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# Boko takes helm



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) and former president Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi during the handover of government and its instruments at Office of the President yesterday. Dr Masisi called on accounting officers to accord Advocate Boko the respect and support he deserved. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

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# Diarrhoea outbreak under control

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - Botswana health authorities announced that diarrhoea situation was at the moment under control as fewer cases have reported for the past three weeks.

In an interview with BOPA, the Ministry of Health spokesperson, Dr Christopher Nyanga, however said cases were still being reported across all the District Health Management Teams (DHMT).

Dr Nyanga said Botswana had been experiencing a surge in diarrhoea cases since the

beginning of the year. However, he said an increase in cases started in August.

"The country recorded close to 300 cases per week, for the past two months, most of these cases were mild, seen and discharged home," he said. He added that around the same time an average of three deaths per week was recorded.

He said all district have been affected, citing Okavango, North West, Bobirwa and Tutume were some of the most affected.

Dr Nyanga said the ministry implemented a range of measures to address and

manage the ongoing diarrhoea outbreaks, with a focus on both healthcare facility responses and community-level interventions.

He said those measures were aimed at reducing the prevalence of diarrhoea and preventing fatalities, particularly among vulnerable populations such as children under five, among them he mentioned that since the peak of diarrhoea cases, Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) have been deployed to various districts to contain the situation and provide immediate assistance.

Further, he said the teams were crucial for early detection, timely

intervention and the prevention of further spread.

He also said at health facilities, several measures have been put in place to improve the management of diarrhoea cases, adding that there was sensitisation of healthcare workers, saying medical staff have been trained to manage diarrhoea cases according to the Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) protocols.

He said that ensures that all cases were treated with best practices, reducing complications and fatalities, particularly among children.

Moreover, Dr Nyanga said availability of Oral Rehydration Solutions (ORS) and Zinc Sulphate has been intensified, adding that "health facilities have been adequately stocked with ORS and Zinc Sulphate, essential for the management of diarrhoea."

He said the supplies were critical for rehydration and reducing the duration and severity of diarrhoea.

He said the enhanced distribution of ORS and Zinc Sulphate, in addition to ensuring adequate stocks at health facilities, the distribution of ORS and Zinc to caregivers has been intensified.

He further said caregivers were trained to administer those treatments as soon as diarrhoea symptoms appear, while simultaneously seeking medical attention at health facilities.

Additionally he said, there was capacity building for health education personnel, saying that health education assistants and officers have been trained and mobilised to reach communities with key messages on diarrhoea prevention and management.

"Their role is vital in disseminating information and ensuring that caregivers are equipped with the knowledge to manage diarrhoea at home," Dr Nyanga said.

At community level, Dr Nyanga urged citizens to maintain high standards of hygiene, preventive behaviours, and early health-seeking practices.

He said it was important to have good hygiene, particularly hand washing with soap and water after using the toilet, as well as boiling water before consumption, adding that those practices were essential to prevent diarrhoea, especially in areas with poor sanitation.

Therefore, he encouraged caregivers to monitor children closely and seek early medical attention if diarrhoea was observed.

He advised that parents should always be quick to visit the nearest health facility when their children show symptoms or were unwell. **BOPA**

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Dr Christopher Nyanga

# Boko vows to meet nation expectations

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - President Advocate Duma Boko has vowed

to serve the nation in a way that would satisfy its expectations.

He was responding to media questions during a joint press

conference with former president Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi, which followed the administrative handover of government and its

instruments yesterday. Asked if he was going to retain the current senior public servants, President Boko stressed the importance of according himself time to appreciate the lay of the land.

He also emphasised the need to have an agile government that was quick to respond and one that was compassionate.

President Boko said he was still to engage with the top brass and promised to take reasonable, appropriate, respectful and ethical steps to ensure that the government machinery continued to function and serve the nation accordingly.

He added that holding people accountable would be based on full understanding of what one was doing.

Adv. Boko said having an open and transparent system enabling one to check and verify to their satisfaction was deemed accountable.

He also stressed the need to have robust oversight institutions that would address any failures and shortcomings in case anything 'slipped'.

"I believe we will enhance what is available and do the very best in that regard," said President Boko.

In relation to the question relating to automatic power succession and if it was not by any chance in violation of democratic principles, President Boko said the question confined him a bit as the current scenario was not in any way related to such an arrangement considering that the shifting of power was pursuant to the popular decision of the electorate.

He said automatic transfer of power only applied within a political party.

President Boko said once a credible decision was communicated based on the outcome of an election as it was the case with what recently transpired, power was vest by reason of the outcome of the election, which was a democratic undertaking.

"The people have spoken, their will must be held, enforced and be respected," he said.

On relating with the press, President Boko said he was standing to reason that his government needed the media.

"We need a vibrant and ethical, a probing, sometimes unpleasantly, press. That press must also be enabled by an environment conducive to them doing their work effectively," he said. President Boko said one of the issues to debate was the freedom of information legislation that would aid the press by availing information so that they could operate from the vantage point of accurate information and not peddle fake news.

He said the press was part of the constitutionally entrenched principles of freedom being freedom of thought, of

conscience and speech.

President Boko said the most important right was the right to free speech, adding that the press must be partners in shaping the landscape.

On youth participation, Adv. Boko said his government would encourage and do everything in its power to assist them, opining that somehow there had to be some form of affirmative action in favour of the youth.

"We have to respond and make the youth visible in some of these critical spaces so that others may get inspired."

On the other hand, Dr Masisi said BDP had taken the back seat among the opposition parties and would be looking for opportunities to demonstrate that its ideas would have worked better.

In thanking the media personnel, Dr Masisi said they must not underestimate their role in governance.

"The media has an extremely important attribute of democracy. When we free you, you will report things as they are as you are doing today. I urge you too, to be contributors to the strengthening and solidifying of our democracy. I look forward to my days when I am an ordinary citizen," he said. Dr Masisi said looking at Botswana's credit rating and rate of inflation, among others, the fundamentals of the economy were in place.

He said the diamond sales had been below expectation, which state of affair was not unique to Botswana.

"I can confidently confirm that I speak often with those who used to be my colleagues who are diamond producers," he said.

He said the situation had happened before and when it did happen as it was the case now, it was advisable to kick in austerity measures.

"The first time we kicked in austerity measures was in August and then the beginning of last month where you reduce spending so that you do not deplete your reserves completely and threaten the stability of the economy," he said, allaying any fears regarding the fundamentals of the economy.

On the process of automatic succession when the term of the sitting president comes to an end, Dr Masisi was of the view that since the process was embedded in the Constitution of Botswana and such a provision was arrived at through a procedure that was acceptable and democratic, then the process would not by any chance be a violation of democracy.

Dr Masisi added that BDP would provide a vibrant and informed opposition even though they were not used to, adding that likewise UDC, as a party that was used to opposing, would equally be learning how to govern. **BOPA**



President Advocate Duma Boko (centre) addressing accounting officers during handover of office at the Office of the President yesterday. With him are Vice President designate, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe (right), former president Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (second left) and Permanent Secretary to the President, Ms Emmah Peloetletse. Adv. Boko said he was aware that he had a mammoth task with high expectations. He assured senior government official that he was ready to work with them in a transparent and open manner, urging them to do the same. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

## Masisi hands over reins to Boko

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Following Umbrella for Democratic Change's general elections historic win, another defining moment was registered yesterday as the former president Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi handed over the leadership reins to his successor, President Advocate Duma Boko.

During a short ceremony, which was attended by senior government officials at the Office of the President, Advocate Boko announced that Mr Ndaba Gaolathe was the Vice President designate.

Mr Gaolathe, who is the leader of the Alliance for Progressives, won the Gaborone Bonnington South Parliamentary seat under the Umbrella for Democratic Change coalition.

The handover ceremony was duly followed by a joint press conference by President Boko and Dr Masisi.

President Boko vowed to continue to respect his predecessor, whom he said he admired.

He said he was humbled to be handed over the honourable responsibility of leading the government and was accepting it with humility.

Adv. Boko said he was well aware that this was a mammoth task with high expectations, however assuring senior government official that he was ready to work with them in a

transparent and open manner, urging them to also play open cards.

President Boko reminded government officials that together, they were faced with a mammoth task, demanding them to work together, recognising that the public service was endowed with experienced and decorated professionals.

"Let us do our very best for this country," he said.

He said the smooth handover process was testimony that the country's democracy was mature, adding that it was rare to observe a moment where power was moving from one regime to the other without contention, further proving that the accolades of a shining example of democracy that it had been receiving from the world were well deserved.

For his part, Dr Masisi described the occasion as a moment where he was administratively handing over government and its instruments to the new President.

