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President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (right) and BOPEU president, Ms Masego Mogwera after the official opening of the union's annual central executive committee meeting in Palapye yesterday. Dr Masisi commended BOPEU for advocating for economic empowerment, rights of workers, just employer/employee relationship and fair labour practises. Photo: Felicity Male

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Dr Mogalakwe during the 2023 Ministry of Health national inter-health games official opening in Francistown yesterday. He said health workers were not immune from health risks, therefore they needed to take care of themselves. Photo: Thamani Shabani

Inter-health games promote workers' wellbeing

FRANCISTOWN -Health workers have been advised to prioritise their health as they are not immune from health risks.

Officiating at the Ministry of Health's inter-games in Francistown yesterday, the chief executive officer of Stockfort Health, Dr Mogwera Mogalakwe said health workers were the unsung heroes and were at the centre of the healthcare system.

"They are on the frontlines of patient care, working tirelessly to save lives and improve health outcomes and in the process, they often put their own health at risk," said Dr Mogalakwe.

Dr Mogalakwe also appealed to health workers to support each other and to ensure that they were able to take care of themselves as well as their patients, adding that their well-being was essential to the health of their communities.

Dr Mogalakwe further said health workers were faced with increasing pandemics including HIV/AIDS, mental health, non communicable diseases and road accidents.

Speaking at the same event, the SHE coordinator in the Ministry of Health, Ms Ellen Kaovera said the national inter-health games were a vital part of promoting healthy

lifestyles and improving the wellbeing of staff members and the community. She said by engaging in physical activity and socialising with others, participants would improve their overall health and reduce stress levels.

In addition to the physical benefits, Ms Kaovera said the games provided an opportunity for participants to build relationships and foster a sense of community.

She said the goal of the games was to promote health and wellness among all those involved, adding that the games were an opportunity to honour healthcare workers and to remind them of the importance of compassionate and patient-centered care.

"Healthcare workers can be inspired to provide the best possible care to their clients and to make a positive impact on the lives of those they serve," she said. She added that the games provided a unique opportunity to recognise and celebrate the important work of healthcare professionals.

Ms Kaovera also underscored that healthcare workers were just like anyone else as they were vulnerable to illness and health challenges.

She added that despite the risks they faced, they were on the

frontlines of patient care everyday.

She said the games encouraged health workers to participate in a range of physical and mental health activities, including sport competitions, healthy eating challenges and mindfulness exercises.

For his part, life coach, Mr Jeremiah Dikgang said suicide cases in Botswana had reached alarming levels with mental health issues being a major contributing factor.

He said the latest statistics indicated that mental health issues were responsible for a significant portion of suicide cases in the country.

"This qualifies mental health as a pandemic, as it is affecting a large number of people and having a devastating impact on society," he said, adding that everything must be done to address the mental health crisis in the country through both prevention and treatment.

The Ministry of Health inter-health games were first held in Gaborone in 2014 with to promote healthy lifestyles among employees.

They games also provide an opportunity for staff members from various health facilities to come together and engage in friendly competition. **BOPA**

Govt, private sector collaborations essential for productivity

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE - There is need for more collaborations and partnerships, with both government and private sector to ensure maximum productivity of the labour force and decent work creation.

Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs deputy permanent secretary, Ms Tshenolo Omphithetse said this when delivering a keynote address during the launch of the Top 100 Human Resources Leaders in Botswana Initiative recently.

The launch was held under the theme: Recognising and Honouring The Change Makers in Human Resources in Botswana.

Ms Omphithetse expressed gratitude to the Progressive Institute for its unwavering commitment to placing the people agenda at the forefront of the National Economic Dialogue, 'through this commendable initiative, which recognised exceptional leaders who are spearheading impact and innovation in the realm of work'.

The initiative, aimed at recognising and celebrating the exemplary contributions of the finest 100 human capital leaders in the nation, served as catalyst, inspiring more leaders to proactively drive positive change that re-shape work dynamics to the benefit of both organisations and individuals.

