

Sioka faces contempt of court charge

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The ombudsman has filed a contempt of court application against gender equality minister Doreen Sioka for failing



Facing the music... Gender equality minister Doreen Sioka.
Photo: Emmency Nuukala

to honour a court order issued on 22 December last year.

Sioka failed to honour a court order directing her to present a detailed action plan to establish child-friendly jails across the country. In the application, the ombudsman is seeking an order

that would find Sioka in contempt of court, and consequently convicting her of such.

Should she be convicted, the ombudsman has asked the court to pass an appropriate sentence, either a custodial sentence and/or fine, and/or a suspended custodial sentence

consequent to the payment of a fine.

The ombudsman is further seeking an order compelling Sioka to present a detailed plan and programme of action to establish child-friendly jails within 30 days, and to further bear the cost of the application.

Sioka has been given until 11 June to indicate if she will oppose the application against her. Last year, the ombudsman dragged Sioka to court for allegedly failing in her duties when she did not implement chapter five of the Child Care and Protection Act (CCPA), which requires the ministry to ensure the establishment of child-friendly detention centres.

The application followed after the Office of the Ombudsman in October 2020 discovered that at least 30 minors were imprisoned alongside adult inmates around

the country. In his affidavit, Ombudsman John Walters indicated that it is the responsibility of the gender equality ministry to appoint or establish designated detention centres for children, and that failure to do so is a violation of their fundamental constitutional rights and freedoms.

He further stated that the gender equality ministry had failed to approve appropriate places of safety in lieu of its failure to establish them.

Judge Nate Ndauendapo last year thus ordered that the minister and her team must present a detailed action plan on how they will establish child-friendly jails. He further ordered the police, without delay and where possible, to ensure that jailed children are separated from adult inmates.

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Residents cashing in on full oshanas

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The floods from neighbouring Angola cause some destruction across northern Namibia, but they also bring along bountiful fish, which end up in the Oshitutuma floodplains in Omusati.

The fish harvested from the floodplains have become a source of food and employment for the community in the area.

When New Era visited Oshitutuma last week, there were more than 40 men and women catching fish.

According to angler Mirjam Shanghala from Okalumbi village



Relief... Oshitutuma residents catching fish for a living. Photo: Victoria Kaapanda

near Oshitutuma, they catch fish by using nets and fishing tackle, but cannot use the traditional fishing baskets since there is too much water.

"We have been here for long now. We are camping here, although sometimes we spend one week at the floodplains, and one week at our homes," narrated Shanghala.

The fish they catch is either sold or used for domestic consumption.

She said most of the people camping along the floodplains travel long distances, as some

come from Outapi, Okalongo and surrounding villages, hoping to catch fish for survival.

"We always wake up early in the morning to check the nets, and before we sleep. If there is a catch, we take it out and recast our nets, but we do this all together at the same time," she explained.

Shanghala said they then stand along the roads, selling their fish.

"We sometimes make about N\$400 per week, depending on passers-by," she observed.

She also camps along the floodplains every year after the seasonal floods.

Her business partner, Naapoye Immanuel, told this newspaper that they have to do this to feed their families and to be able to send children to school.

She is furthermore able to save part of the money she makes from the fish she catches and sells.

The anglers said they are thankful that so far, none of the government officials or headmen stopped them from catching their fish.

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Lay litigant denied legal aid

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Lay litigant August Maletzky, who is accused of fraud, corruption and forgery, will either have to fork out for a private lawyer or handle his own defence.

The 48-year-old Maletzky is also facing conspiracy to commit fraud and money laundering charges together with his former employee Simon Afrikaner (42) and defence attorney Titus Mbaeva (62). The Directorate of Legal Aid in the Ministry of Justice informed Windhoek High Court Judge Christie Liebenberg that they are not in a position to provide a legal aid lawyer for Maletzky.

Maletzky applied for a legal aid lawyer to represent him when his trial was transferred to the High Court, but has been kept hanging ever since by Legal Aid. The matter had to be postponed several times to afford the directorate an opportunity to make a decision on his application. The judge now postponed the matter to 30 November for Maletzky to sort out his legal woes before the trial starts in February next year. All charges emanate from the dubious sale of a house in Windhoek West worth N\$2.5 million on 6 July 2017. The prosecution alleges Maletzky defrauded the couple by

pretending that he wanted to lease the property in question.

