more and more people are getting sick of big business. “I get a strong sense that more people are looking at big business and think they are getting ripped off. People want better experiences and don’t want to be sold crap, particularly after the recession which has made them more careful. In Cape Town in particular, people are becoming so much more conscious about what they consume. It’s about time being precious and wanting a lifestyle that yields a richer experience. I think where Brewers & Union will have an edge is that the big guys will struggle to build a community of people who really care. This is something that’s simply not possible for SAB because of their scale,” said Cherry.

“While our beer is premium we’ve cut out all of the marketing costs,” says Armitage. “When you buy mass produced beer you’re

also paying for the marketing, parties, festivals and promotional umbrellas. We’ve cut out all the crap that costs anything so we didn’t price ourselves out of the market. Instead we’ve started a ‘We love real beer’ association with other independent breweries, which I guess is counter intuitive to the local business model.” This growing association of boutique breweries and craft artisans position their produce as “real bear” as part of a drive to educate the market that it does have a choice, and that craft beer is completely natural, doesn’t have additives, is only made from barley hops and water (or in some cases wheat, hops and water), and isn’t carbonated like mass produced beer.

“The big difference between industrially made beer and artisan brewed beer is the ingredients and the process. Artisan beer is a slow process, which is what yields the complexity of taste and fine bubbles in our products. We’re banding together so we can teach people the difference and create an appreciation of craftsmanship in beer.”

Armitage says growing this market of enthusiasts who drink artisan beers has been a lesson in patience. “It’s been a slow, hard slog but people have had enough of the monopolies. Competition is healthy and we are now seeing the beginnings of a slow revolution which we hope will forever change the local beer market.” 

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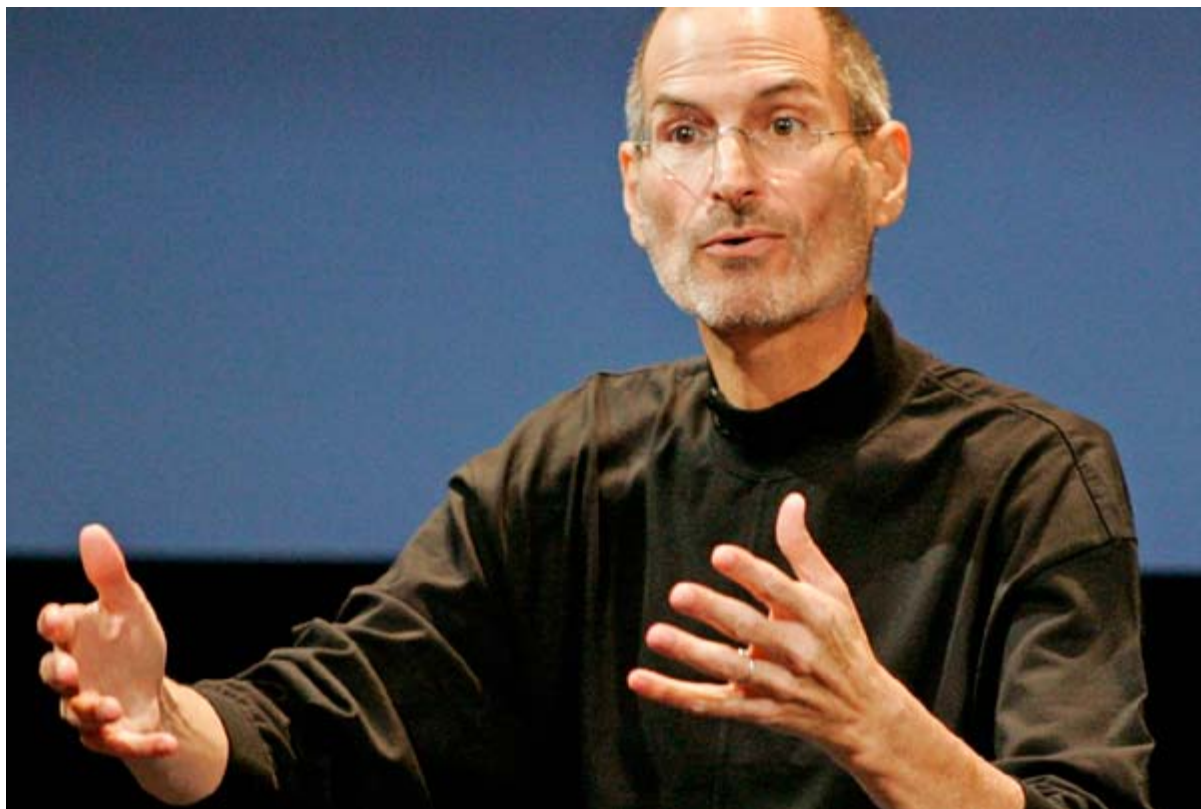
Apple will begin trial production of the next generation of iPads in October, looking to get them out on the market by early 2012. iPad 3 will have better pixel resolution, no doubt will be lighter and thinner, and capable of cooking your dinner and giving you a sensual massage. Maybe not the last two, but you know you'll want one anyway.

UK

British newspaper the Daily Mail's website is now the most popular news website in Europe and the second-most popular news site in the world, second only to the New York Times. We know this from new web analytics figures released for June. The Daily Mail specialises in celebrity gossip and warning Britons that immigrants keep spreading Aids, so by some measures, it's not the most cheerful news.

UK

The biggest Hindu festival outside India in the world happened over Sunday and Monday in Hertfordshire. The two-day Janmashtami festival celebrates the birth of Hindu god Lord Krishna, with 60,000 people attending to watch dancing, drama and listen to talks from swami teachers.



