



Female boxer
BASHEEL
ready to fight

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There has been a controversy going on between Sand Music Festival and Hangout as the organizers of the two events seem to have planned 1-3 October this year for the “Tiyeni” event.

Last year, Sandfest was held at Sunbird in Salima, but the organizers are yet to announce a venue for this year’s event.

The festival manager Nkhwachi Mhango says they don’t want to repeat last year’s mistakes, following disruption by rains and poor communication to their audience – which led the fans to react angrily during the event.

However, there is a different poster circulating of Hangout Festival which is set on the same dates.

The Sandfest organizers maintain that their dates aren’t changing.

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- A woman with dark skin is shown in profile, looking towards the right. She is wearing a bright green fedora-style hat and a patterned scarf with red, white, and brown tones. Her right arm is raised, with her hand resting on the brim of the hat. Her left arm is extended forward, resting on a surface. The background is a solid teal color.
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TMZ shares Gates' story



The Bill and Melinda divorce has been a done deal for months, TMZ has learned, and they had a plan to announce it back in March ... a plan that included renting a remote, private island where the entire family -- with one BIG exception -- could avoid the media once the announcement was made ... sources with direct knowledge tell TMZ.

Our sources say Melinda Gates rented Calivigny Island in Grenada ... yes, she rented the entire island for \$132,000 a night. The plan was for Melinda and the kids, as well as their significant others, to come to the island -- everyone except Bill. We're told everyone in the family already knew Bill and Melinda were divorcing. There was a considerable amount of acrimony associated with the split and we're told virtually everyone in the family took Melinda's side. Another way of putting it ... we're told they were very angry at Bill, and that's why he wasn't invited.

The reason for going to the island ... so no one from the media could reach

them and ask about the split when it was announced during their stay.

But, there was a problem ... lawyers for both Bill and Melinda were trying to hash out a divorce settlement and there were still outstanding issues that couldn't be resolved at the time of the trip. We're told Melinda decided to go anyway ... well, with everyone BUT Bill.

So here's the takeaway. First, we're told this was not a friendly split. We're told Melinda and most of the family were furious at Bill for various things they claim he had done.

Second ... it's clear this divorce has been a long time in the making. And, finally, it appears they have all but reached a property settlement given the lawyers have been working on it for months and Bill transferred nearly \$2 billion in stock to Melinda on the very day she filed for divorce. These things are not done piecemeal ... it would almost certainly have been part of a global settlement.



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Basheel to fight in TZ



Two-time belt holder Anisha Basheel's rematch against Tanzanian opponent Happy Daudi has been shifted to June 26 from this Saturday.

Basheel said the change was made to accommodate some international bouts for the eight-round non-title contest.

"I have been assured that arrangements are underway to bring on board more international fights on the bill. As a result, we can only fight on June 26," she said.

Basheel, who won the African Boxing Union (ABU) and Commonwealth super lightweight titles, said she would take advantage of the change to prepare better for the bout.

"The change is a disappointing development to me as I was fully prepared for my opponent. But I will take advantage of the rescheduling to continue preparing. Of course I have beaten my opponent before but I want to guard against complacency. I am not taking any chances because I know

that anything can happen. I just need to work hard for the sake of my record," she said.

The 23-year-old boxer is using the fight to prepare for her ABU super lightweight defence bout against a yet-to-be known opponent slated for September this year.

Since turning professional, Basheel has won eight bouts but lost six whereas Daudi has nine wins, a draw and nine defeats. The Malawi Defence Force boxer made headlines after winning the Commonwealth belt in 2018. She announced her arrival on the boxing scene in 2017, having lifted the ABU super lightweight belt.

A fortnight ago, Basheel received a K300,000 boost from Plan International Malawi towards her preparations. The support was for her gym membership, sportswear and diet ahead of the contest.

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Kasakula promises to revamp MBC



Newly elected MBC Director General, George Kasakula says he will transform the state owned broadcasting station into a trusted media house.

“I know that it is a big challenge because I know what Malawians want. They want an MBC that belongs to them, an MBC that is professional. So, it will be a challenge to change the culture and everybody towards this goal. It is a beautiful challenge and I am ready for it,” he said.

The outgoing Times Group Editor In Chief says he will start by motivating the staff at MBC.



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Red Lions Fined 500K

BY Martin Mpungah

Zomba-based Malawi Defence force outfit, Red Lions has been slapped with a K500,000.00 fine by the Super League of Malawi (SULOM) for failing to provide security as a home team during a week 12 TNM Super League match against current league leaders Silver Strikers.

According to SULOM, the disciplinary committee has considered article 25.10.23.1 and article 32 of the SULOM constitution.

The Reds are charged with acts of violence or attempt against match officials and failure to protect match officials at the venue.

SULOM has also suspend the team's current top scorer Royal Bokosi and other two technical officials for insulting referee Evidence Kananji and his assistant Happiness Mbandambanda. Both have faced a two match ban.