The prosecution further charged that Maletzky instead sold the house to a third party by means of false pretence and without the knowledge of Samuel Visconde Dias, the actual owner of the house. He was allegedly fully aware that he was not the lawful owner of the house, and had no right to sell it.

Court documents indicate Maletzky used a fraudulent power of attorney in which the property owners supposedly authorised him to sell the house. It is alleged that the power of attorney was prepared by Mbaeva and Afrikaner, according to court documents. Thus, the three are accused of conspiring to commit the offence.

With regards to the charge of fraud, it is alleged by the state that the accused in concert and with common purpose wrongfully, unlawfully, falsely and with intent to defraud misrepresented to the Registrar of Deeds and Masiza Law Chambers that Dias and his wife Isobel nominated, constituted and appointed Maletzky with power of substitution to be their lawful agent/representative in their name and stead to sell, sign all transfer documents, and give effect to the transfer of Erf 3733 at the price of N\$2.5 million. Furthermore, that the special power of attorney notarised

by Mbaeva is authentic and duly signed by Dias. With regards to the count of corruption, it is charged they corruptly and with common purpose gave to an agent, to wit Masiza Law Chambers, a special power of attorney dated 6 July 2017 while knowing it is false and contained defective material. The charge of forgery is in relation to Maletzky only, and charges that he forged the signatures of Dias and his wife.

With regards to the charge of conspiring to commit corruption, it is alleged that the accused in concert and with common purpose conspired to commit fraud. With regards to the charge of money laundering, it is alleged that they are guilty in that they between 6 July and December 2017 acted in concert and with common purpose to wrongfully, unlawfully and knowingly acquire property which they knew or ought reasonably to have known that it forms part of the proceeds of unlawful activities. Mbaeva will be represented by Kalundu Kamwi and Afrikaner by Trevor Brockerhoff.

The state will be represented by Dominic Lisulo.

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New AGOA strategy positive for international investors

■ Maihapa Ndjavera



Focus area... Arts and handicrafts such as wood carving, basket weaving and clay pottery is one of the industries the AGOA strategy will focus on. Photo: Emmency Nuukala.

Trade minister Lucia Iipumbu believes Namibia's newly launched African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) utilisation strategy will create enormous opportunity for the private sector.

She said it will send positive signals to international investors about bankable domestic investment opportunities. She added government is confident that an integrated and advanced manufacturing sector can bring about higher levels of economic growth and development across the economy.

The AGOA utilisation strategy focuses on how Namibia can secure market success and grow its exports to the United States (US) by taking advantage of preferential trade under the AGOA facility.

From a sectorial perspective, Namibia's

exports to the US are dominated by natural or cultural pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal, and articles thereof, imitation jewellery and coins, all of which constitute a combined 66% of the country's exports. Iipumbu advised that given the dominance of the sector in Namibia's exports, it would be worthwhile considering diversifying the sectoral mix further by deepening exports in other industries such as agriculture and fisheries where Namibia has promising trade potential.

Iipumbu added Namibia has been making significant progress in the development of key policies, legal frameworks and physical infrastructure such as the port, rail, and roads as part of development corridors to create a conducive environment and facilitate trade

for the private sector to be competitive both locally and globally.

"The private sector is called upon to take advantage of all these opportunities in order to export their products to the US under this agreement. I also call upon the private sector to diversify their production capacity in order to enhance trade with the US on eligible products for preferential trade benefits under AGOA," she urged.

The minister continued that the enhanced AGOA should go beyond market access by strengthening technical assistance and capacity building initiatives for Namibian entrepreneurs and businesses. "From our vantage point, I strongly feel that we have a notable footing to utilise the opportunities presented to us by AGOA to access the US market." According to the national AGOA action plan for Namibia, the main source of comparative advantage for Namibia which can be strategic conduits to increase the country's utilisation of AGOA include a relative abundance of reasonably priced, educated and stable labour force, conducive climate for some indigenous natural plant species, availability of natural resources such as an abundant supply of mineral resources and a competitive investment environment shaped by effective incentive schemes.

Comparative advantage is one of the principal theories in understanding international trade and the benefits of trade liberalisation. However, comparative advantage is a concept or relative costs of production. No country can develop a comparative advantage in everything, and in the same vein, any single country has a comparative advantage in the production of some product, commodity or service.