Steve Jobs (Reuters)

FRANCE

French Vogue is in trouble for images it published in its January edition of ten-year-old Thylane Blondeau looking like a "sexpot", according to critics. It's unclear why the pictures have resurfaced now, months after the fact, but the ten year-old's mother has said she doesn't see what the fuss is about. French Vogue claimed their aim was to parody the inappropriate sexualisation of young girls... by doing exactly the same thing. Difficult stuff to wrap your head round.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Shed a tear for Richard Branson whose mansion on his private isle in the British Virgin Islands has been entirely destroyed when it was hit by lightning after a storm related

to Hurricane Irene. The hero of the house was reportedly Branson's son Tom, who helped evacuate the tycoon's 90-year-old mother and about 20 other guests, including Oscar-winning actress Kate Winslet.

UK

Deceased singer Amy Winehouse's father Mitch has been forced to return donations given from fans towards a foundation in his daughter's name, because someone has already registered the name of the Amy Winehouse Foundation. Mitch is not happy, ranting on Twitter that "we all have to bombard the tabloids' website to put pressure on the dickhead who stole our foundation name". When they sort this all out, the foundation will raise funds for troubled kids.



Ferrari 458 Spider (Reuters)

CHINA

Eleven villagers have died in China and 120 others are sick after consuming toxic vinegar, Chinese state media said on Monday. One of the victims was as young as six years old. The vinegar was contaminated by being kept in barrels which previously contained anti-freeze. Eish.

CANADA

Canadian opposition leader Jack Layton died on Monday after being ill with cancer for a while. It's tragic timing, as his party – the left-leaning New

Democratic Party (NDP) – became the official opposition for the first time in May. Layton, who was well liked, only stepped down as leader last month after his illness progressed.

JAPAN

At the end of this week the Japanese PM, Naoto Kan, is expected to visit the area around the damaged Fukushima nuclear plant to tell evacuees that they will never be able to return to their homes. Public officials are now admitting for the first time that radiation

damage could make the houses close to the plant too dangerous to live in for at least a generation. Ouch

ITALY

Pictures of Ferrari's new 458 Spider were being passed around the internet ahead of its official launch on Monday night. The leaked images revealed that the car will swap the soft fabric top of its predecessor for a new folding hard-top. If you want one, get busy saving – they're predicting the motor could retail for up to R4,5 million.



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‘THE HELP’ IS A CONTROVERSIAL BLOCKBUSTER

The movie “The Help”, based on a bestselling novel about relationships between black servants and white families in the American South, has finally dislodged “Planet of the Apes” from the top spot at the US box office. The irony of this aside, both the book and its filmic adaptation have attracted controversy. By REBECCA DAVIS.

Even though it's cleaning up at American cinemas, the makers of the film and the author of the source book, Kathryn Stockett, face charges of racism and of using a real-life individual as the basis for a character without permission.

“The Help” tells the story of white families and their African-American maids in the 1960s South, and a major character is one such domestic worker named Aibileen. Earlier this year a woman named Ablene Cooper, who worked for Stockett's brother, came forward to claim the author used her name and likeness without permission and in a pejorative way. In particular Cooper took offence to the rendering of the character's language as a kind of halting pidgin-English dialect.

Now the release of the film has stirred up more criticism, with the Association of

Black Women Historians contending last week it misrepresents African-American speech and culture. “The appropriate regional accent gives way to a child-like, over-exaggerated ‘black’ dialect,” they say. This is the kind of criticism white South African authors have also attracted in the past - notably Alan Paton, whose rendering of black characters' language in “Cry, the Beloved Country” is now seen as both inauthentic and patronising.

The wider question, of course, is whether a white author or screenwriter can convincingly inhabit the persona of a black character. You can decide for yourself in this case when “The Help” hits South African screens on 7 October. **AM**

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WHAT WAS NIVEA THINKING?


Skincare company Nivea is in hot water after launching an ad campaign which has attracted almost unanimous criticism for its racism. Twitter users raised enough of a stink last week to ensure that the "Re-civilize Yourself" advert, ostensibly aimed at black men, is now a thing of the past. By REBECCA DAVIS.

The ad features a photo of a well-groomed black male preparing to hurl away a mask – presumably representing his former face – which sports a large Afro and beard. The accompanying text reads: 'Look Like You Give A Damn. Re-Civilize Yourself'. The ad went viral on Twitter after appearing in September's edition of Esquire.

Nivea's parent company Beiersdorf AG was forced into issuing an apology statement to CNN almost immediately, saying "After realising that this ad is misleading, it was immediately withdrawn". They continued: "Diversity and equal opportunity are crucial values of Nivea: the brand represents diversity, tolerance and equal opportunity". And there we all were, thinking the brand represented affordable moisturisers.

Not many commentators have come forward to defend Nivea's extraordinary blindness to the potential offensiveness of the ad, but those

who have attempted to do so have marshalled arguments resting on two (weak) points. Firstly, that there is a companion ad which features a white male tossing away a similar mask with the tagline "Sin City isn't an excuse to look like Hell". Secondly, that the wording specifies that black males should "RE-civilize themselves", implying that they were not entirely unreconstructed savages before, but had merely recently lapsed into a sub-civilised state.

What both these arguments fail to take cognisance of, though, is the context in which black males have heard similar exhortations in the past. As the Huffington Post put it: "The brand is playing on one of the most pervading racial stereotypes applied historically to the black community". 

READ MORE:

1. Nivea Ad: Is 'Re-Civilize Yourself' Racist?, in the [Huffington Post](#)



‘ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT’ GETS A SECOND LIFE IN LEGO

“Arrested Development”, the show whose untimely demise was prophesied in its own name, has just had a makeover in Lego. How can you not love it? By THERESA MALLINSON.

In a new development, the characters from the cult TV series have recently been immortalised in Lego. If you're not familiar with “Arrested Development”, its premise, as narrated in the opening credits, is “the story of a wealthy family who lost everything, and the one son who had no choice but to keep them all together”.