"I am a firm believer in democracy," Dr Masisi told the journalists, adding that the people of Botswana too were true democrats.

He acknowledged that the people had spoken 'in their numbers through a process that had been tested, was impartial, transparent and evidence-based'.

"Democracy for us is not just an abstract concept, we peel through it with intention and peeling through it means walking

every step of the way," he said.

He said he was now looking forward to the inauguration of the new President.

Of the pre-election campaign, Dr Masisi said, "I knew I had a responsibility to make sure that we set a standard since we never had a change of government, where a different party was taking over. I can confirm to you that I meant every word of what I said."

He also added that he had wanted his handover of government administration to be made public, adding that in the absence of his predecessor, he had told the senior civil servants as per the provision of the Constitution, that President Boko was their new leader as well as the armed forces that he was their Commander in Chief.

"I have happily handed over and have instructed all to pay allegiance to the government of the day. We have an apolitical public service and they take instructions to follow and deliver government programmes for the government of the day," he said.

He urged that President Boko must be respected and get the much needed support.

Dr Masisi reminded the nation that other general elections would be held in five years' time and that if what had happened to him and his party was to be repeated, people must understand that power was only borrowed and causing havoc did not pay.

**BOPA**

# 13<sup>th</sup> Parliament members-elect

GABORONE - The general elections, which are held after every five years, saw the opposition Umbrella For Democratic Change (UDC) winning the majority of both

parliamentary and council seats, emerging the ultimate government of the day for the next five years and its leader, Advocate Duma Boko the President of Botswana.

The UDC takes over government after 58 years of Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) rule, which has been winning elections since the country attained independence in 1966.

UDC won 36 parliamentary seats, Botswana Congress Party won 15 seats while Botswana Patriotic Front and BDP won 5 and 4 seats respectively. Dr Edwin Dikoloti is the

only Independent MP. The following is a summary of the elections; legislators and their constituencies. **BOPA**



**NAME:** Ndaba Gaolathe  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** GABORONE BONNINGTON SOUTH  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 8 805



**NAME:** Wynter Mmolotsi  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** FRANCISTOWN SOUTH  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 6 506



**NAME:** Omphemetse Kwapa  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** JWANENG/MABUTSANE  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 8 652



**NAME:** Sam Digwa  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** BOTETI WEST  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 7 495



**NAME:** Shawn Nthale  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** GABORONE NORTH  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 5 356



**NAME:** Prince Maele  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** TSWAPONG NORTH  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 7 433



**NAME:** Onneetse Ramogapi  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** PALAPYE  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 9 516



**NAME:** David Tshere  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** MAHALAPYE WEST  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 9 969



**NAME:** Moneedi Bagaisamang  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** SHOSHONG  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 7 745



**NAME:** Mpho Morolong  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** KGATLENG CENTRAL  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 7 241



**NAME:** Victor Phologolo  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Kanye West  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 8 480



**NAME:** Letlhogonolo Barongwang  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** MOGODITSHANE EAST  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 4 433



**NAME:** Arafat Khan  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** MOLEPOLOLE NORTH  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 9 729



**NAME:** Dr Pheny Butale  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** GABORONE CENTRAL  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 5 493



**NAME:** Motsamai Motsamai  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** CHARLESHILL  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 3 248



**NAME:** Pheny Segokgo  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** TLOKWENG  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 8 498



**NAME:** Tiroeane Ntsima  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** FRANCISTOWN EAST  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 3 081



**NAME:** Domcaza Mokgwathi  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Letlhakeng  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 7 139



**NAME:** Dr Micus Chimbombi  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** KGALAGADI SOUTH  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 8 700



**NAME:** Prince Mosanana  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Kanye East  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 10 833



**NAME:** Tshenolo Bogatsu  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Lentsweletau/Lephepe  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 6 555



**NAME:** Augustine Nyatanga  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Mahalapye East  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 7 140



**NAME:** Noah Salakae  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Ghanzi  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 7 575



**NAME:** Jacob Kelebeg  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Takatkwane  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 7 246



**NAME:** Maipelo Mophuting  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Gaborone Bonnington North  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 5 600



**NAME:** Galenawabo Lekau  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Mogoditshane West  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 4 360



**NAME:** Keoagile Atamelang  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Boteti East  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 6 005



**NAME:** Kamal Jacobs  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Lobatse  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 6 872



**NAME:** Justin Hunyepa  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Tati West  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 6 713



**NAME:** Gaefele Sedombo  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Tonota  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 7 024



**NAME:** Nelson Ramaotwana  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Gaborone South  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 7 668



**NAME:** Ignatius Moswaane  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Francistown West  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 6 223



**NAME:** Kethalefale Motshagwa  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Mmadinare  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 3 285



**NAME:** Helen Manyeneng  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Mmopane/Metsimothabe  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 3 431



**NAME:** Reason Lekhutlane  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Kgagalagadi North  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 5 144



**NAME:** Shima Monageng  
**PARTY:** UDC  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Molepolole South  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 8 266



**NAME:** Unity Dow  
**PARTY:** BCP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** KGATLENG WEST  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 4 425



**NAME:** Dumelang Saleshando  
**PARTY:** BCP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Maun North  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 8 377



**NAME:** Simasiku Mapulanga  
**PARTY:** BCP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Chobe  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 5 238



**NAME:** Mothaleemang Moalosi  
**PARTY:** BCP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Nkange  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 9 337



**NAME:** Taolo Lucas  
**PARTY:** BCP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Bobirwa  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 10 074



**NAME:** Tlhabologo Furniture  
**PARTY:** BCP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Tati East  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 4 490



**NAME:** Kenny Kapinga  
**PARTY:** BCP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Okavango West  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 5 016



**NAME:** Reuben Kaizer  
**PARTY:** BCP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Selebi Phikwe West  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 3 054



**NAME:** Dr Kesitgile Gobotswang  
**PARTY:** BCP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Tswapong South  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 5 998



**NAME:** Goretsetse Kekgonagile  
**PARTY:** BCP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Maun East  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 7 485



**NAME:** Caterpillar Hikuama  
**PARTY:** BCP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Maun West  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 7 260



**NAME:** Gabatsholwe Dicho  
**PARTY:** BCP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Okavango East  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 4 267



**NAME:** Boniface Mabeo  
**PARTY:** BCP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Gamaletse  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 9 838



**NAME:** Kgoberego Nkawana  
**PARTY:** BCP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Selebi Phikwe East  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 2 842



**NAME:** Aaron Philemon  
**PARTY:** BCP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Ngami  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 5 877



**NAME:** Karabo Gare  
**PARTY:** BDP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Moshupa/Manyana  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 13 422



**NAME:** Palelo Motaosane  
**PARTY:** BDP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Thamaga/Kumakwane  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 8 310



**NAME:** Kagiso Mmusi  
**PARTY:** BDP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Gabane/Mmankgodi  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 4 898



**NAME:** Mabuse Pule  
**PARTY:** BDP  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Kgatleng East  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 4 661



**NAME:** Jeremiah Frenzel  
**PARTY:** BPF  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Shashe West  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 6 801



**NAME:** Lawrence Ookeditse  
**PARTY:** BPF  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Nata/Gweta  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 6 205



**NAME:** Lesedi Leepetswe  
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**NAME:** Baratiwa Mathoothe  
**PARTY:** BPF  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Serowe North  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 7 635



**NAME:** Dr Edwin Dikoloti  
**PARTY:** Independent  
**CONSTITUENCY:** Good Hope/Mmathethe  
**NUMBER OF VOTES:** 12 294

# Kenya benefits from Bamboo farming

NAIROBI - For decades, Francis Mayobo's farm, located along the Nzoia River in western Kenya, was repeatedly inundated by floods that destroyed his crops and pushed him to the brink of poverty.

A retired public works official, Mayobo's farmland is near the river, which originates in Kenya's northwestern highlands and drains into Lake Victoria, Africa's largest freshwater body.

Four years ago, Mayobo took a proactive step by planting hundreds of bamboo trees on his farm after learning about the tree's flood-mitigating potential. "I was motivated to venture into bamboo farming after training and research on how it could protect my farm from floods," Mayobo told *Xinhua* in a recent interview.

Today, the bamboo trees not only shield his farm from seasonal floods but have also rejuvenated the soil, allowing him to grow crops such as maize, legumes, bananas, and millet. Mayobo is one of many smallholder farmers in western Kenya's flood-prone areas set to benefit from a bamboo agroforestry initiative funded by the Chinese Academy of Sciences through its Sino-Africa Joint Research Center.

The project is implemented by the United Nations Environment Program's affiliated International Ecosystem Management Partnership (UNEP-IEMP), in collaboration with local partners. Dubbed, 'Ecosystem Restoration for Enhancing Livelihoods and Addressing Climate Change: China-Kenya Cooperation on Bamboo Technology Transfer', the project promises flood protection, income generation, and improved resilience for local farmers and fishermen.