She said the initiative also signified a resounding commitment to the identification and acknowledgement of the Top 100 influential HR leaders in Botswana.

She said the Top 100 Human Resources Leaders 'are individuals who play an instrumental role in shaping the country's human capital landscape by extension, make substantial impact on the nation's economic development through their innovative and forward-thinking practices'.

"In the era where human resources is central to Botswana's transformation agenda, HR leaders find themselves at the forefront of change, consistently challenged to formulate dynamic business and people strategies that offer transformative and innovative solutions," she added.

In his opening remarks,



Ms Omphithetse

Progressive Institute chief executive officer, Mr Mmoloki Mmolotsi explained that the Top 100 HR leaders were selected not only for their brilliance, but for their remarkable talent, resourcefulness and compassion.

He also revealed that the Top 100 HR Leaders Awards Ceremony would be held on December 16 at Boipuso Hall to honour their contribution in the field of HR.

Boitekanelo College president and founder, Dr Tiro Mampane commended the Top 100 HR leaders for their significant contribution in shaping the future of the country's human resources.

He said the outstanding contributions to the industry, dedication, passion and unwavering commitment to excellence of human resources leaders was an inspiration, as it had elevated the field of human resources and also positively impacted the lives of countless employees.

Dr Mampane said in a rapidly changing world, HR leaders played a pivotal role in driving organisational success.

"They are the architects of talent management strategies, champions of employee engagement and catalysts of fostering inclusive and diverse workplaces," added Dr Mampane. **BOPA**

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Facilities dev. illustration of commitment

By **Thato Mosinyi**

GABORONE - Artistes have been implored to utilise opportunities geared towards their empowerment.

Launching Botswana television studio 4 at the Mass Media Complex on Monday, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi said government had identified the creative sector as key towards

a realistic and sustainable job creation avenue, hence the investment in developing facilities that would enable the growth of the sector.

Through the refurbishment of the Btv auditorium, President Masisi said government had illustrated its commitment to supporting the creative sector in order for artistes to reach their full potential.

“The ball is entirely on the artistes’ court. They must sharpen their hunger and they must be completely committed to excellence because it’s excellence that puts them in pole position to compete and outdo all the others in every respect,” he said, adding that they must be able to develop a product that nobody could resist.

He said with collaborative efforts involving government, independent organisations and the private sector, the creative sector was a high yielding and low hanging fruit.

President Masisi also said the creative industry was a sleeping giant as demonstrated during the Department of Broadcasting Services roadshow, adding that significant steps had been made to awaken the giant and that positive results had already been recorded through unearthing talent during the roadshow in collaboration with Thato ‘DJ

Fresh’ Sikwane.

He said the three television channels recently introduced on the Btv spectrum represented a significant broadcasting platform and that it would create opportunities for creatives to showcase their works as the department was expected to acquire more content from local independent producers.

“We view this development as a significant job creation move as we expect more jobs to be unlocked directly and indirectly nationwide,” he said.

Furthermore, President Masisi said expectations were for the creative sector to drive the tourism sector through photography and cinematography.

He noted that the country was blessed with some of the most spectacular wildlife species and landscapes worth filming and documenting.

That, he said would further contribute to broadening the

country’s film and creative industry.

Minister for State President, Mr Kabo Morwaeng highlighted the importance of partnering with American television and radio mogul, Mr Steve Harvey in facilitating the development of local producers.

Minister Morwaeng said the partnership between government and Steve Harvey Global was expected to catapult the country into the global creative economy.

“This is a project, which is expected to expose our creatives to the tutelage of some of the best mentors in the world and is expected to yield productions of global standards that will position Botswana as a key player in the creative industry,” Minister Morwaeng said.

The project, he said, was a fulfillment of a promise that President Masisi made when he assumed the position of head of state and government. **BOPA**

President Masisi commends BOPEU

By **Keith Ketji**

PALAPYE - Botswana Public Employees Union (BOPEU) has been complimented for playing an active role in advocating for fair labour practices.