The cast only stuck together for three seasons though, after Fox Broadcasting cancelled the show back in 2006. Now designer Matt De Lanoy has reunited them – [in Lego](#). De Lanoy exhibited his creation at the Brickworld in Chicago in June, a convention which was created by and for Adult Fans of Lego.

And De Lanoy paid exquisite attention to recreating everyone's favourite dysfunctional family. There's George Senior in his orange prison gear, Lucille with a wineglass firmly attached to her hand, Tobias in his Blue Man

Group outfit, Gob on his Segway and Buster with his hook.

While all the main characters have received a Lego transformation, South African Charlize Theron's character of Rita Leeds didn't make the grade – she only featured in the third series and her performance was hardly one of the show's highlights.

But De Lanoy didn't stop at Lego-ising the characters. The Bluth's model home has also been built out of Lego, as has their preferred mode of transport – the Bluth Company's stair car.

Speculation about a possible “Arrested Development” film has swirled around for years. So far, only one thing is certain: if the script is being written, shooting hasn't started yet. We hope De Lanoy turns his hand to creating “Arrested Development” Lego shorts for YouTube to keep fans entertained in the meanwhile. 


FACEBOOK PARTNERS WITH YAHOO TO TEST SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION THEORY

Facebook and Yahoo have joined hands to find out exactly how small a world we inhabit. Are we really within a mere six connections to anybody else on Earth? By KHADIJA PATEL.

Six degrees of separation refers to the theory that everyone on Earth is only six steps or connections removed from anybody else. Originally thought up by Frigyes Karinthy and popularised in a play written by John Guare, the theory holds that any two people can be connected in six steps or less. On the surface of it, the theory seems to explain perfectly experiences of a rapidly-shrinking world, but it has never really been proven. While attempts have been made, the findings were based on relatively small numbers of research samples. Now Facebook, the monolith that it is, has partnered with Yahoo to test the theory.

It sounds highly convoluted and there certainly are other, more urgent sociological theories that merit testing, but the “Small World Experiment” as Yahoo has dubbed it is designed to test the hypothesis that anyone in the world can get a message to anyone else in just “six degrees of separation” by passing it from friend to friend. Yahoo says of the experiment, “Now, using Facebook, we finally have the technology to put the hypothesis to a proper scientific test. By participating in this experiment, you’ll not only get to see how you’re connected to people you might never otherwise encounter, you will also be helping to advance the science of social networks.”

Beyond testing the theory itself, the experiment is also set to test exactly how social Facebook is. The experiment, which is open to anyone with a Facebook account - but requires that you agree to allow Yahoo to slink through your personal information - starts with becoming a “sender,” or person at one end of the chain. You’re then given a “target” or person you must try to reach in six steps or less. The volunteer target also provides some personal information, such as work history, schools attended, age, current city of residence and spouse’s name.

After perusing the fact sheet, senders must choose only one of their Facebook friends to start the chain. An email is sent to the person in question, and if they choose to participate, they’ll follow the same procedure. I’m waiting to find out how many friends it will eventually take for me to reach my target, a Hungarian academic. 

READ MORE:

1. Yahoo uses Facebook to test six degrees of separation theory in [ThinkDigit](#)
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NEW MERCEDES-BENZ SLK55 AMG IN WORKS

Quick! What pops into your mind when you hear the words: Mercedes-Benz? Fuddy-duddy old men? Clearly you've not come across the new breed of hairy-chested Mercs. The car maker is solidifying this rebellious new streak with the release of a new Mercedes-Benz 55SLK AMG in 2012. By SIPHO HLONGWANE.

The 2012 SLK55 AMG is not pretty or dainty. It is a brute – a Gorgon Medusa designed to limn the furthest edges of fun on four wheels. The twin-turbocharged 5.5-liter sledgehammer V-8 is a non-turbo version, cannibalised from the bigger CLS63 and S63. This translates into 415hp at 6,800rpm and 539Nm of torque at 4,500rpm, meaning you'll be hitting 100km/h in 4.5 seconds from standstill and can thrash it to 248km/h before the electronic limiter steps in.

The new SLK is due to be unveiled at the 2011 Frankfurt Auto Show next month, before going into showrooms next year. Oh, and it comes at a very affordable price, if you are the sort of person who can blow close to R500,000 on a sports car.

There is also the lesser Mercedes-Benz SLK350 which will come with a 3.5-liter V-6, and should cost a more modest R400,000.

Both cars come with a folding metal top and an impressive battery of initials and science that fortunately don't interfere with what the car does best: scare the living hell of out the driver. It's lovely to know that Merc wants to delight, even if you can't afford the alpha male in the Merc pack: the SLS AMG Gullwing. 

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1. Mercedes SLK will make you call in sick in [Concord Monitor](#)
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A CONVERSATION ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH STEPHEN CHAN

Author and academic Stephen Chan has some firm opinions about politics in southern Africa over the last decade or so. And he maintains South Africans can't fully understand our own history until we start paying more attention to that of our neighbours – Zimbabwe in particular. By THERESA MALLINSON

For anyone interested in southern African politics, Stephen Chan's latest book, *Old Treacheries, New Deceits*, is required reading. Labelling it “required” doesn't mean it's boring: Chan peppers the book with personal anecdotes from time spent in the Commonwealth

Secretariat back in the 1980s, and it's clear that he's privy to inside information regarding South Africa's mediation in Zimbabwe.

The time Chan has spent living in various southern African countries over the years –

Photo: Noel Kelly

not to mention his extensive research about others – means that he's able to view the region from a bird's-eye perspective, able to attempt to illuminate some of the complex connections that those of us living on the ground don't always have the time to explore.