Under this initiative, Mayobo and other farmers have received training on bamboo cultivation, helping them establish nurseries and secure seedlings for replanting in flood-prone zones. Samuel Juma Magoba, an elderly farmer involved in the project, has cultivated bamboo on his one-acre farm and found new income opportunities by selling bamboo for furniture, ornaments, utensils, and compost.

He recalled the severe flood damage he witnessed in his youth in his village near the Nzoia River basin, a devastation that has notably decreased since local farmers started planting bamboo along the riverbanks.

According to Dennis Otieno Ochuodho, a senior researcher at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology in Kenya, a project partner, the bamboo agroforestry project offered an effective, nature-based solution to climate-induced flooding.

Ochuodho said the project aimed to expand research, training, and technology transfer in bamboo farming, restore the degraded Nzoia River basin, and enhance food security through mixed cropping systems.

A large-scale bamboo plantation, he added, would protect native species, serve as a carbon sink, and supply raw materials for herbal medicine,

‘I was motivated to venture into bamboo farming after training and research on how it could protect my farm from floods,’

supplements, and roofing. Despite her advanced age, Alice Makhulo's passion for cultivating bamboo on her seven-acre farm near a swamp remains undiminished, thanks to the economic and environmental benefits she has reaped from the trees.

"Even my children and grandchildren appreciate the cool breeze from the mature bamboo trees.

I have also been selling the bamboo stems to local furniture



NAIROBI - Edmond Machoki displaying bamboo products at an exhibition in Nyeri County. Photo: Xinhua

makers," Makhulo said. As part of the China-funded bamboo agroforestry initiative, more than 200 farmers will receive training in sustainable bamboo cultivation, which also includes a 25-hectare demonstration site to showcase ecological restoration through the planting of this iconic tree species.

Guoqin Wang, programme manager at UNEP-IEMP, emphasised that by stabilising the

Nzoia River banks, the project not only curtailed flooding but also enhanced local livelihoods by combining food crops with bamboo and creating natural products for sale.

Leveraging Chinese bamboo technology and expertise, the initiative aims to regenerate degraded landscapes, conserve water sources, and improve climate resilience for river communities, Wang added.

Symprose Anyango, coordinator of Eco Green Kenya, a conservation lobby, noted that communities along the Nzoia River have embraced the project, particularly women, saying that "bamboo has in particular been of huge benefit to women who suffer most from climate change.

They are using bamboo to revive traditional weaving and earn an additional income." *Xinhua*

## Guterres calls for youth empowerment

NEW YORK - UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Thursday highlighted the role of young people in driving climate action and shaping urban futures, and called for empowering them

to accelerate global sustainable development progress.

In his message to mark World Cities Day, which is observed annually on October 31, Guterres said, "We recognise the role

of young people in driving climate action and shaping urban futures."

He underscored that with more than half of the world's population and 70 per cent of

global greenhouse gas emissions, cities were at the forefront of the climate crisis.

And they need the energy and vision of youth leading the charge for change.

"From grassroots movements to innovation labs, young people are pushing for ambitious climate action," Guterres noted, adding that they were championing renewable energy integration, green jobs, clean public transportation, and climate adaptation measures, contributing to shape sustainable cities where everyone could thrive.

He called for nations to amplify voices of youth, invest in their ideas, and promote their meaningful participation in urban decision-making, stressing, "By empowering young people, we can accelerate climate action and drive global progress for the Sustainable Development Goals."

"As we mark World Cities Day, let us celebrate the power of youth to build green, resilient and inclusive cities that meet the needs and aspirations of future generations," the UN chief said.

The World Cities Day was proposed by the Chinese government in the Shanghai Declaration of the World Expo 2010.

The UN General Assembly later designated October 31 as World Cities Day to raise awareness of the imperative to make cities more sustainable, accessible, and livable. *Xinhua*



NEW YORK - In his message to mark World Cities Day, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has highlighted the role of young people in driving climate action and shaping urban futures and further called for their empowerment to accelerate global sustainable development progress. Photo: Xinhua



# CIIE key trade platform for Africa

JOHANNESBURG - The China International Import Expo (CIIE) is an important platform for Africa to showcase its products and enhance trade with China, said a South African expert.

“China has an important and attractive market, and the CIIE is incredibly big and diverse. It’s a wonderful opportunity

for African businesses to tap into the Chinese market and understand what’s happening in the global market,” said Mr Philip Myburgh, group head of trade at Standard Bank Business and Commercial Banking, in an interview with Xinhua ahead of the 7th CIIE due from Tuesday to Sunday in Shanghai.

Given that Africa sometimes

takes a backseat or gets overshadowed by larger economies at global events, Mr Myburgh said they expect more exposure to and attention from the international community.

“We are certainly getting a stronger presence at the CIIE, with the Africa pavilion bringing all made-in-Africa products together,” he said,

adding that it’s encouraging to see more emphasis on Africa.

Standard Bank, which has participated in the CIIE since its inception, has hosted many promotional events to strengthen the connection between Africa and China, said the expert.

“We are seeing more diversity and stronger demand for African products showcased in the CIIE, and we are expecting more transactions, more interest, and more deals being signed this year,” he added.

During the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) held in September in Beijing, China committed to further opening its market to African agricultural products, with two protocols signed for the export of greasy wool and dairy products from South Africa to China.

In Mr Myburgh’s opinion, the FOCAC marks a highlight of the China-Africa relationship as many infrastructure and funding projects were announced, and more partnership agreements signed.

Meanwhile, the CIIE is a practical showcase of the

theoretical and political commitments made at the FOCAC.

Myburgh said China’s efforts to promote high-level opening-up are welcomed by African countries and will boost Africa’s economic recovery and growth.

China plays an important role in helping African countries diversify their economies and boost growth, and has become a key off-taker for African products and a provider of critical technologies for the industrialisation and sustainable development of the continent, he said.

Noting that Africa could benefit from more foreign exchange, Mr Myburgh said exports to China could be a critical contributor to Africa’s economic growth.

It’s also crucial for African countries to learn from China when it comes to renewable energy and technologies to save water and conserve energy, said Myburgh, adding that the CIIE has offered a platform for Africans to learn from and collaborate with more important stakeholders. *Xinhua*



CAIRO - Workers move packed tomato paste at a production line of the Egyptian Swiss Group company in Sharqia Governorate, Egypt recently. Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi met on Sunday with Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund Kristalina Georgieva, where they discussed the country’s economic reform programme amid the ongoing regional crises. Photo: Xinhua

## Egypt, IMF discuss economic reform amid regional crises

CAIRO - Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi met on Sunday with Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Kristalina Georgieva in Cairo, where they discussed the country’s economic reform programme amid the ongoing regional crises.

During the talks, Sisi expressed Egypt’s aspiration to continue cooperation with the IMF in implementing the economic reform programme to enhance the country’s economic stability and reduce inflation, the Egyptian presidency said in a statement.

Sisi stressed that Egypt’s priority is to combat inflation, attract investment, and empower the private sector to increase employment and growth rates, according to the statement.

For her part, the IMF chief expressed “full understanding” of the major challenges facing Egypt in light of regional and international developments, noting the Fund’s endeavour, in partnership with the Egyptian government, to reach the best reform paths for the North African country. Georgieva voiced appreciation for Egypt’s efforts to implement the reform

programme while maintaining social protection for the most vulnerable citizens, praising the progress of the country’s macroeconomic indicators, as reflected in the positive outlook of international credit rating institutions for Egypt’s economy.

In a joint press conference with Georgieva following the meeting, Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly said that the IMF will start on Tuesday its fourth review of the latest 46-month IMF loan programme that was approved in 2022 and expanded to US\$8 billion this year. *Xinhua*

## Namibia trade within Africa gains momentum under AfCFTA

WINDHOEK - Namibia’s intra-Africa trade under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in September 2024 saw exports valued at 4.7 billion Namibian dollars (about US\$267 million) and imports worth 7.7 billion Namibian dollars (about US\$437 million) from other African countries, the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) said Friday.

The AfCFTA agreement is one of the African Union’s flagship projects under Agenda 2063, with a primary mandate to eliminate trade barriers and boost intra-Africa trade.

NSA Statistician General Alex Shimuafeni said in the Trade Statistics Bulletin for September that Namibia’s intra-Africa exports of 4.7 billion Namibian dollars represented 52.3 per cent of the country’s total exports worldwide, while intra-Africa imports of 7.7 billion Namibian dollars accounted for 51.8 per cent of its world total.