Speaking during BOPEU’s Central Executive Committee meeting in Palapye yesterday, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi commended the union for advocating for economic empowerment, rights of workers, just employer/employee relationship and most importantly, fair labour practises.

Dr Masisi encouraged the union to continue with the noble attribute of accountability, since a union’s role went beyond bread and butter issues.

He said the union promoted formulation of policies that advanced equality of societies.

The President congratulated BOPEU leadership for successfully hosting the Central Executive Committee meeting themed: Strengthening Union Capacity Towards Decent Work and A Just Transition.

He talked about Botswana and De Beers Group new diamond sales deal in which Botswana gradually increased the share of rough stones it got from their joint venture, Debswana over the next decade to 50 per cent.

Dr Masisi said the Botswana government and De Beers had agreed on a 10-year sales deal for Debswana’s rough diamond production through to 2033, and a 25-year Debswana mining licence valid until 2054.

He said such a move would inject money into the economy and consequently lead to decent working conditions and quality of life.

BOPEU president, Ms Masego Mogwera said the union responded to the global call to end gender based violence on women and children that threatened the social fabric of

society.

She said the surge in ritual murders of which the majority of victims were women was not helping the situation and she called on traditional leaders to engage the community to find a lasting solution to the problem.

Ms Mogwera said the meeting was not a box ticking exercise but was envisaged to impact on people’s lives and change them for the better.

She further stated that the union desired to attract more members and grow in leaps and bounds while achieving membership retention.

She talked about the need to have support systems that catered for members who were on the verge of retirement, saying focus should not only be on currently employed members but should go beyond employment.

BOPEU is moving in the right direction as accountability, timeliness and responsibility are virtues that the organisation cherishes, Ms Mogwera said.

She said maximum unity and discipline had been achieved in the organisation and thus deserved applause.

Ms Mogwera said when the current leadership took over, the union was a debt ridden organisation of which some of the structures were affected.

With regard to staff complement, Ms Mogwera said BOPEU employed young professionals, 50 of whom were degree holders and therefore, it was the organisation’s wish to embrace new ideas, fourth industrial revolution and incorporate technology in all structures and daily operations.

She commended government for economic inclusion, ingenuity and the historic achievement to De Beers new deal in which President Masisi had pushed for a bigger share of Debswana’s output, a feat worthy of an applause. **BOPA**



President Masisi (left), Mr Harvey (centre) and Minister Morwaeng during the official opening of Botswana Television Studio 4 in Gaborone on Monday. President Masisi said the studio would facilitate the development of local producers through mentoring and skill transfer. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

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MPs advocate stiffer penalties for human trafficking

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Members of Parliament have voiced their support for stringent penalties aimed at combating heinous crimes associated with human trafficking.

In a bid to endorse the Anti-Human Trafficking Bill, lawmakers emphasised the need

for Botswana to take a firm stance against individuals involved in activities such as ritual purposes and organ harvesting.

During the debate on Anti-Human Trafficking (Amendment) Bill Ms Beauty Manake, a Specially Elected MP, highlighted the distressing trend of individuals being recruited under false pretenses of employment,

only to be exploited later.

She expressed concerns that Botswana might be used as a transit point for human trafficking, underscoring the importance of bolstering the law by imposing mandatory sentences and fines for such offences.

Mr David Tshere, Mahalapye West MP, emphasised the necessity for the Bill to include deterrent sentences and fines against human trafficking.

He suggested that individuals found in the country without proper documentation be classified as "irregular."

He said the importance of conducting thorough investigations to determine whether such individuals were seeking refugee status or if they were victims of human trafficking.

Mr Sethabelo Modukanele, representing the Lerala/Maunatlala, acknowledged the well-crafted nature of the Bill but stressed that its effectiveness would only be realised through execution.

He emphasised the vital role of enforcing the law by apprehending perpetrators and bringing them to justice.

Highlighting the magnitude of the human trafficking industry, Mr Aubrey Lesaso, the Shoshong Legislator, revealed that criminals orchestrating these activities were wealthy, highly educated, and sophisticated.