Chan says his first trip to Africa was accidental. “I was working for the Commonwealth Secretariat in London, at the time of Lancaster House conference that agreed on independence for Zimbabwe. I was a very, very young junior official; I did the paper clips on the documents. After it was over I thought that was the end of it and took leave... I just thought, 'thank god, Christmas holiday'. And I came back and there was a note on my table saying ‘don't unpack, you're leading the reconnaissance group to Rhodesia', as it then was. So I anchored the Commonwealth observer process in the Matabele land provinces for the three months in the beginning of 1980 until independence came, and just hung around after that.”

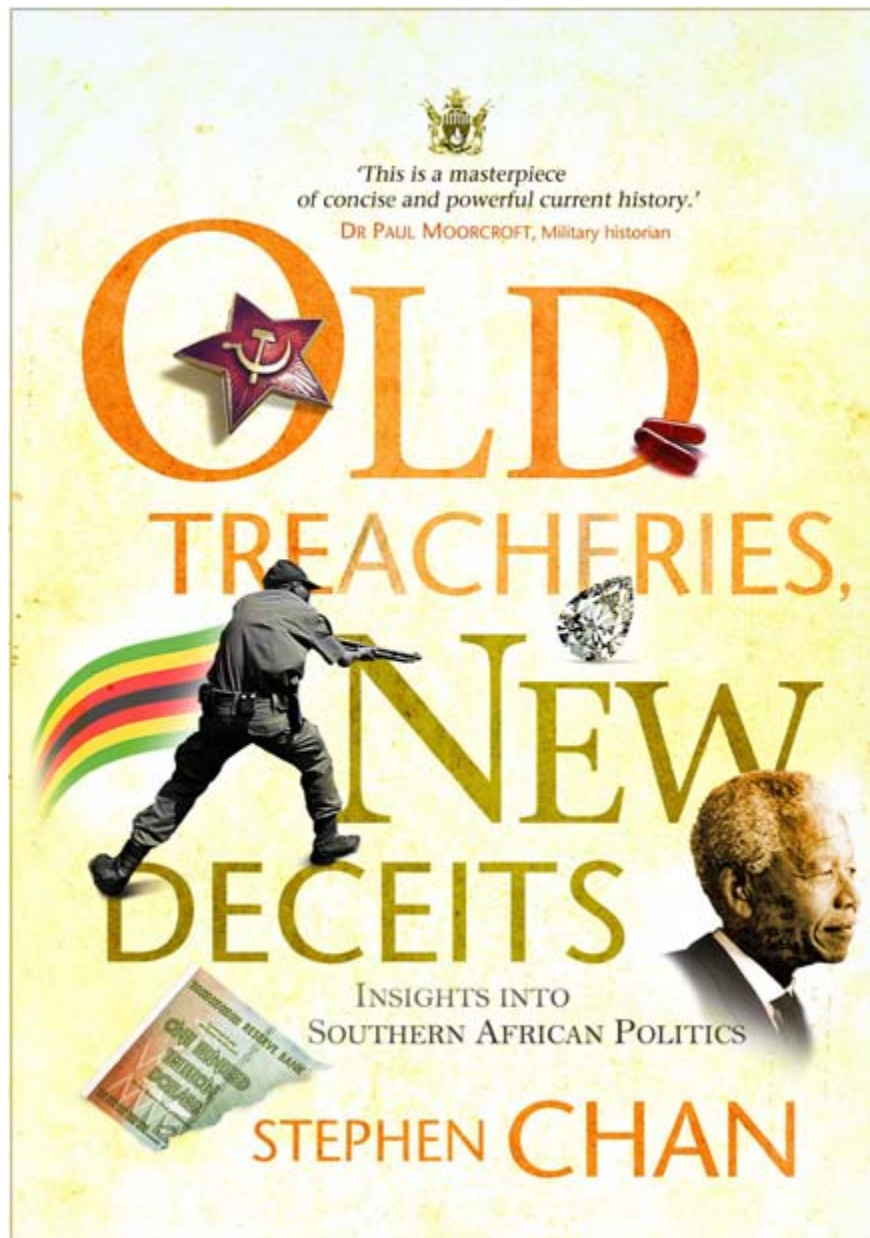
It was after time spent in the early 1980s at the Commonwealth office in Uganda that Chan decided to make the switch from officialdom to academia. “Uganda... was one of the assignments as part of the Commonwealth job, and this was the tail-end of the clean-up after the fall of Idi Amin. All the big ministries had already been reconstructed... no one was interested in doing the ministry of social development and youth affairs. They gave me that... I went to quite a lot of the wild lands where the war was still going on (and) just saw the real destruction and destitution of it all and thought official international life wasn't getting the full picture, so I decided to leave

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and become an academic so I could write about it fully – only to discover that the academic world didn't give the full picture either. It's been a constant struggle. But I have more freedom as an academic than I did as an international official, obviously.”

While Chan is a well-respected academic, and professor of international relations at the School of Oriental and African Studies, he feels it is important to also write for a lay audience. “I want to tell a story that people can read. It has to be a complex story, you can't dumb down the content, even if you simplify the worlds. But I am rather sick of academics just talking to other academics, otherwise why do all of this? A lot of my field research has been pretty risky stuff, so why tear your hair out... unless you have something to say to ordinary people, and ordinary readers.”

Although Chan is based in London, he



comes out to southern Africa every year. He visits other parts of the continent as well, but chiefly focuses on the south. “I just like this part of the world,” he says. “There are many problems here which are very interconnected, and one of the reasons for writing the book, for instance, (is that) people here in South Africa, although they're very knowledgeable about the frustrations and difficulties of taking this place forward, seem to have no knowledge or even any deep interest in surrounding countries.