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Women in Media Conference hailed a success

■ Staff Reporter

The Women in Media Conference inaugural edition, which took place on, 1 May 2021, turned out to be more than expected.

The founder of the Women in Media Conference, sports Journalist Limba Mupetami said the event was held under the theme 'The Power of Coverage': Our Journey in Time.

The conference, which took place at Vinyls in Windhoek, was a pre-Press Freedom Day celebration.

It looked to establish a strong network amongst Namibian women working in the media industry and attracted a pool of women from various local media houses. The overarching purpose of the conference was to help positively impact the way media functions in relation to women, with the aim that it will assist women in media to have more access to representation, content and opportunities within the industry.

"We achieved the intended purpose. We wanted a room full of women to share stories on our challenges as well as our wins. We wanted to lay a foundation where young women coming into the

industry can feel free to ask for help and to feel comfortable and confident with the work they do."

"Truly, we live in remarkable times, where how media content is produced and consumed has changed. We want to keep up with this time as well."

Mupetami said the event will be much, much bigger and better next year. "We want more corporates on board to assist us in making this a memorable event every year. We want to also establish a think tank group which will help in organising the event," added Mupetami.

Co-founder Jemima Beukes said the overwhelming interest from other women journalists and media workers is proof that there is a need for this kind of initiative.

"Very often, we just complain about our working conditions and don't attempt to do things to improve our environment. At the end of the day, I believe when women get up they must do all they can to pull up the women that are just starting," she said.

A journalist from *Southern Times*, Sharon Kavhu who was one of the guest speakers at the conference said the event was very inspiring.

"It was one of those events which bring out the best in people. It was a platform to network. Even after the event, people are networking, sharing opportunities and empowering one another.

"I'm even getting calls from people who want to work with me on projects, so it opened opportunities," said Kavhu.

Nedbank was the main sponsor of the event. Other sponsors included Old Mutual and Interpack.

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Premier league Matchweek 35: what the stats say

between two managers meeting in the competition, after Bobby Robson and Chris Coleman (37 years, 112 days).

Ryan Mason has become the fourth Tottenham manager to win his first two Premier League games in charge of the club, after Glenn Hoddle, Mauricio Pochettino and José Mourinho – all three of those lost their third game. Indeed, no manager has ever won their first three top-flight games in charge of Tottenham Hotspur.

Patrick Bamford has failed to score in any of his last five Premier League games for Leeds, his longest drought in league competition since a run of seven in February 2020. He's scored four goals in his last 17 Premier League matches, having netted 10 times in his first 17 for Leeds in the competition.

Gareth Bale has scored nine Premier League goals for Tottenham this season. One more goal for the Welshman would be the longest gap between 10+ goal seasons in the competition's history (8), overtaking Paul Scholes and Kanu who each went seven campaigns between netting double figures.

Manchester City v Chelsea 8 May 2021

None of the last 11 Premier League meetings between Manchester City and Chelsea have finished level, with the Citizens winning seven to Chelsea's four. Man City had only won seven of their first 36 Premier League meetings with the Blues (D7 L22).

Chelsea have lost their last three away league games against Man City by an aggregate score of 9-1. Their last win at the Etihad was in December 2016 under Antonio Conte (3-1).

Victory for Manchester City would see them win the Premier League title for the fifth time, with only Manchester United (13) winning the trophy more since its foundation in 1992.

Manchester City have lost only one of their last 24 home Premier League games against London sides (W20 D3), going unbeaten in each of their last 14 such matches (W12 D2), since losing 2-3 versus Crystal Palace in December 2018.

Manchester City have kept 18 clean sheets in 34 Premier League games this season, one more than they'd registered across the entire 2019-20 campaign – their highest such total in a single season in the competition is 20 in 2018-19.

Pep Guardiola's Manchester City have lost three home games in the

Premier League this season, including two of their last three at the Etihad (W1) – the Spaniard has lost more home league games in 2020-21 than in any other campaign in his managerial career.

Chelsea have kept a clean sheet in 11 of their 15 Premier League games under Thomas Tuchel – the most shutouts recorded by any manager in their first 15 games in the competition's history. The Blues are looking to win three league games in a row without conceding for the first time since November 2017.