According to Shimuafeni, Namibia’s exports within Africa are largely directed to countries such as South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, the Democratic Republic

of the Congo and Angola.

Imports came primarily from the same countries, excluding Angola but including Morocco and Togo. In terms of international trade, Shimuafeni said that South Africa is Namibia’s largest export partner, accounting for 20.4 per cent of total exports.

Botswana follows with 19.2 per cent, while China ranks third at 16.5 per cent. Zambia and France are fourth and fifth, contributing 7.6 and 6.5 per cent, respectively.

Among Namibia’s top import sources, South Africa leads with 37.6 per cent of total imports, followed by China at 10.6 per cent and Brazil at 6.4 per cent.

Chile and Morocco hold fourth and fifth positions, each contributing 3.7 per cent of total imports.

Namibia’s exports in September were primarily driven by mineral products, including diamonds, uranium, gold and petroleum oils, with fish being the only non-mineral product among the top five exports.

Imports were dominated by petroleum oils, precious metal ores, fertilizers, copper ores and commercial vehicles. *Xinhua*

# Alamein landmark tower reaches peak

CAIRO - The landmark tower of the Alamein Downtown Towers Project is breaking the record in Egypt's New Alamein City, Egypt Minister of Housing Sherif El-Sherbiny has said.

The topping-out ceremony held Thursday was attended by China Minister of Housing and Urban-Rural Development Ni Hong, China Consul General in Alexandria Yang Yi, and Wen Bing, president of China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC), the contractor of the project.

Mr El-Sherbiny said the topping-out of the main structure of the landmark tower was the result of concerted efforts by Egypt and China.

He hoped that the two sides would continue to deepen cooperation and jointly promote project construction to assist Egypt in achieving its "Vision 2030."

Mr Yang said the smooth progress of the project demonstrated that the two countries have further deepened cooperation on urban construction, sustainable urban development, and living environment improvement.

Mr Wen said CSCEC will strengthen the application of scientific and technological innovation achievements and fully advance subsequent construction work.

The New Alamein City, located on the Mediterranean coast in northern Egypt, is an important strategic city in the country's "Vision 2030" plan.

The Alamein Downtown Towers Project, a pivotal part of the construction of New Alamein City, includes four high-rise residential buildings and one landmark tower.

The four residential buildings have all been topped out since January this year. *Xinhua*

## PUBLIC NOTICE



### NOTICE IN TERMS OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 34 (2) OF THE GAMBLING ACT (2012), ACT NO. 7 OF 2012

#### APPLICATIONS FOR THE APPROVAL OF BETTING SITES

The Board of the Gambling Authority granted Bookmaker licences to Mecaville Enterprises (Pty) Ltd and Delta Bay (Pty) Ltd on the 9th of August 2024. Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 34 (2) of the Gambling Act No. 7 of 2012, read together with clauses 34.3.13, 13.2 and 13.3 of the Request for Application for Totalisator and Bookmaker licences and Section 35 of the Gambling Act No.7 of 2012 that these companies have applied for the approval of betting sites in the locations outlined in the table below.

Kindly note that this is the last publication of these site applications. In terms of the provisions of section 34 of the Act, any person who wishes to object to any of the site applications mentioned in the table below shall notify the Gambling Authority "the Authority", in writing of such objection/s and the grounds of objection/s, within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication of the notice.

Notice is further given that only non-confidential information pertaining to the above site application shall be open for public inspection by interested persons during normal office hours of the Authority which are from **08:00 to 12:45 and 14:00 to 17:00**. The offices of the Authority are located at Fairscape Precinct, West Building, Fairground Office Park, Gaborone. Interested parties are advised to make an appointment for such viewing with the office of the Licensing Services Manager, **Ms. Omolemo Dikgang** by sending an email to [betting@gamblingauthority.co.bw](mailto:betting@gamblingauthority.co.bw).

Persons wishing to submit objections to these site applications are called upon to give notice to the Authority of such objections and their grounds in writing within **thirty (30) days** of the date of the last publication of the notice. All objections shall be submitted with the following details:

1. The Name of the applicant to which the objection relates;
2. The grounds upon which the objection is made;
3. The name, address, email address, telephone or cellular-phone number of the person submitting the objection; and
4. An indication of whether or not the person submitting the objection also wishes to make an oral representation of the objection at the public hearings.

All objections must be addressed to **Mr. Emolemo Peter Kesitilwe, Chief Executive Officer**, Gambling Authority, Private Bag BR 161, Gaborone, Botswana.

All enquiries must be directed to the **Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Mopati Rammekwa**, or the Licensing Services Manager, **Ms. Omolemo Dikgang** on 3986600 or 3957672.

	NAME OF APPLICANT	TYPE OF LICENCE	LOCATION
1.	Delta Bay (Pty) Ltd	Independent Bookmaker Operator	1. Unit S13, Second Floor Remmogo Crossing, Plot 50637 Block 10, Gaborone
2.	Mecaville Enterprises (Pty) Ltd	Bookmaker Route Operator	1. Phase 4 Bar, Corner Magogodi & Polokabatho road, Plot 43278, Phase 4, Gaborone 2. Unit 01B, Plot 33847, Mogoditshane 3. Shop No.3, Plot 30657 Palapye 4. Unit 03 Plot 12105, Letlhakane

**Emolemo Peter Kesitilwe**  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 21 October 2024

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## INFORMATION ON THE BOTSWANA STOCK EXCHANGE (BSE) INVESTOR COMPENSATION FUND

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- Section 57 of the Securities Act the Non – Bank Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority (NBFIRA) provides that NBFIRA shall make Investor Compensation requirements by which an Investor Compensation Fund shall be established.
- NBFIRA delegated the function of developing the Investor Compensation Fund Rules (the Rules) and managing the Investor Compensation Fund (Compensation Fund) to the Botswana Stock Exchange Limited (BSE).
- The BSE duly created the Rules which were approved by NBFIRA in April 2022.
- The Rules took effect on the 7th April 2022.

### 2. WHAT IS A COMPENSATION FUND?

- A Compensation Fund in relation to a financial market, is a rescue fund for securities investors, established to grant securities investors compensation for financial losses suffered as a result of a Participant's failing to meet their contractual obligations.

### 3. KEY DEFINITIONS

- **Claimant** - means all securities investors, with eligible claims in terms of the rules, excluding institutional investors, who have suffered loss as a result of a participant's failure to meet their contractual obligation.
- **Participants** - means the BSE, the Central Securities Depository Company of Botswana (CSDB), Securities Brokers who are Members of the Exchange, Special Members of the Exchange, CSD Participants and any other entity as the BSE may determine from time to time.

### 4. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE COMPENSATION FUND?

- To grant compensation to clients for losses suffered as a result of non-fulfilment of contractual obligations due to:
  - (a) Dishonesty, insolvency, default, or liquidation of a Participant;
  - (b) Dishonesty of an employee of a Participant, among other reasons.
- To protect securities investors' investment interests.
- To ensure financial integrity in the securities market in Botswana.
- To enhance investors' confidence in the securities market of Botswana.

### 5. WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF INVESTOR COMPENSATION FUND?

- The Compensation Fund covers transactions and dealings of Securities traded on the exchange.
- Coverage: losses suffered by a Claimant for recovery of losses where:
  - (a) the claimant gives money or other property or authority over property, to a Member to facilitate a transaction;
  - (b) the claimant suffers loss because:
    - i if the claimant provided money or other property to the Member resulting in the defalcation or fraudulent misuse of the money or other property by the Member; or
    - ii if the claimant gave the Member authority over property resulting in the fraudulent misuse of that authority by the Member.
- Where a claimant suffers loss arising from a contractual or statutory obligation placed on any other participant besides a Member as defined under the Rules.
- **NB:** The Compensation Fund **DOES NOT COVER** default obligations, shortfalls, deficiencies and or any other defaults during clearing and settlement of trade transactions by CSDB. This type of protection is provided for by the Settlement Guarantee Fund Rules.

## 6. WHO CONTRIBUTES TO THE COMPENSATION FUND?

- All Participants of the Fund being, the BSE, the Central Securities Depository Company of Botswana (CSDB), Securities Brokers who are Members of the Exchange, Special Members of the Exchange, CSD Participants and any other entity as the BSE may determine from time to time.
- Each Participant is required to contribute a sum of **BWP 5, 000.00** (Five Thousand Pula), towards the Compensation Fund per annum.

## 7. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM FROM THE INVESTOR COMPENSATION FUND?

- All securities investors, with eligible claims in terms of the Rules, **excluding institutional investors**, who have suffered loss as a result of a Participant's failure to meet their contractual obligations.
- A retail investor who can prove they have a legitimate claim.