“When I was living in Lusaka in the 1980s all the liberation groups like the ANC were in exile there... There was a lot of stuff going on which contributed to the final liberation of this

country, but could not have happened without having that base in Zambia. If you go down the streets here and ask anybody 'what do you know about Zambia?' the answer is almost inevitably 'very, very little' – I think it's a pity.

“This country caused immense damage to the surrounding region. And I think it's quite natural for a process of denial and ignorance to be commonplace. You've got to be very, very careful that you're not like the Japanese are with the Chinese, and absolutely repudiate the truth of what happened. The truth of what happened was really very profound for many of the surrounding countries, Angola and Mozambique, in particular, and to a more limited extent in Zambia.

“South Africans even tend to misunderstand the complexities of a country next door like Zimbabwe, for instance. So key linkages in the book are really about trying to explain about what went on in the relationships between those two countries, and then Zambia as a third party from the liberation days,” he says.

One way in which Chan brings our recently-lived history back to life, is by focusing on the personalities of Mbeki and Zuma; Mugabe and Tsvangirai. Regarding his approach, he says he doesn't believe in “this goodies and baddies nonsense”. Speaking of Zimbabwe, he calls himself a staunch critic of Mugabe, but is cautious not to completely vilify him. “I'm very well known in Zimbabwe for not pulling any punches. But even so it doesn't help to demonise somebody – even your worst enemy you have to try to understand.” On the other hand, as Chan phrases it: “Even the goodies make mistakes”. About MDC leader Morgan Tsvangirai, he says: “My friend, the prime

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minister, has made quite a number of mistakes as well, and I've said as much.”

Commenting on Mbeki's mediation in finding a compromise peace deal for Zimbabwe, Chan is even-handed. “To be fair to President Mbeki – and I have said he got it wrong – I'm not sure anybody else could have got it right, it was such a complex issue. But I do think that the final settlement was wrong. I do think Prime Minister Tsvangirai should have been the president. I have no problem with a power-sharing government, but the wrong man became the president. The principle of inclusiveness is fine, but democracy still has got to be reflected in that.”

As Zimbabwe is set to vote again next year, Chan's book provides a useful behind-the-scenes look as to just what went down in the 2008 elections. As well as focusing on Mugabe and Tsvangirai, he provides insights into the machinations of the Mujurus (Joyce Mujuru is

the deputy president, her husband, Solomon, who died in a fire on Monday night, was also a powerful force within Zanu-PF); Simba Makoni, who ran as an independent presidential candidate after leaving Zanu-PF and Arthur Mutambara, who led the breakaway faction of the MDC.

If you need a refresher course in contemporary southern African history and politics, *Old Treacheries, New Deceits* will get you up to speed – and send you scurrying to check-out Chan's prolific back catalogue for further insight. **AVI**

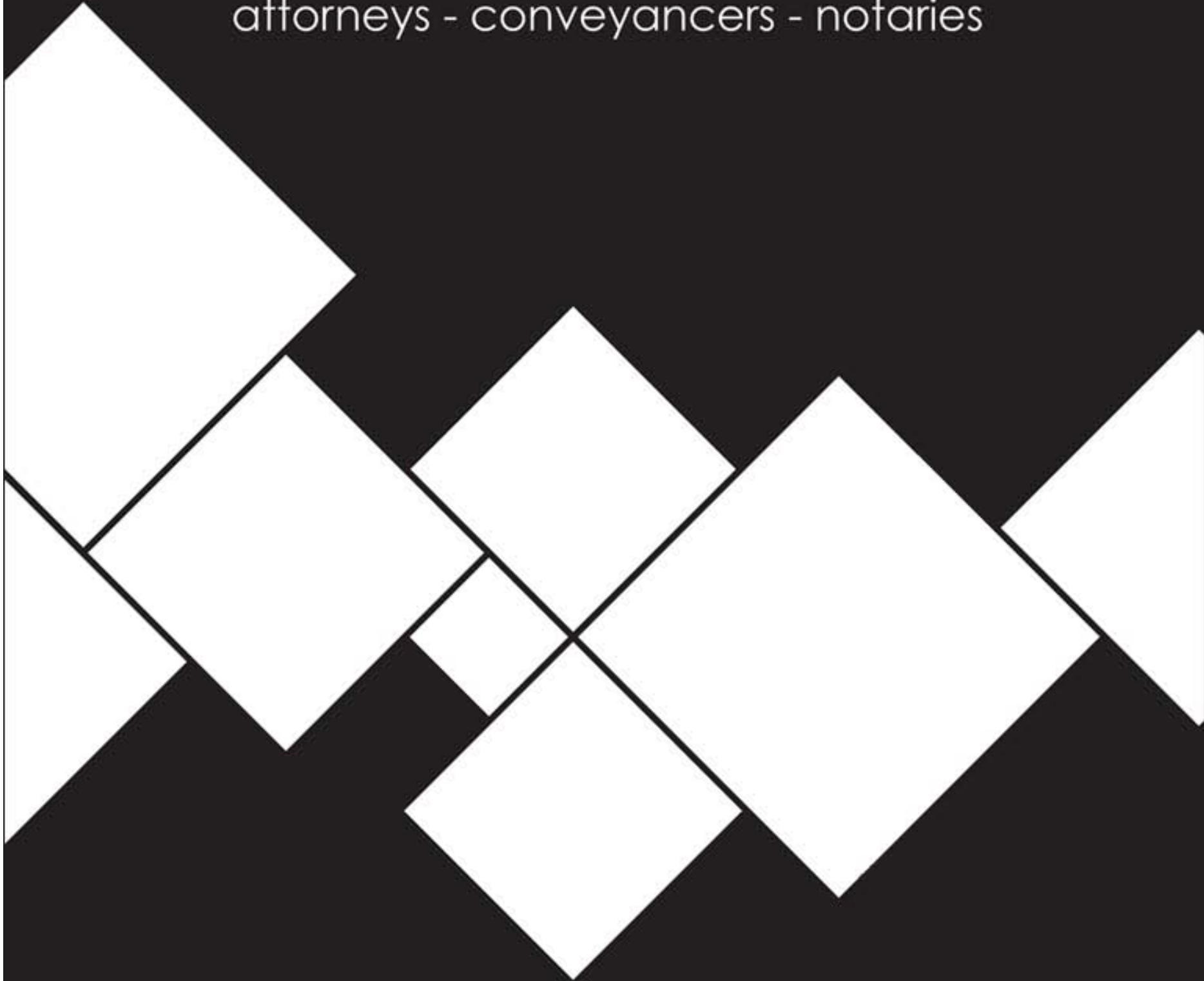
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Patrick Lambie and Frans Steyn have been cleared as available for selection to the World Cup squad, Springbok management confirmed on Monday. Steyn missed Saturday's Tri-Nations Test against New Zealand with a slight hamstring strain, while Lambie suffered a shoulder injury in the game. Lambie underwent a series of tests on Monday and team doctor Craig Roberts has reported that the Sharks man had suffered a sprain of the AC joint in his left shoulder. This would require rehabilitation and management, but it was not serious enough to rule him out of contention. The Boks RWC squad is due to be announced on Tuesday evening at 7:30pm CAT.