Having failed to win any of his first five meetings with Pep Guardiola in all competitions, Chelsea boss Thomas Tuchel won the last meeting between the two managers in the FA Cup semifinal last month.

Man City's Kevin De Bruyne has scored in each of his last three Premier League games against Chelsea. The last player to score in four consecutive appearances against the Blues in the competition was Carlos Tevez (5 between 2007-2010), while the only other players to do so are Ian Wright (1994), Alan Shearer (1997) and Muzzy Izzet (2001).

Kevin De Bruyne has scored four goals in total against Chelsea in the Premier League, the most of any player against the Blues who had previously played for them in the competition.

Last time out versus Fulham, Mason Mount (22y 111d) became the youngest Englishman to reach 10 Premier League assists for Chelsea and the second youngest of all Chelsea players behind Arjen Robben (21y 252d). Since the start of last season, Mount has created 130 goalscoring chances in the Premier League, 54 more than any other Chelsea player in this period.

Liverpool v Southampton 8 May 2021

Liverpool are unbeaten in their last six home league games against Southampton (W4 D2), winning the last three by an aggregate score of 10-0.

Southampton are looking to complete the league double over Liverpool for just the third time in their history, previously doing so in 1960-61 (Second Division) and 2003-04 (Premier League).

Liverpool have conceded at least once in each of their last eight Premier League home games. Only twice have they had longer runs without a home clean sheet in the competition, going nine games between September – December 1996 and nine between December 1998 – May 1999.

Liverpool have won just six points from their last 30 available in Premier League home games (W1 D3 L6). They had only dropped 22 points from their previous 66 league games at Anfield (W55 D11 L0).

Southampton have earned fewer points than any other Premier League side so far in 2021 (11 – W3 D2 L13), with the Saints also conceding a league-high 40 goals so far this calendar year.

Southampton have dropped more points from winning positions in the Premier League this season than any other side (23).

Liverpool's Mohamed Salah has scored seven goals in seven Premier League appearances against Southampton, including five in three against them at Anfield.

Since leaving Liverpool, Southampton striker Danny Ings has scored in two different Premier League games against them – only Nicolas Anelka (4) has scored in more different Premier League games against the

Reds having previously played for them in the competition.

Liverpool's Trent Alexander-Arnold has been involved in seven Premier League goals this season (2 goals, 5 assists) – no defender has had a hand in more in the competition this term.

No Southampton player has been involved in more Premier League goals this season than James Ward-Prowse (14 – 8 goals, 6 assists). His eight goals are the most he's ever scored in a top-flight campaign, while only in 2014-15 did he register as many assists (also 6).

Aston Villa v Manchester United 9 May 2021

Aston Villa have picked up just one win in their last 44 Premier League games against Manchester United (D11 L32) and are winless in their last 16 against them since a 1-0 win at Old Trafford in December 2009. Manchester United are unbeaten in their last 21 Premier League away games against Aston Villa (W14 D7) since a 3-1 loss on the opening day of the 1995-96 campaign. It's the longest unbeaten away run one side has had against another in English league history.

In all competitions, Manchester United are unbeaten in their last 21

away games against Aston Villa since a 3-0 League Cup loss in October 1999. Only Liverpool at Sunderland (23 between 1959-2002) have had a longer unbeaten away run against an opponent in English football.

Aston Villa's 14 clean sheets this season is their most in a single Premier League campaign since 2009-10 (15). However, the Villans have conceded at least once in each of their last seven games, with no Premier League side on a longer current run without a clean sheet.

Aston Villa are looking to secure back-to-back Premier League victories for the first time since December. However, they've not beaten a team in the top two in the Premier League since March 2014 (1-0 vs Chelsea), drawing three and losing nine of their 12 such games since.

Manchester United are unbeaten in their last 24 Premier League away games (W15 D9), just three short of Arsenal's all-time top-flight record between April 2003 and September 2004. In their 10 away league games so far in 2021, Manchester United have kept seven clean sheets and conceded just once in each of the other three.

Manchester United have lost just one of their last 27 Premier League matches (W17 D9). Indeed, the Red Devils are on the longest current unbeaten run in the Premier League, winning seven and drawing six since their 1-2 home loss to Sheffield United in January.

Man Utd's Bruno Fernandes has scored in both of his Premier League games against Aston Villa. Both goals came from the penalty spot, and both goals ended up being the winning goal of the game.



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