## 8. WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE CLAIM

- A Claim that proves:
  - (a) that the claimant has suffered loss and the loss was a direct result of malpractice, negligence, error, on the part of the Participant;
  - (b) that the claimant has suffered loss and the loss was a direct result of insolvency on the part of the Participant;
  - (c) that the claimant gave money or property or authority to a Participant or a person who the claimant believed was a Participant or acting on behalf of the Participant;
  - (d) Proof that the money or property or authority was given to the Participant in connection with effecting a transaction covered by the provisions of the Members Rules, the Equity Listings Requirements, Automated Trading System Debt Trading Requirements and other applicable Rules and Requirements relating to transactions effected through the Exchange.

## 9. HOW TO MAKE A CLAIM FROM THE INVESTOR COMPENSATION FUND

- Make an application addressed to the **Chief Executive Officer of the BSE** through the prescribed application form **within 3 years** from the date of default.
- Ensure the application contains the following:
  - ✓ the names of the parties involved;
  - ✓ addresses of the parties involved;
  - ✓ the details of the transaction (s) or proposed transaction (s) for which the money or property or authority over property was given, including the date, time, place and type of contract(s) or securities traded or proposed to be traded;
    - steps the claimant has taken to exhaust any remedies available to him in respect of the loss and the results of any such steps;
    - the amount of the actual pecuniary loss suffered in BWP;
    - Proof that applicant has a legitimate claim.
- If an investor is successful, their claim will be paid within 6 months from the date of application.

## 10. WHAT ARE THE GROUNDS FOR REJECTING A CLAIM?

- If the investor has contributed in any way to the financial difficulties of the Participant in default;
- If the application is found to contain any inaccuracy or omission, unless this is clearly immaterial or is shown by the investor to be wholly innocent; or
- Where the investor has so conducted himself in his dealings with a Participant in default, as to be in breach of applicable law or regulations, including these Rules.

## 11. LIMITATION OF CLAIMS

- The amount that a claimant is entitled to claim as compensation from the Compensation Fund, shall not:

**exceed 5% of the Compensation Fund or BWP 500, 000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Pula) whichever is lower, provided that the total compensation paid from the Compensation Fund in any one year shall not exceed 50% of the balance available in the Compensation Fund.**

## 12. WHAT HAPPENS IF THE COMPENSATION FUND IS INSUFFICIENT

- If at any time the amount of the Compensation Fund is insufficient to pay all amounts that, at that time, are required to be paid, the Board of Trustees may determine that a levy of a specified amount be paid equally among all the Participants.

## 13. WHAT HAPPENS IF THE COMPENSATION FUND IS LIQUIDATED

- The assets in the Compensation fund shall be disbursed to the BSE, and Participants according to the proportions of their contributions should the Fund remain sufficient.



## Kgalagadi Bokone o kopa ditsela

**Ka Keonee Majoto**

**HUKUNTSI** - Ditsela tse di golaganyang metse, di tlhophatsa mesepele ya batho di botlhokwa ka di aga tshwaragano fa gare ga banni ba mafelo a a farologaneng.

Mo godimo ga go kitlanya batho, di ba fa sebaka sa go gwebisanya, selo se botlhokwa mo go ageng le go nonotsha itsholelo ya mafelo a a amegang.

Ka keletso ya go nolofalediwa mosepele, banni ba Hukuntsi ba eletsa puso e ka sekegela tsebe toro eo ya bone mme ya ba betlelwa ditsela tse di ka ba golaganyang bonolo le mafelo mangwe.

Kgosi Merapelo Tshweneyagae wa Hukuntsi o boletse mo potsolotsong bosheng fa ba nale dingwaga ba itela mo pusong go agelwa ditsela tse di golaganyang motse wa bone le Tsabong, Ghanzi le Charleshill.

Kgosi Tshweneyagae a re go dira tsela e e ralalang lefelo la diphologolo la Transfrontier Park go ka fokotsa sekgala gareng ga Hukuntsi le Tsabong mme seo se ka nolofatsa metsamao ya batho le ya dithoto.

Arefatsela e o dikaroloddingwe tsa yone di leng lekgarapana fa tse dingwe di le motlhaba fela, e ka tshelwa sekotere batho ba Hukuntsi le mafelo a a mabapi ba ka kgona go isa leruo la bone kwa matlhabelong a a agiwang kwa Tsabong.

Ka tsela ya Hukuntsi go ya Charleshill, Kgosi Tshweneyagae a re fa e ka dirwa e ka lomaganya batho, ya letla go gwebisanya ya bo ya kgaolela ba Hukuntsi mosepele go golagana bonolo le lefatshe la Namibia le merafe ya kgaolo eo e nang le tomagano le

batho ba lone.

Fa a bua ka tsela ya Ghanzi, a re go direlwa tsela e khutshwane ya go tshwaraganya mafelo oo mabedi go ka fa Hukuntsi sebaka sa go bona dipoelo mo bogwebing jwa toropo ya Ghanzi, e a boletseng fa e le kwa godimo mo go tsa kgwebo le papadisano.

Kgosi Tshweneyagae a re mo godimo ga tse tsotlhe, go arabiwa ga kopo ya bone go ka ba ungwela tse di molemo ka ditsela tse di khutshwafatsang mosepele ebile di le mo seemong se se siameng di thusa go ngoka babeletsisi.

A re fa ba ka agelwa ditsela tse, ba ka akola tse di farologaneng di akaretsa koketsego ya dikoloi tse di rwalang setshaba ga mmogo le go runya ga mhama wa tsa bojanala mo kgaolong.

Kgosi Abathene Kabatlhophane wa Zutshwa yo motse wa gagwe o lomaganngwang le wa Hukuntsi ke tsela ya lekgarapana le ene o kopile puso go ba agela tsela ya sekotere.

A re tsela ya mo nakong eno e ketefaletsa banni botshelo bogolo jang fa ba tlhoka go tsamaisa dithoto.

Kgosi Kabatlhophane a re badirelapuso le bone ba ketefalelwa ke go isa ditlamelo le ditirelo kwa motseng wa gagwe ka ntlha ya seemo sa tsela.

Mogwebi yo mmotlana kwa Zutshwa Mme Ontuetshe Mantle a re boseyong jwa tsela ya sekotere bo mo gogisa bokete kwa kgwebong ya gagwe ka a reka dithoto kwa Hukuntsi.

Mme Mantle yo a foromang a bo a rekisa ditena, a re fa e ne se go duela beng ba dikoloi madi



*Kgosi Abathene Kabatlhophane a re tsela ya Zutshwa e ketefaletsa banni botshelo bogolo jang fa ba tlhoka go tsamaisa dithoto.*

a mantsi go mo isetsa disamente kwa Zutshwa, kgwebo ya gagwe e ka bo e mo fa dipoelo tse di nametsang.

A re go isediwa dikgetsi tse di masome matlhano tsa samente kwa Zutshwa go mo lopa P3 000, madi a a supileng fa a ngotla dipoelo tsa gagwe.

Modiri kwa sekoleng se sebotlana sa Ukhwi Rre Malefo Lenkopane, a re fa tsela ya Hukuntsi-Ncojane-Charleshill e

ka agwa, tshokolo ya dipalamo e e jesetsang badirisi ba tsela eo mo kgobedung e ka fetoga selo sa maloba.

A re mo nakong eno, tsela eo e dirisiwa fela ke dikoloi tse di kgolwane, selo se se ngotlileng thata palo ya dikoloi tse batho ba metse e tshwana le ya Ukhwi le Ngwatle ba ka kopang mosepele mo go tsone.

Rre Lenkopane a re badirisi ba tsela eo ba iphitlhela gangwe

le gape ba tsaya malatsi go bona dikoloi go ba pega go tsaya maeto.