GLOBAL**GOLF**

Luke Donald, the world number one, topped the PGA Tour list of money winners announced on Monday. Donald leads American Nick Watney by just \$120,000 with prize money of just over \$4,500,000. Donald also leads the European Tour Race to Dubai with a touch under 3,800,000 euros, almost double that of South African Charl Schwartzel's 2,000,000 euros.



Novak Djokovic (Reuters)

Luke Donald leads the British domination of the World Golf Tour rankings, ahead of second placed Lee Westwood and fifth placed Rory McIlroy. American Steve Stricker and German Martin Kaymer complete the top five, with Charl Schwartzel the sole South African in the top 20.

TENNIS

Serbian Novak Djokovic still leads the men's rankings by a country mile, even after having to withdraw from the final of the Cincinnati Masters, ceding the title to Scot, Andy Murray. Djokovic, on 13,920 leads Rafael Nadal by 2,500 points and third ranked, Roger Federer by a huge 5,440 points.

Some Danish bird who has never won a grand slam leads the women's rankings.

UK**CRICKET**

England completed a 4-0 series whitewash over lacklustre India on the final day of the fourth test at Edgbaston. England won by an innings and eight runs after India collapsed in their follow-on innings. Sachin Tendulkar was dismissed, nine runs short of what would have been his 100th international century. Offspinner Graeme Swann took six for 106 as England cemented their spot at the top of the World Rankings.



Dimitar Berbatov (Reuters)

FOOTBALL

Manchester United struck what is believed to be the first of its kind sponsorship deal. DHL, the courier company, will pay the princely sum of £40 million over four years to sponsor, wait for it, the team's training kit. The deal is worth more than Vodafone's main shirt sponsorship of early 2000's but less than the rumoured £80 million insurer AON forked out for existing sponsorship rights. WTF next?

Arsene Wenger's hate affair with the UEFA disciplinary committee added another chapter when he was fined 10,000 euros for "improper conduct" for using his cellphone to dispense instructions to his assistant pitch-side. Wenger had been banned to the stands following his behaviour in the

round-of -16 tie against Barcelona last year.

Man United boss Alex Ferguson has rejected the advances of French Club Paris St Germain for Bulgarian striker, Dimitar Berbatov. Berbatov has been warming the United bench since losing his place to Javier Hernandez.

RUGBY

Veteran flanker Martyn Williams was left out of Wales RWC squad, one test match shy of 100 appearances for the dragons. Ireland also axed diminutive veteran scrum-half Peter Stringer from their squad. Wales play the Boks in their opening RWC encounter, whilst Ireland face-up against USA, both on 11 September.

SPAIN

Barcelona will not lodge an official complaint against Jose Mourinho for his altercation with Tito Vilanova at Camp Nou last week. Television cameras caught the Real Madrid coach poking the Barca assistant coach in his eye during the closing minutes of the Spanish Supercopa second-leg tie between the two teams. Pep Guardiola's side won the two-legged affair 5-4 on aggregate, but Mourinho once again stole the show with his antics.

SRI-LANKA

Wild-haired fast bowler Lasith "Slinga" Malinga became the first bowler to achieve three international hat-tricks on Monday. Australia collapsed from 210-5 to 211 all out as Malinga tore the tail-enders a new tail. South Africa and Kenya were his previous hat-trick victims. This rain-interrupted encounter was the final match in the series already won by Australia.

AUSTRALIA

Winger and first-choice place kicker, James O'Connor, was suspended for the Tri-Nations decider against the All Blacks in Sydney this weekend. O'Connor failed to show up for a World Cup squad announcement and was also fined AU \$10,000. Rumours that he was busy getting Justin Bieber hair highlights could not be confirmed.



WENGER JOINS PLAYERS IN SIN BIN


The Union of European Football Associations handed Arsenal manager Arsène Wenger a two-match touchline ban for reportedly ignoring an earlier sanction. At this rate, the London club will have more people on suspension or in the hospital than on the field. By SIPHO HLONGWANE.

Uefa confirmed on Monday it had given Arsenal's manager a two-match touchline ban and a R110,000 fine for breaching the terms of a previous Champion's League sanction. Wenger's earlier ban for comments he made about Swiss referee Massimo Busacca following last year's second round defeat to FC Barcelona meant he was forced to watch last week's Champion's League playoff match against Udinese from the stands, not making any contact with his team whatsoever.

Which he apparently didn't do. According to match officials, Wenger passed messages to assistant manager Pat Rice and first-team coach Boro Primorac. Arsenal are considering an appeal.