He further underlined the complexity of the crime and the lasting emotional trauma it inflicted, such as rape and other forms of abuse.

Supporting the proposed amendments to the Bill, Mr Motsamai Motsamai, the MP for Ghanzi South, commended the direction in which the legislation was heading.

He called on the government to do more for citizens, ensuring they were not lured into trafficking situations under false promises of better living conditions or job opportunities.

Additionally, he urged government to enhance security measures at entry points to prevent human trafficking and suggested that such activities should be punishable by capital punishment.

Mr Wynter Mmolotsi, representing the Francistown South constituency, urged government to formulate laws that could effectively address modern trends in criminal activities.

He stressed that human trafficking was a distressing ordeal, citing the recent case of 41 Ethiopians who willingly embarked on a journey in search of greener pastures but were subsequently discovered by the police in Nata, with Botswana being used as a transit route.

Mr Sethomo Letatisitswe, the Boteti East MP, applauded the timely amendments to the law, aiming to eradicate human trafficking within the country. Mr Letatisitswe underscored that unemployment could contribute to such crimes, emphasizing the importance of addressing the root causes. **BOPA**

'Intensify public education on human trafficking'

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - It is important to intensify public education to guard against incidents of human trafficking.

The sentiments were expressed by Member of Parliament for Selebi Phikwe East, Mr Kgoberego Nkawana in his debate on the Anti-Human Trafficking (Amendment) Bill on Monday.

He also urged government to come up with a special unit that would focus on addressing related cases, adding that security at points of entry must be strengthened to curb instances where Botswana was used as a transit route.

He said the country must also stand firm and protect women and children as they were mostly victims of human trafficking.

Giving his take, Gaborone North MP, Mr Mpho Balopi said issues of slavery, migration and human trafficking were related.

He said where possible, Botswana should retrace their roots to where a community used to show concern whenever there was suspicion of an unknown member of the community.

MP for Takatokwane, Mr Tshoganetso Leuwe said it was time for government to establish a unit within law enforcement that was focused on human trafficking and empowered with the requisite skills and resources.

For his part, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe of Serowe North said it was a concern that people were disappearing in large numbers and later found dead with some missing body parts while others were never found.

Tati East MP, Dr Douglas Letsholathebe said the bill was an answer to the current challenge of missing persons later found dead.

Dr Letsholathebe said human trafficking was not only across borders as it could even be done locally as long as one was used in a way that was not desirable such as getting engaged as a farm worker.

He thus encouraged government to come up with ways of protecting its citizens by making it easier for them to explore job opportunities outside the country.

"We want our people to go out there, earn such foreign currencies and benefit the economy.

Mochudi West MP, Mr Mmusi Kgafela said it was important to close all loopholes to ensure that the country was compliant in fighting trafficking in persons by among others tightening the charges to include imprisonment.

He said any business thrives on the availability of a market or consumer.

Therefore, Mr Kgafela

emphasised the need to guard against acts of slavery and human trafficking to safeguard trade relations with international markets.

He said in instances where

the production cost was low it was likely that people who were engaged in such a business were slaves.

Mr Kgafela said hospitality and entertainment industries were

prone to engage people as slaves and sex workers hence the need to keep an open eye. He proposed that the maximum charge or jail term must remain open to even include life imprisonment. **BOPA**



Legislators leaving the National Assembly after a session. Parliament on Monday passed three bills; Bail Bill, the Criminal Procedures and Evidence (Amendment) Bill, as well as the Anti-Human Trafficking Bill.

Parliament passes three bills

By Olekantse Sennamosse

GABORONE - Parliament on Monday passed three bills that received unanimous support from legislators across the political floor.

The three are the Bail Bill, which seeks to stiffen up the requirements for one to be granted bail in heinous crimes such as murder, the Criminal Procedures and Evidence Bill as well as the Anti-Human Trafficking Bill.