Bosheng fa a bula semmuso mafaratlhatlha a phetlho ya motlakase wa marang a letsatsi kwa Zutshwa, tautona wa pele Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi o ne a tsibogela kopo ya morafe wa Zutshwa ya tsela ka go tlhalosa fa puso e tlaa sekaseka kopo ya bone ga mmogo le ya ditsela tse dingwe tsa botlhokwa tsa kgaolo ya Hukuntsi. **BOPA**



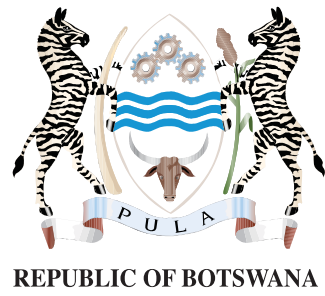
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*Kgosi Abathene Kabatlhophane*



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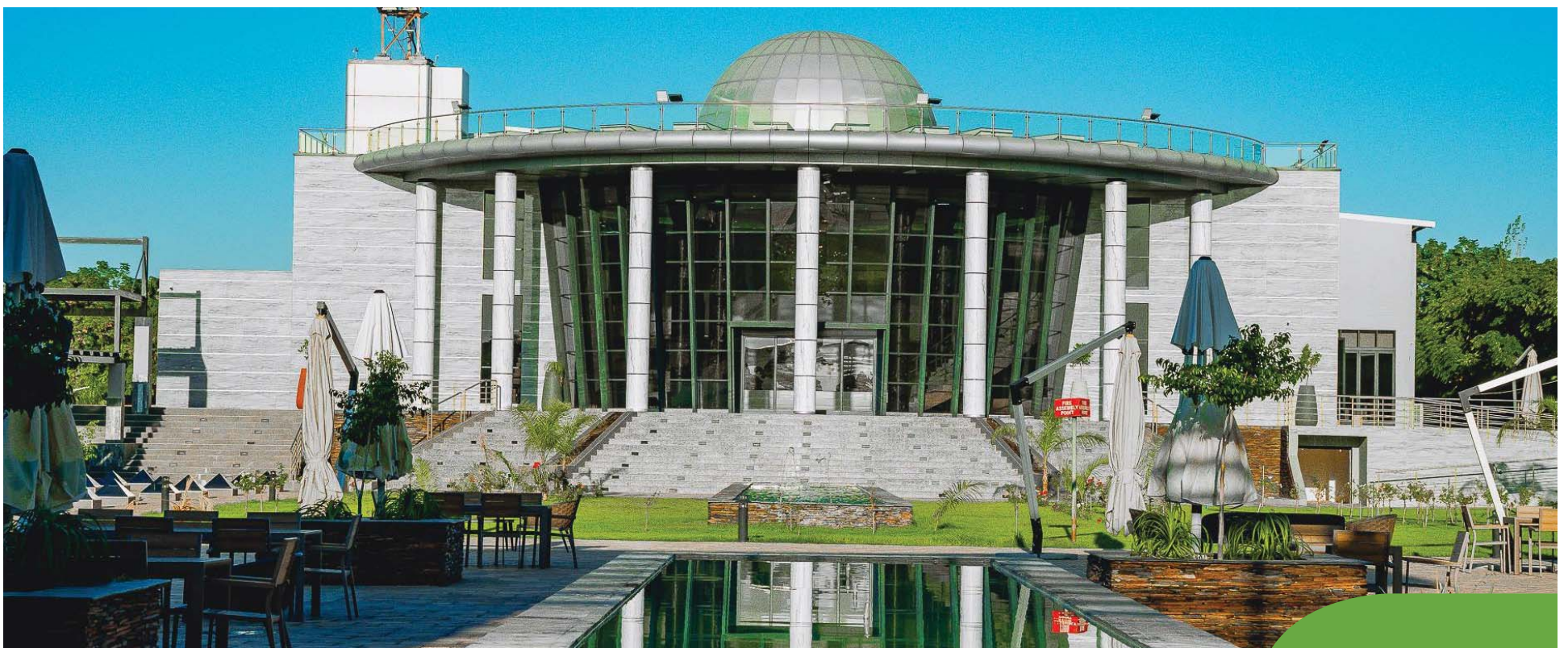
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## FARM WORKERS

**KE BATLA MODISA** kwa Mahotshwane, mogala 72842314.

**FARM WORKER NEEDED** at Chobe Aqua Farms Kasane with at least 5 years experience in fish farming. Email CV + Application to chobeaquafarms@gmail.com

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Tlokweng Mabutswe farms. P.O Box 30059 Tlokweng call Senageng Chere 72764457 / 71664211

**TLAGAPE FARMS LOOKING** for a farm worker with experience in horticulture and livestock. Contact 73634545.

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**URGENTLY WANTED,** MOUTLOUJANE Ranch (Pty) Ltd, 4 farm workers. Write to The Manager P/Bag 105, Selibe Phikwe. Closing date: 15/11/2024

**2 FARM WORKERS** with horticulture experience wanted @Mogojogojo. Call 73790711 or 71986987.

**WANTED 3 FARM** workers. Apply to P Box 932 Thamaga. Mpho Wendy Nnowane

## HOUSE MAIDS

**LOOKING FOR HOUSE** maid to assist with an aged disabled elderly. Contact 73634545.

## NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**CHANGE OF LAND USE** Mompoti Moganetsi intends to change the land use from Orchard to multifamily residential at Phatlhaneng ward, Matebele. Any objections should be forwarded to Kgatleng District Council, Physical planning. Tel 5777741, within fourteen (14 days publication of this notice.

**NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION** THUSO Otukile of plot No. 26115 at Mogoditshane Block 10 wishes to notify neighbours about erection of a boundary wall. Objections can be forwarded to Mogoditshane District Council physical planning office, on 3166646 within (14) days of this publication.

**OWNER OF PLOT 4597** in Maun would like to change use from residential to multi-residential. Any objections to this proposal should be lodged within 21 days from the publication date of this notice and all enquiries contact North West District Council at 6860241.

**OWNER OF PLOT 1528** Mmopane Block 1 propose change of land use from single to multi-residential. Any objections contact Mogoditshane sub-district council physical planning office within 14 days of publication.

**OWNER OF PLOT 2883** in Oodi Matebele propose change of land use from single to multi-residential. Any objections contact Kgatleng District Council physical planning office within 14 days of publication.

**JOHNSON TSORO MAIKETSO,** owner plot no. 37897 Block 4, Mogoditshane would like to change land use from single residential to multi-family residential and erect a boundary wall. Objections can be forwarded to Mogoditshane District Council, Physical Planning Office, on 3960790

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### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000454/23

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **BAEME DOBO** died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe, District Botswana on the **15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned **within thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.

DATED at \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024

The Executor | Poloko Dobo  
P O BOX 513 PALAPYE | Cell: 77 110 178 / 72 847 168

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000268/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Kegolotswe Pule** who died at Phase Iv, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2021.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED at.....on this.....day of.....2024

The Executrix  
Tlaan Theresa Sebina  
P O Box 50369  
GABORONE  
71709086

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000514/23

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **BURU SEJESO** died at Rungwana Ward, Thamaga, Kweneng District Botswana on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2021.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED at GABORONE on this 1st Day of NOVEMBER 2024

The Executrix  
Kgomoiso Gorgeous Sitale  
P O Box 501138  
GABORONE  
Cell: 71735595/73735595

### NOTICE OF RETRACTION

The Botswana DailyNews wishes to retract a Clover Chemical Industries (Pty) Ltd advertisement that **erroneously appeared on Page 13 of the Tuesday October 29, 2024 edition.** The said advertisement has inaccurate information and readers are urged to ignore the advert.

**DailyNews wishes to sincerely apologize for the inconvenience caused to Clover Chemical Industries (Pty) Ltd and DailyNews readers.**

### IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT LOBATSE

CASE NO: MLHGB-000665-18

In the matter between:

**LADY ROSETTA KGENGWENYANE**

**APPLICANT**

And

**TSHEPISO KGENGWENYANE**

**RESPONDENT**

In Re:

**TSHEPISO KGENGWENYANE**

**PLAINTIFF**

And

**LADY ROSETTA KGENGWENYANE**

**DEFENDANT**

#### NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

**BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to the judgement of the above Honorable Court the following property of the respondent will be sold by public auction by the Deputy Sheriff to the highest bidder as follows;

**DATE OF SALE:** 22nd November 2024

**TIME OF SALE:** 11:00am

**VENUE:** Plot 104, Pitsane and Plot 1752, Good hope

**PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:** The respondent's rights, title and interests, On a piece of land being Plot 104, Rolong Tribal Territory, in Pitsane, Held under Customary Land Grant in favor of Tshepiso Kgengwenyane

**AND;** The respondent's rights, title and interests, On a piece of land being Plot 1752, Rolong Tribal Territory, in Goodhope, Held under Customary Land Grant in favor of Tshepiso Kgengwenyane.

**CONDITIONS OF SALE:** Cash or Electronic Bank Transfer

Detailed terms and conditions of sale together with details of property may be inspected at the Deputy Sheriff's offices situated at Plot 1239, Unit 6, Office 19, Old Industrial, Gaborone.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

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GABORONE  
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### IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT LOBATSE

CASE NO: MLHGB-000665-18

In the matter between:

**LADY ROSETTA KGENGWENYANE**

**APPLICANT**

And

**TSHEPISO KGENGWENYANE**

**RESPONDENT**

In Re:

**TSHEPISO KGENGWENYANE**

**PLAINTIFF**

And

**LADY ROSETTA KGENGWENYANE**

**DEFENDANT**

#### NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

**BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to the judgement of the above Honorable Court the following property of the respondent will be sold by public auction by the Deputy Sheriff to the highest bidder as follows;

**DATE OF SALE:** 21st November 2024

**TIME OF SALE:** 0930am

**VENUE:** Plot 7053, Maratanang Ward Tlokweng

**PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:** The respondent's rights, title and interests, On a piece of land being Lot 7053, Batlokwa Tribal Area, in Maratanang Ward, Tlokweng, Held under Agreement of Grant of Lease 1795/2010 in favor of Tshepiso Kgengwenyane.