Due to the fact that each football association makes up its own rules about the tournaments it organises, Gervinho and Alex

Song will be available for Wednesday's second round match against Udinese (Champion's League), even though they have both have FA suspensions and will miss the next two weeks of Premiership football.

Abou Diaby, Armand Traore, Sebastien Squillaci, Tomas Rosicky, Johan Djourou, Jack Wilshere and Kieran Gibbs are all nursing knocks and strains of varying degree of seriousness. Wilshere, Djourou and Rosicky may all play on Wednesday, though we will most probably see them in action on Sunday against Manchester United. 

READ MORE:

1. Arsène Wenger handed two-match ban by Uefa and fined €0,000 in [the Guardian](#)



ALL ABOUT AMLA – THE SA SPORT STAR OF 2011

Last night's SA Sports Star of the Year was the first “razzmatazz” event hosted by sports minister Fikile Mbalula. It's supposed to be annual event to honour the country top athletes – though this was the first in three years. By SIMON WILLIAMSON.

Ernie Els, fresh off qualifying for a tournament – he used to win a fair few of them, you know – joined World Cup CEO/organiser/magician Danny Jordaan, football maestros Irvin Khoza and Molefi Oliphant, and fifth Dan karateka (it means he'll kick your arse) Peter Thage

in winning the Steve Tshwete Lifetime achievement awards.

The men's top award was taken by Cameron van der Burgh who won the 50m breaststroke at the Commonwealth Games

Photo: Helen Zille (Reuters)

last year in 27.18 seconds, a championship record, and set a new record for the 100m in the 2010 world short course championships. The women's award went to Banyana Banyana goal machine, with an incredible career record of 48 strikes in 61 matches, Noko Matlou who beat out stiff competition from another goal machine (in hockey, though) Pietie Coetzee and Sunette Viljoen, the continent's record javelin thrower.

But the real showdown was between three big names, all nominated for Player of the Year. Cricketer Hashim Amla, golfer Charl Schwartzel and Sevens rugby player Cecil Afrika.

Afrika is, quite simply, magical. He is impossible to tackle and has playmaking nous I haven't seen anywhere before. I was lucky enough to attend the Sevens and watch the Blitz Bokke in Hong Kong this year and, although the team performed badly (we lost in the quarters to Fiji, but recovered to finish fifth), his quality was evident. Statistically, Afrika was streaks ahead of other players in his sport last year with 40 tries – the next best was 35, and Afrika missed a tournament with a broken jaw. Add in his accurate boot and he cleaned up as international Sevens' top scorer

with a cool 385 points, 86 ahead of the next best.

But then there's US Masters champion Charl Schwartzel? In 2009 Schwartzel didn't win a tournament, but he must have had a grand holiday at the end of it because he came back in 2010 and started carving up courses. He qualified for the PGA tour at the beginning of 2011 and promptly won the Masters (the world's most traditional major – think of it as the Wimbledon of golf) after having started the day four shots behind Rory McIlroy. In 2010, Charl made nine of 11 cuts and brought \$676,845 to our fair shores. In 2011 so far he has \$2,490,958 stuffed in his wallet, has made all the cuts in 13 tournaments, with three finishes in the top 10 and nine in the top 25 – a somewhat upward streak.

But Hashim Amla's performances for the Proteas in the past year have been nothing short of exemplary. Stellar. More consistent than a metronome. Bowlers of all nations have seen that flashing blade thwacking them predominantly to the square off-side boundary as Amla scythed through anything off radar, and quite a lot on. Since May last year Amla scored 1,888 runs in 33 ODIs at an average of 60.9. Those numbers may not sound amazing,

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but it must be taken into account that Amla, during those 33 matches, scored fewer than 20 runs only six times, meaning he got a start and saw off the new ball in 27 of those innings, a statistic virtually unheard of. In Tests over a similar period, he scored 1,437 runs, passing the 50 mark 11 times and converting six of those to hundreds, the mark of a top quality player. In a two-Test series against India he scored a hundred all three times he batted, including a test best of 235*.

But it is his one-day form that is so staggering. Amla owns the number one ranking in limited-overs cricket, and his superb average isn't assisted by the fact that he opens. Only one of those innings was not out – the 119* in the third ODI against Pakistan in Dubai.


Also, take into account that his strike rate is 92.76, so he doesn't play it safe. Adam Gilchrist, one of the world's most famous tonkers, had a scoring rate of 96. Herschelle Gibbs, who was often told he was far too attacking, was 83. In fact, if you take all the people who have ever swung a bat in ODIs (and List A, as it includes the Canadas and Bermudas of this world who play each other often), Amla sits 22nd on the list for how fast he scores. Incidentally the only South African who features higher than him is Albie Morkel.

Amla's 33-match run with only six innings below 20 (18%), is also exceptional. Compare it to, during the same time period, Jacques Kallis who fell for less than 20 runs 35% of the time, Sachin Tendulkar 29% and Mike Hussey 25%.

So he scored more runs, more consistently, faster, with fewer failures than any other



player in the world, let alone South Africa. He did not disappoint in any series. Not only was he streaks ahead of his national peers, this quiet-tempered man's blade shocked the whole cricket community. While Schwartzel and Afrika both had stonking years, Amla, just did better.

So take your trophy, sir, your R250,000 and Lexus SA Sports Star prize and know that you completely owned that 2011 award. 

READ MORE:

1. Amla named SA Sports Star of the Year [Sapa](#)
2. Amla shines at the night of the stars [Sowetan](#)



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ENGLAND COMPLETES THE INDIAN WHITEWASH, ER, HUMILIATION

England finished their Test series against India in the emphatic manner they had gone about their business throughout the past five weeks, with the tourists bowled out for 283 to hand Andrew Strauss' side victory by an innings and eight runs.