Most legislators who contributed indicated that the bills were timely and addressed the current challenges the country was faced with.

Contributing to the Anti-Human Trafficking (Amendment) Bill, Palapye MP, Mr Onnetse Ramogapi indicated that it was timely as cases of human trafficking were rife in the country, hence the need to close all the loopholes to make the law stringent.

He said despite the magnitude of such cases locally, it was

a pity that there were hardly ever any prosecutions. "What is more concerning is that even international political leaders, who should be in the forefront of fighting this problem are involved," he said.

Mr Ramogapi said it was disheartening that people took advantage of a fellow human being misery to their advantage, saying most trafficked people were those in the jaws of poverty as they could easily be tricked with the promise of utopia.

Mr Ramogapi also called on the country to collaborate with able organisations like the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to train the local police. Molepolole North legislator, Mr Oabile Regoeng pleaded for a thorough public education on the issue of human trafficking to alert Botswana on possible indicators.

Mmadinare MP, Mr Molebatsi Molebatsi said the European Union had raised concern about the involvement of Botswana in human trafficking activities.

"The EU has indicated Botswana as a major transit route from countries in the north to the ports of South Africa, so this Bill is timely as it will tighten such grey areas," he said.

Serowe West lawmaker, Mr Onalepelo Kedikilwe said the P1 million as a penalty for perpetrators of human trafficking was not enough, suggesting capital punishment would have been more appropriate.

For his part, the Minister of Defence and Security, Mr Kagiso Mmusi, who was holding fort for the Minister of Justice, appreciated the legislators for supporting all the three Bills.

"This indicates intent on your part as lawmakers, that you are serious about addressing the challenges that our country is faced with," he said.

Mr Mmusi also assured that the two sister ministries would ensure thorough public education was done to educate the people on issues concerning the three Bills. **BOPA**

Basic education performance worrisome

GABORONE - The Ministry of Education Skills and Development is concerned with the education outcomes at the basic education level across government schools especially at the secondary level. The minister Dr Douglas Letsholathebe informed



Minister Letsholathebe has told Parliament that the performance of learners was a critical deliverable for the realisation of Botswana's ambition to be a knowledge-based economy. He however mentioned that issues of lack of discipline of learners and parental involvement in education, lack of better resourcing of education and teacher in service continuous professional development, were barriers to excellent performance.

Acquisition of sub-title deed delays clinic construction

GABORONE - The need to acquire a sub-title deed has caused a delay in the construction of a clinic on a piece of land offered by the Dutch Reformed Church in D'Kar.

This was revealed by the Minister of Entrepreneurship Mr Karabo Gare when answering a question in Parliament on behalf of the Minister of Health recently. Mr Gare explained that the application for the sub-title deed for the clinic could not be processed by the Deeds Registry as the church did not have the original title deed for the D'Kar farm.

"Only copies were available but Deeds Registry required the originals for them to process the

sub-title deed application for the Ministry of Health," said the minister.

He said the Ghanzi District Council had engaged consultants to assist the church with the application for the lost title deed. He pointed out that the Deeds Registry would then be able to process the applications once the original documents were available. Mr Gare said the Ministry had planned to construct a clinic with a maternity wing on the piece of land.

"The design for the clinic has not been finalised yet, but prototype designs for the clinic with maternity are available for adoption once all the necessary soil investigations are completed.

The soil investigations are planned to be complete by the end of the current quarter (December 2023) while designs are anticipated to be completed by the fourth quarter," he said.

He said the initial phase of the project, being construction of staff houses was complete.

He said the budget allocated for the project was P20 million.

He further said construction was anticipated to start in the 2024/25 financial year.

Ghanzi North MP Mr John Thiite had asked the minister about progress made in the acquisition of land offered to the Ministry of Health by the church in D'Kar for the construction of a new clinic. **BOPA**

Thirty companies submit notification to retrench

GABORONE - A total of 30 companies in and around Francistown have submitted notifications of intention to retrench in terms of Section 25 of the Employment Act From October 2021 to October 2023,

The Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Ms Annah Mokgethi said this when answering a question in Parliament on Monday.