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**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

Master's Reference:  
**ESHGB 000514/23**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the Late **BURU SEJESO** died at Rungwana Ward, Thamaga, Kweneng District Botswana on the **22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2021**.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned **within thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.

**DATED at GABORONE on this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of NOVEMBER 2024**

The Executrix  
Kgomotso Gorgeous Sitale  
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Cell: 71 735 595 / 73 735 595

**FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**

Master Reference: **ESHGB 000303/21**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **Pena Tlamele Monageng** Who died at Sir Ketumile Masire Hospital, Gaborone District, Botswana on **8<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**.

**FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT** in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the offices of the Masters of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of **twenty-one (21) days** from the date of the publication hereof.

**Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Masters.**

**Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ on the this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024**

**EXECUTRIX** | Tebo B. Ntokome  
P O Box 45148 Gaborone  
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P O Box 969 Moshupa  
Tel: 71 988 518

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000261/23**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **KEABONYE MORWAAGOLE** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District on **8<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned **within thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.

**DATED at Gaborone on this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2024.**

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## Young Chinese sip cocktail of knowledge

BEIJING - When Lin Si'an, 27, attended a lecture in a pub in Beijing, an unexpected venue for such academic events, she never imagined it would ignite her passion for the history and culture of Central Asia.

It was a lively setting where a well-dressed audience sipped cocktails and watched large screens as the speaker, who has rich experience in field research in Central Asia, shared his findings amid the dim lighting and the sound of clinking shakers.

Lin, who works in the automotive industry, noticed that many attendees appeared to be college students.

Their engaged expressions evoked her memories of campus life. "It was an amazing experience to engage in a cultural discussion that scholars brought from the classroom to this venue," said Lin, praising the speaker for weaving interesting stories with professional insights.

She actively participated in the session and had the opportunity to pose questions to the speaker.

This lecture is part of the growing trend known as "academic

pubs," where experts from various fields, particularly the humanities and social sciences, are invited to deliver lectures and engage in discussions with the audience, a format that already exists in countries like the United States.

The concept began gaining traction in China this June, and as these pubs continue to emerge in large cities like Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou, they have become a popular choice for many young Chinese in their free time.

On the Chinese lifestyle-sharing platform Xiaohongshu, the hashtag "academic pub" has garnered over 2.6 million views, with some trending posts receiving thousands of comments.

Many came to know of these pubs through social media recommendations.

"I was really curious to find out how academic discussions unfold in a bar setting," said Zhang Yunkai, a postgraduate student in Beijing. Caidao (pseudonym) is the co-founder of "Universe Lounge," an academic pub based in Beijing that aims to blend contrasting elements.

Unlike typical establishments, the pub's walls are adorned with posters promoting lectures from nearby universities, while chairs and stools are arranged to face screens displaying PowerPoint slides. The shelves are filled with hundreds of carefully selected books, and stone or metal statues of historic figures are thoughtfully placed throughout the space.

Caidao explained that the interior decor is designed to foster an environment conducive to exchanging knowledge and ideas in his academic pub, which has seen a growing number of customers.

"Without the lectures, we could sell about 40 glasses of cocktails on a weekend night, but the figure has doubled since we began hosting such academic events," he said.

To date, 13 lectures have been held in this academic pub, covering a wide range of topics from the evolution of Chinese-American immigration history and literature to the ethical risks of embedding artificial intelligence in medical diagnostics, with the venue packed with visitors each time.

The reasons young people are drawn to academic pubs vary. For many, the combination of studying and relaxation is appealing. "This place allows me to leave all my work stress behind and gain new perspectives in a carefree manner," said a 24-year-old college graduate surnamed Lyu.

For Zhao Yuancheng, who works at an internet giant, the charm of academic pubs lies in their ability to foster in-depth conversations and bring people



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## The Last Dance tops North American box office

LOS ANGELES - The new superhero film *Venom: The Last Dance* took the top spot at the North American box office for the second weekend in a row with an estimated three-day total of US\$26.1 million, figures showed on Sunday.

According to figures collected by measurement company Comscore, the comic book film of Columbia Pictures and Marvel Studios has grossed US\$90.05 million in North America for a global cume of US\$317.1 million through Sunday.

The finale of the *Venom* trilogy was directed by Kelly Marcel and starred Tom Hardy as *Venom*, one of Marvel's most complex characters.

Universal Pictures and DreamWorks Animation's animated film *The Wild Robot* came in second on its sixth weekend with US\$7.55 million, pushing its North American cume to US\$121.5 million for a worldwide total of US\$269.1 million.

Paramount Pictures' horror film *Smile 2* landed in third on its third weekend with 6.8 million dollars for a North American total of US\$52.68 million. *Xinhua*

together. He participates in events that pique his interest and seeks to meet like-minded individuals, describing this experience as a "recharge" for his spirit. According to Li Xiaokai, a doctoral student at Beijing Normal University, it is fascinating to see how academic pubs foster bonding among people.

He said he was once invited to

host a lecture named "Quantitative Research on Intellectual History," where he met students from various universities and disciplines who shared a passion for the subject.

"They engaged with one another during my lecture and still maintain contact online."

According to Dong Chenyu, an associate professor at Renmin

University of China, the rise of academic pubs reflects young people's growing desire for high-quality social connections.

He noted that such pubs have the potential to serve as a "third place," a social setting outside of home and workplace where people gather to equally engage in public discussions. *Xinhua*

## Path of Friendship event promotes Chinese culture

VLADIVOSTOK - An event promoting traditional Chinese culture was held in Vladivostok, Russia on Saturday, drawing over 100 participants, including Chinese

culture enthusiasts, students, and local residents.

Chinese Consul General in Vladivostok, Piao Yangfan, said that the event, entitled Path of

Friendship, is part of a series of cultural exchange programmes to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of China-Russia diplomatic relations and the China-Russia Cultural Year.

Such events will help further unleash the potential for bilateral cultural cooperation, and inject new impetus into the growing bond between the people of the two countries, he added. Vladivostok Deputy Mayor Daria Stegny praised the event for reinforcing the long-standing friendship between the two countries.

Activities included presentations on Chinese ethnic groups, traditional music, Baduanjin aerobic exercises, a tea ceremony, and hands-on experiences in calligraphy, painting, and paper-cutting.

The event was co-hosted by the Chinese Consulate General in Vladivostok, the Representative Office of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Vladivostok, the Gorky Public Library of Primorsky Krai, and the Confucius Institute at Far Eastern Federal University. *Xinhua*



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# Zebras report for camp

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - The senior national football team, the Zebras, reported for camp yesterday, to prepare for a crucial Group C 2025 AFCON Qualifier against Mauritania to be played at the Obed Itani Chilume Stadium on November 15.

A win against the Lions of Chingueti will see the Zebras making it to the AFCON for the second time, given that the last time they qualified was in 2012.

The Zebras stand a very good chance, as they are in the second spot in Group C with six points, while Egypt has 12 points.

Departure of former coach Didier Gomes Da Rosa temporarily sent panic amongst football lovers, but the Botswana Football Association (BFA) quickly appointed Jwaneng Galaxy gaffer Morena

Ramoreboli on an interim basis.

He is also aware of the big task ahead of him, to take the Zebras to the Promised Land.

Having coached in Botswana for a very long time, he understands the players and the culture of the local football.

Ramoreboli said in an interview that they have tried to keep the team given that it has been performing well, and also has brought in individuals that have been performing in their respective clubs.

The coach said they have done their part in terms of profiling the opponents, adding that what was remaining was for them to play and win the match.

Ramoreboli said the Lions of Chingueti are a very physical, direct and energetic team, which he said were also characteristics of the Botswana players.

"Botswana players don't mind

running, and combating so I don't think the qualities that our opponents have will be a threat to us because it is our strength; it is what we are good at," he said.

Ramoreboli said Mauritania has the front three players who can run and cause havoc, and a midfielder who joins late to help them.

"So they have about four players who are very effective in the game and they have five or six players who help them defensively, and you don't see their full back moving too much forward, but you see their wingers very effective," he said.

The coach said the most important thing is to have a team that will be able to stand the pressure that their opponents will try to bring, and have the energy and the ability to make sure that they attack. **BOPA**



Senior national football team reported for camp yesterday.

