

postponed because there was not enough information for a bail application.

The man told the court he had seen a doctor for wounds he had sustained during the assault, but was still in pain.

Magistrate Hafiza Mohamed postponed the case to April

of homophobic rapes in townships.

Funda said the woman was not able to speak to the Cape Times as she had been strangled with a length of wire, as well as being beaten and punched.

Funda said that the suspect

The suspect's niece, who was also at the court, said she and her family were embarrassed and angry.

The victim's cousin said: "I don't want to see him. I don't want him to get bail. He must just stay in there."

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for the results of her sex verification tests before returning to competitive running, saying yesterday that she will race on June 24 at a meet in Zaragoza, Spain.

The 800-metre world champion said she had agreed to the request by Athletics South

Semenya said she believed she should be allowed to compete, but had refused the events of the past week was prevented from running a race in Stellenbosch Tuesday and responded threatening legal action. "I believe the decision

## Mahlasela denies he's pulling out of World Cup concert

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INTERNATIONALLY acclaimed singer-songwriter guitarist Yusi Mahlasela has not pulled out of the World Cup opening concert.

According to newspaper, radio and online reports quoting industry players yesterday, the Mamelodi-based Mahlasela had pulled out in protest at the death of South African and

other African musicians billed. But yesterday his manager Ann Kingston said: "I'm not sure where this information is coming from. He will be playing as scheduled. The report is just not true at all."

Mahlasela is one of three local acts of 12 chosen to play in the World Cup Kick Off Concert at Orlando Stadium, in Soweto, on June 10. But the local music frater-

nity has kicked up a furor over the line-up, which they say fails to showcase South African and African talent for what was meant to be the first African World Cup.

They also say high ticket prices of between R450 and R1 150 would put the event out of reach of most black people. They are threatening to stage a free, rival concert on the same night, but are awaiting

the outcome of talks between Fifa, the organising committee and the Department of Arts and Culture.

Along with South Africans The Parlotones and BLK JKS, Mahlasela will be joined by pop stars Alicia Keys, Black Eyed Peas, Shakira and John Legend and African stars Vieux Farka Touré, Angélique Kidjo, Thiariwen and Amadou and Mariam. *craig.mckune@iirl.co.za*

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