She said in relation to business closures, one company tendered notification of closure for the

same period. In addition, she said from the number of notifications, a total of 10 workers lost their jobs due to the closure of one company as indicated.

Minister Mokgethi noted that the statistics provided only reflect the redundancy information or job losses submitted to the Commissioner of Labour by companies after completion of their retrenchment process. With regards to the opening and commencement of the Selkirk mine, the minister said the

information she got from the Ministry of Minerals and Energy is that the mine was likely to start operating beginning of 2026.

The Member of Parliament for Francistown South, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi had asked the minister to state how many businesses in and around Francistown closed shop in the last two years.

He had also asked how many Batswana lost their jobs in the process, and when the Selkirk mine was likely to start operations. **BOPA**

Parliament that the performance of learners was a critical deliverable for the realisation of Botswana's ambition to be a knowledge-based economy.

However, he mentioned that his ministry had identified key issues that were barriers to excellent performance.

He mentioned that those issues were derived from the National Examination summary reports; standard IV attainments tests, PSLE, JCE and BGCSE along with many independent researches which fed into the development of the education and Training Sector Strategic Plan(ETSSP).

The identified issues he said included, discipline of students, parental involvement in education, better resourcing of education and teacher in service continuous professional development.

He informed the house that, various strategies to improve results were being implemented including curriculum reform and shift towards skills development and outcome-based education.

On other issues, he mentioned that, Parents and Teachers Associations (PTA's) were considered to be functional arms in the schools as they support the social welfare function of the schools and complemented government's efforts in running of schools.

Dr Letsholathebe confirmed that, the committee was established in accordance with recommendation 118 of the Revised National Policy in Education (RNPE) of 1994.

He therefore said that the ministry had a formal PTA operational structure and has developed National PTA guidelines to guide, govern and regulate them on their roles and

responsibilities in schools.

He noted with concern that, despite PTA's being considered for its effectiveness in supporting schools, there were some schools with non-functional PTA's due to various reasons.

Dr Letsholathebe emphasised that his ministry was doing everything in its power to encourage the affected schools to support and better involve PTA's to reap improved performances of the schools.

Dr Letsholathebe added that his ministry has embarked on other initiatives to drive improved academic excellence in schools.

He said the initiatives would be supported by the review of the National curricula in collaboration with Botswana Examination Council (BEC) to ensure alignment of the curricula with its assessment at Basic education.

He said amongst the many identified initiatives they would include, strengthening of PTA's, use of mother tongue in standard 1 and preschool, teachers and school leadership capacity building, strengthening and monitoring and evaluation throughout the functions of the whole ministry, just to mention a few.

Gaborone North legislator, Mr Mpho Balopi had asked minister whether he was aware of the worrying and mediocre education outcomes at basic education level across government schools in Botswana and whether it would not stall Botswana's ambition to be a knowledge-based economy.

He further asked the minister if there were plans in place to turn around the poor academic performance for the better. **BOPA**

No financial assistance for Tautona Lodge - Morwaeng

GABORONE - The Minister for State President, Mr Kabo Morwaeng has told Parliament that following its establishment as an incorporated entity, Tautona Lodge has not enjoyed any financial assistance from government but used generated income to sustain itself.

Mr Morwaeng said should the need to seek government assistance arise, proper channels would be followed to provide such assistance.

He said the lodge was operational with a staff compliment of 44.

The lodge, he said was able to experience full occupancy at peak

periods but did not experience fluctuating occupancy rates at other times, as was the norm in hospitality.

Minister Morwaeng said occupancy rate stood at 38 per cent. He was responding to a question from the Selebi Phikwe East Member of Parliament, Mr Kgoberego Nkawana who asked the minister about the current status of Tautona Lodge and whether the lodge was operational, staff complement and monthly occupancy rate. Mr Nkawana also asked the Minister whether the lodge needed any financial assistance from government. **BOPA**

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Mr Jacob told the Kweneng District full council meeting on Monday that projects to be implemented under the Development Management Model, included construction of three new primary schools in Molepolole and Kopong, construction of 25km internal roads in Molepolole, construction of Molepolole bypass road and construction of a clinic in Kopong.