Graeme Swann took six wickets – including four on the final day – to give England another huge victory in the match, and a 4-0 series whitewash over India, which they have now displaced at the top of the ICC Test rankings. So comprehensively outplayed were India that they drop to third in the rankings, below second-placed South Africa.

The final day at The Oval boasted two vastly differing sessions. The first two hours coasted by without a wicket going down as Sachin Tendulkar and Amit Mishra added 87 runs to India's overnight total to go to lunch on 216 for three.

Photo: England's Alastair Cook (L), Graeme Swann and Andrew Strauss (R) appeal and dismiss India's Rahul Dravid (2nd L) who was caught during the third cricket test match at Edgbaston cricket ground in Birmingham August 13, 2011. REUTERS/Philip Brown

With just 76 further runs required to force England to bat again, it looked as if the hosts might have to bat again. But having recorded their only wicket-less session of the series, India then reverted to type and lost their last seven wickets for 21 runs.

The all-important breakthrough was made by Swann when he bowled Mishra for 84, ending the night-watchman's valiant stand, as well as a fourth wicket partnership that was worth 144.

Nevertheless, Indian fans in the crowd awaited the best possible consolation prize – Tendulkar's 100th international century.

The Little Master had already enjoyed huge fortune, dropped by Cook at forward short-leg when he was on 70, given a reprieve by Simon Taufel on 79 when he looked to have been trapped lbw and put down by Matt Prior on 85.

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Tendulkar was hit on the front pad with a tentative forward step, and was bravely given out by Rod Tucker, nine runs short of the magical landmark which everyone expected him to achieve during the course of the series.

Although height looked to be an issue with the decision, Hawkeye would have kept the decision on-field, had the Decision Review System in place.

From that moment India crumbled, with their last six batsmen failing to reach double figures as Swann and Stuart Broad ran through them in 15 quick overs.

Suresh Raina was unlucky to record a pair, with Hotspot showing an inside edge when

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he was out lbw to Swann. But his dismissal brought the injured Gautam Gambhir to the crease. With captain MS Dhoni alongside him, there was brief hope that India could hold off the English attack. But with the second new ball in hand, Broad took just two overs to strike, removing Dhoni and RP Singh in the space of four balls.

Swann then wrapped up his fifth wicket when he had Gambhir caught at backward point, before adding a sixth when he bowled Shantha Sreesanth to finish with figures of six for 106.

Ian Bell was named Man of the Match for his 235 which set up England's mammoth score of 591 for six declared, to which India could only respond with 300 and 283 all out.

Meanwhile, Broad was named England's Man of the Series, and Rahul Dravid, who carried his bat in India's first innings with 146, picked up the award for the tourists. **IM**



“SAMOA CAN BEAT WALES AGAIN” – JONES

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Samoa's recent victory over Australia proved they will be a Rugby World Cup (RWC) threat and that Wales should be worried about their clash during the 2011 pools.

Samoa are in arguably the toughest pool at the World Cup – with South Africa, Wales, Fiji and Namibia – where at least four teams boast credentials worthy of filling one of the two quarter-final berths.

Wales have the most reason to be concerned, having underestimated Samoa in the 1991 and 1999 World Cups. "I certainly believe they have the personnel to beat Wales," said Jones. "Now they have the belief that this time, they're going to get through the pool stage to the top eight."

England's Matt Banahan (L) tries to break through the Samoa ranks during their international rugby union match at Twickenham in London November 20, 2010. REUTERS/Toby Melville

Samoa's quest to be recognised among the sports elite nations has been hampered by the money on offer to play professionally in New Zealand, Australia and Europe, which has drawn their leading players away from their domestic competition.

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Outside of the World Cup, the Samoans are rarely all available at the same time, and when coach Fuimaono Titimaea Tafua first named a 41-man squad – to be pruned to 30 – for the Cup, only four of the players were based in Samoa.

Several members of the side who beat Australia were absent from the squad which finished last in the Pacific Nations Cup the previous week. But when they are together, the Samoans have forged a unit renowned for a powerful, confrontational style. Springbok captain John Smit described the first 20 minutes of his 2007 World Cup match against Samoa as "the most physical of my Test career".

Although Wallabies coach Robbie Deans may not have fielded his strongest side against the Samoans, he made no excuses for the defeat and admitted his side was out-muscled up front. "We got beaten in the physical exchanges, they defended strongly and they attacked the breakdown effectively and turned ball over," he said.

The forward pack is big and experienced, led by Highlanders hooker Mahonri Schwalger along with Toulouse prop Census Johnston and Ospreys back-rower George Stowers.

The backs include former IRB Sevens Player of the Year Uale Mai contesting the scrum-

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half role with Kahn Fotuali'i of the Crusaders. Former London Irish centurion Seilala Mapusua guides the midfield with Paul Williams from Stade Francais and a son of All Blacks legend Bryan Williams at full-back.

Samoa, when they played under the name of Western Samoa, qualified for the knockout stage in 1991, 1995 and 1999, beating Wales in pool play in '91 and '99. They struggled at the last World Cup in France with one win from four pool games, and see this tournament as a chance for redemption.

"There's a lot of motivation going into this one," said New Zealand-born Mapusua, adding the team should not lack support with the large Samoan community living in Auckland. "This is as close to a home World Cup as we'll get, and it is a home World Cup for a lot of the boys who were born and raised in New Zealand, so it's really exciting for us, and really exciting for our people too."

When Samoa fronted up against Australia, it was the first time they had fielded all their top players since their northern hemisphere tour the previous year.

Now they want to prove that was no fluke by beating Wales in pool play which could see them finish second to South Africa in Pool D, and a rematch with likely Pool C winners Australia in the quarter-finals. 