

**Statement by the Patron
Mr AT Dlamini**

2nd Number 43 Trelawney Park KwaMagogo Legacy Project Annual Lecture

19 June 2010

Salutations

Director of Ceremonies;
Your Royal Highnesses;
Bobabe tikhulu;
Our Guest of Honour, Ms Maria Ramos;
Honourable Cabinet Ministers of His Majesties Government and Members of Parliament;
The Masilela family and the extended family of Number 43;
Your Lordship Mayor of Manzini City;
Representative of the African National Congress (ANC);
Distinguished Guests;
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Introduction:

Let me begin by thanking you for taking time-out on a cold Saturday evening, forsake the World's biggest event, to come and support the 2nd Number 43 Trelawney Park KwaMagogo Legacy Project Annual Lecture. For some of us, I included, started the day much earlier at 6:00am with the 10 kilometres Annual Run/Walk. However, not out of a lack of trying but due to old age, I could not finish the race...

Director of Ceremonies,
Guest of honour;

The race was followed by the most important part of the Legacy Project. With your support and those of our generous sponsors. For the second year running, as part of Magogoism, instructed by the Holy Bible, we also "shared bread and our home" with twenty (28) families. This is an increase from 20 last year. It is important to note that one family, bakaMakhanya, heeded the call from the Masilela family for other families to join hands. BakaMakhanya did just that and increased the number by an additional eight families. We were assisted by the Evangelical Lutheran Church – Manzini Branch, to

identify these families. For over 40 years, uMagogo shared her home openly with those who needed a hot meal, water to quench their thirst, a roof against the weather and for motherly advice. These acts by uMagogo and uMkhulu became the basis for which history would be written and a nation liberated. Magogosim continues the legacy started by UMagogo. Again, I take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed to this year's event.

(Reflections on the past year:)

Ladies and gentlemen;

Many thanks to Reverend Absalom Dlamini who represented me on the 20th June 2009 when we launched the Legacy Project in this very same venue. That evening I committed myself as Patron of the Number 43 Trelawney Park KwaMagogo Legacy Projects that I shall do whatever possible to make this a success. It will be exactly a year tomorrow since I made that commitment. Today provides me with the opportunity to reflect on the year past: our achievements and challenges.

The single major achievement in the past year is that the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland passed a gazette declaring Number 43 Trelawney Park KwaMagogo a *national heritage site*. This process started last year in May when the government, in a press conference under the Mango Tree, on the Gardens of Number 43 Trelawney Park, announced its intentions. This is the ultimate homage that can be paid to Number 43 Trelawney Park KwaMagogo. We thank His Majesty King Mswati III for such an honour.

During the course of the year we also managed to secure long-term commitments of support for the Number 43 Trelawney Park Legacy Projects.

In addition to these, earlier on this year, we received worthy donations consisting of bed linen, clothing and other textile items, in support of the Magogoism from Sun City

Resorts in the North West Province in South Africa. With the assistance of the Lutheran Church again, the items were distributed to those who needed them most in our society.

We also had disappointments in terms of our plans. As a child learning to walk and taking her first step, she normally stumbles and falls. She cries, screams with frustration but usually struggles back-up and goes through the same process. Eventually, the knees firm up, the stride is more confident and in time she begins to run ... all the time I might add!

Last year, on the 20th June 2009, when announcing my acceptance as Patron, I promised activities in Swaziland and South Africa aimed at raising funds to support this Project. I announced two corporate funded Dinners; one in Swaziland before year end and the other in South Africa in early 2010. These events did not come to pass. Like a child learning to walk, we learnt that these things, given the economic & financial situation most industries/corporate found themselves in, they were almost impossible to organise.

However we have learnt our lessons. The economy has taken a turn for the better; at least there are promising signs that we have begun a positive growth path. Therefore I look forward to a brighter and more rewarding year ahead for the Legacy Projects.

Introducing Keynote/Guest Speaker:

A big dose of passion and ambition drives success. These are lessons I hope we will learn today from our keynote speaker. And these are lessons I shall be the first to apply as we implement the plans announced for the Legacy Project for the year ahead.

Guest of Honour, I wish all the participating nations and in particular Bafana Bafana a successful Soccer World Cup. I am convinced the World Cup shall not depart from the shores of this wonderful continent! In fact, something tells me it shall remain in the Southern tip of the Continent!