Kweneng council develops contractors database

By Booster Mogapi

MOLEPOLOLE - The Kweneng District Council has developed a database for Grades A and OC local contractors (construction and maintenance works) to run for two financial years, being 2023/2024 through to 2024/2025 to promote local economic empowerment.

The council's Chairperson, Mr Allen Jacob, said when opening its full meeting on Monday, that an advert was released calling for registration of contractors followed by screening, evaluation and listing of contractors by the interim procurement oversight committee.

"We are at a stage where we now have database and local contractors have now started doing site visits and in some cases evaluations have started to identify deserving contractors," Mr Jacob said.

He pointed that though the process had delayed project implementation, it was however necessary to take such action as it would ensure that local companies are contracted to do projects in the district.

Mr Jacob said the development management model team

consulted with the district development committee on November 30, and discussed implementation modalities under their portfolio.

He said projects to be implemented under this model include construction of three new primary schools in Molepolole and Kopong, construction of 25km internal roads in Molepolole, construction of Molepolole bypass road and construction of a clinic in Kopong.

He announced that there would be more of these engagements in future to ensure that the district adequately facilitates the development management model team to fast track delivery of these projects. **BOPA**

BURS intensifies revenue collection

By Kgotsotalang Botsang

SELEBI PHIKWE-Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) continues to intensify tax collection and through customs operations to combat smuggling of goods and also through tax audits.

This was said by the BURS General Manager - North, Mr Patrick Mavuma, during the stakeholder engagement workshop held at in Selebi Phikwe on Monday.

Mr Mavuma said BURS carried out tax operations in Selebi Phikwe to address the problem resulting in tax collection amounting to more than P116 000 in the previous financial year as well as more than P113 000 between April and October this year.

He expressed concern about some tax payers who continued to evade tax despite the major strides made by the BURS to tighten the

nut surrounding its collection.

He said shortage of tax auditors, debt collection officers and tax investigators, among others, further thwarted their efforts to collect tax.

As such, he urged individuals as well as the business community to avoid evading tax and also avoid being pushed by the BURS to comply with existing tax laws.

"Compliance involves filing tax returns, making a declaration in respect of amount due for accountability as well as payment of amount due or liable for payment," he said. "Tax returns should report the correct figures so that the client to pays the correct amount."

He also decried delays by tax payers to submit their returns despite the availability of the online platform aimed at reducing filing hassles.

"Some taxpayers continue to submit tax returns after due dates or available manual returns," he

said.

The Mayor of Selebi Phikwe, Mr Lucas Modimana, said mind-set change must reflect on the BURS systems and processes, thus highlighting the need to revisit the country's tax administration regime.

Mr Modimana also highlighted the need to approach issues surrounding tax collection with a renewed mindset to enable the country to raise revenue from taxes.

"BURS should be the key player in assisting government to deliver on its promise to eradicate poverty and raise enough revenue to improve the livelihoods of Batswana," he said. "Countries with the best tax regimes are able to attain economic growth."

He urged the BURS to intensify tax collections to address evasion issues, particularly in the business community and also called for heavy penalties for tax evasion. **BOPA**



Bank of Botswana (BoB) board chairperson, Ms Daphney Briscoe (right) handing over a gift to BoB former governor, Mr Moses Pelaelo (centre) and wife, Tiny, at a farewell dinner hosted for Mr Pelaelo by the bank in Gaborone recently. He retired after serving the bank for 37 years.

Photo: Felicity Male

Youth fund budget declining

PARLIAMENT - The annual budget for the Youth Development Fund (YDF) has been declining since the 2019/2020 financial year owing to the overall budget cuts in government, the Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture, Mr Tumiso Rakgare has

told Parliament.