## Canada clinches three more golds at ISU Short Track World Tour Montreal

MONTREAL - The ISU Short Track Speed Skating World Tour Montreal leg ended on Sunday, with Canadian skaters emerging as the biggest winners by claiming three out of five gold medals on the final competition day.

Local hero William Dandjinou, who won the 1500m on Saturday and took silver in the 500m, added a 1000m gold in 1:24.863 before joining his teammates at the top of the podium in both the men's 5000m relay and the mixed team relay.

"I'm giving myself a 10 out of 10 this weekend," Dandjinou said. "Even that silver felt like gold. With Steven winning, it was almost perfect. But maybe I should say nine and a half, because there has to be room for improvement."

The men's 500m gold was claimed by his teammate Steven Dubois. Jang Sung-woo of South

Korea took silver, and Jordan Pierre-Gilles of Canada finished third. Dandjinou and Pierre-Gilles then combined to help Canada win the men's 5000m relay, ahead of South Korea and Italy.

The host team also took gold in the mixed relay, finishing ahead of the Netherlands and Japan.

The Chinese short track team made the final B of both the men's relay and the mixed relay, finishing second in both events.

The bronze medal in the women's 3000m relay on Saturday was China's only medal in the Montreal leg. In the women's 500m, Xandra Velzeboer of the Netherlands fought off a challenge from South Korean skaters Choi Minjeong and Kim Gilli to cross the line first in 42.087 seconds, with Choi and Kim taking silver and bronze, respectively. "My start has really improved this year.

It's really consistent and that gives me a lot of confidence at the line," Velzeboer said. "You feel all these people next to you, but when I get to the first corner I think 'now let's go, now it is showtime.'

I'm so happy, but really tired." Belgium also bagged a gold medal as Hanne Desmet overtook Kim Gilli to win her first gold on the Short Track World Tour in the women's 1500m with a time of 2:27.149.

In the fierce race, Choi collided with Kristen Santos-Griswold of the United States, and both were injured. Kim ended up with silver, while Choi finished last. Corinne Stoddard of the United States slid past the casualties to collect bronze. The World Tour will move east as the Asian legs take place in Beijing, China from December 6 to 8, and Seoul, South Korea from December 13 to 15. **Xinhua**

# FIFA president hopes China takes leading role in global football

SHANGHAI - FIFA president Gianni Infantino has expressed his hope that China will take a leading role in the future of global football.

"There is a lot of talent in China," Infantino said in an interview with Xinhua during his visit to China recently. "We need to find and grow that talent to make sure China can compete at the highest level of men's football, women's football, club and national team football."

Infantino emphasised that football is much more than a sport; it's a unifying social phenomenon.

"It brings people together," he explained. "Whether in stadiums or watching from home, we all focus on the same match and share the same emotions."

According to FIFA's Qatar 2022 World Cup Report, around five billion people engaged with the tournament, with 1.5 billion tuning in for the final between Argentina and France.

Infantino highlighted the growing role of technology in football, especially artificial intelligence (AI).

"AI and technology are having a big impact on football. They help players become stronger and healthier, and they also make the fan's experience better," he said.

"We embraced technology and introduced video assistant technology to football very early on. That is why we are working with Chinese companies to explore new AI technologies to help people experience football games in a comprehensive way."

The Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system made its World Cup debut in 2018, and the upgraded semi-automatic version - with AI-powered tracking chips embedded in the ball - was introduced at the 2022 World Cup.

Now the latest VAR iteration uses 10 cameras to track players' movements, feeding data 50 times per second to provide real-time analysis.

Despite decades of struggle for World Cup qualification, China's involvement in global football remains significant, according to the FIFA chief.

"China is a very important country in the world, and whatever China does, it does it at the top. I want to work with China to bring China to the top of the world," said Infantino.

While acknowledging the challenges, he emphasised the importance of perseverance.

"There is no shortcut and no secret. The only formula that works is to work and work hard. This is something we can do in China," Infantino stated.

China has a large population of football enthusiasts.

"We need to start with the development of youth and talent. So we have to find the talent and grow that talent, making sure that China can compete at the highest level."

Infantino also outlined FIFA's support for China's football initiatives.

"We can send coaches,

instructors and refereeing experts, and we can also make courses. We'll do anything we can to help the development of Chinese football.

"We need to invest in the youth, and we need to make sure that China plays a crucial role at the top-level competition. We encourage the Chinese Football Association and FIFA to strengthen their cooperation and establish a solid relationship. Football is all about collaboration. As long as there is cooperation, investment, and a spirit of dedication, I believe Chinese football will shine brightly," he said.

In line with his vision, Infantino was in Shanghai this week to celebrate a partnership with Hisense, China's leading home appliance brand, which recently became the first official global sponsor of the 2025 Club World Cup.

"We have an excellent history of cooperation with many Chinese companies. Today's Chinese companies are globalised companies, and we can work together to promote the development of football," Infantino said.

Infantino spoke about FIFA's mission to globalise football, highlighting the upcoming 2025 Club World Cup in the United States.

Running from June 15 to July 13, the tournament will feature 32 championship teams, including European powerhouses like Real Madrid, Manchester City, Bayern Munich, Chelsea, and Juventus.

The format mirrors the World Cup, except with club teams, and the event will be held every four years.

"We hope that Chinese football clubs will participate in the Club World Cup and have the opportunity to host this important event," Infantino said.

"China is a reliable and important potential host country, whether for the men's or women's World Cup, the Youth World Cup or the Club World Cup."

Infantino noted that club fans are generally more organised and engaged than national team fans. "Compared to national team fans, club fans are much more organised.

They travel together, they go to matches together, they experience together, they sing together," he said. "The Club World Cup will make fans fully experience the competition and help promote the globalisation of football."

Looking to the future, Infantino said, "We will have more global competitions. We want every country in the world to have the opportunity to participate in football events.

We have made some changes, increasing the number of participants in the World Cup, including women's and men's, as well as youth competitions."

Starting in 2025, FIFA will host the U17 World Cup annually rather than every two years. **Xinhua**

## GU registers second victory

By **Thato Mosinyi**

GABORONE - Gaborone United registered their second win of the season on Sunday with a 3-1 victory over Extension Gunners in the FNB Premiership match played at National Stadium.

A contentious own goal by Ofentse Nato that prompted the need for the introduction of Video Assistant Referee (VNA) gave the Reds an early lead in the first half.

Mpho Kgaswane and

Thatayaone Kgamanyane were also on target to give GU maximum points at the final whistle, Baokeditswe Talane scored the consolation goal for Mapantsula.

Both teams stepped on the field on Sunday on the back of some inconstant results from match day four, with GU having played to a goalless draw against Nico while Gunners were coming from a 2-1 victory against VTM.

Despite an array of stars in their camp, Moyagoleele are nonetheless yet to stamp their authority this season as they have only registered two

victories and three draws with only nine points on the bag at position five on the log standing.

Gunners, on the other hand, are having a roller coaster season by far occupying position nine with six points from five games with only two wins and three losses under their belt.

In a post-match interview following the loss to GU, Gunners gaffer, Mike Sithole, said his team was still a work in progress.

He attributed the loss to individual mistakes defensively that culminated in the team losing the confidence and ultimately dropping the three points on the day.

“One should be mindful that this team is fresh from division one and we do not have to rush players since they are not yet ready to withstand the pressure, therefore there is a lot of patience needed before the results can start showing,” he said.

Sithole expressed optimism that Gunners would bounce back in the coming fixtures, adding

that there was still a lot that needed to be done with convention of chances created.

For his side, GU’s head coach, Pontsho Moloi, said he was satisfied with the team’s progress, citing an improvement from the previous game.

“There is obviously great improvement from our last game and today’s results are testament to that, we thus need to build on today’s performance heading into our games,” he said.

Moloi said the league was still in its infancy to decide the outcome at the end of the season. In other games played over the weekend, on song Mochudi Centre Chiefs continued their unbeaten run with an impressive 2-1 victory away to debutants Chadibe United to further cement their lead at the summit of the log standings.

A late solitary goal by Djo Ntambwe gave Township Rollers 1-0 victory against Matebele while Orapa United and BDF XI played to a one-all stalemate.

Tafic impressive run of the season continued over the weekend with 2-0 win against Security System while Jwaneng Galaxy and Nico United played to a goalless draw.

Meanwhile, Union Flamengo Santos woes continued as they were thumped 5-0 by Sua Flamingoes. **BOPA**



Gaborone United’s Tatenda Gora (left) and Extension Gunners’ Thuso Keraetswe fighting for the ball during FNB Premiership encounter at the National Stadium on Sunday. Gaborone United won the game 3-1. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

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