Mr Rakgare said for the financial year 2019/2020 through to 2021/22, each constituency was allocated P1 700 000 while in the financial years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 each constituency was given P1 550 000.

He said all the approved projects were funded hence his ministry was not aware of projects which were approved but not funded.

He was responding to a question from Francistown West MP, Mr Ignatius Moswaane

who had asked about the total budget allocated for YDF for each district versus the population of youth targeted by the programmes whose projects were approved in the previous years but never funded and will be funded. **BOPA**

Digital transformation can help unlock potential

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Embracing innovation, collaboration and digital transformation by districts can help unlock their potential and contribute to economic growth and prosperity.

Speaking during a joint District Cluster Exposition for wealth creation programme, formerly known as Poverty Eradication Programme held under the theme: Exploring Possibilities of Trade in the Changing World as an SMME, Ministry of Entrepreneurship's Chief Programmes Officer, Ms Lesego Sepato, said it was important to work together to ensure none of the citizens lived in poverty.

Poverty issues, she said, were complex. Government, private sector and other stakeholders should work as a unit to explore all possibilities and build a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem to create wealth for all Batswana.

The expo attracted districts such as Maun, Okavango, Boteti, Charleshill, Chobe, Ghanzi and Hukuntsi under one roof, to provide a marketing platform for exhibitors funded through the programme.

One of the key strategies for SMMEs to thrive is to break down silos and work as unit under a joint approach hence we have started by bringing districts together under one roof, pooling resources and sharing expertise to create a more

cohesive and impactful trading force.

Ms Sepato said moving away from the individual district approach, they could leverage their collective strengths and expand their reach into new markets.

She also motivated SMMEs to network, actively seek opportunities and learn from each other's experiences through workshops, conferences and mentorship programmes.

By networking, she said, they could collectively elevate their businesses and reach higher levels of success because in today's competitive business landscape, innovation was the key to success.

"As SMMEs, you must continuously develop new products,

services and processes to stay ahead of the curve and meet the ever-changing needs of their customers. This required a commitment to research and develop a willingness to experiment and a culture of creativity," she added.

Ms Sepato said in today's globalized economy, it was essential for SMMEs to venture beyond the local market and explore new opportunities beyond borders because exposure to different markets would not only increase their customer base but also allow them to gain valuable insights into emerging trends and customer preference.

She emphasised the importance of modernizing selling process through internet citing that digital

revolution was not just about adopting technology but also about transforming the way they think, operate and connect with customers.

SMMEs, she said must embrace the change to stay competitive and relevant noting that by integrating digital tools into their businesses, embracing e-commerce and using online platforms, they could streamline operations and improve customer service.

Ms Sepato said producing high quality products that met international standards, could position Botswana as a global hub for entrepreneurship and innovation.

Government has been and continues to play a crucial

role in fostering a supportive environment for SMMEs to thrive and that includes providing access to financing, training and mentorship programmes, and creating a conducive regulatory framework. She reckoned that by working together, government and SMMEs could create a synergetic partnership that drove economic growth and job creation.

"Government also facilitates market access by negotiating trade agreements, promoting Botswana products and services abroad, and supporting SMMEs in participating in trade fairs and export promotion programmes," she said. "As SMMEs, you just need to take advantage of availed opportunities." **BOPA**

China rolls out initiatives to boost employment for graduates

BEIJING-China has introduced a variety of measures to facilitate employment and entrepreneurship for the 2024 university graduates, according to a guideline released by the Ministry of Education.

Chinese university presidents and other leaders are encouraged to step up corporate engagements to secure more job opportunities for their students, the guideline said. Universities across the nation should invite employers for more campus recruitment events. At the same time, universities should tailor their efforts to align with the job preferences of graduates, and provide high-quality career support and comprehensive information.

Local governments should stabilize and moderately expand the recruitment scale for university graduates in party and government positions, public institutions, and state-owned enterprises.

The guideline highlighted the importance of implementing established programmes that encourage university graduates to pursue employment in the western regions, rural areas and communities.

Priority support should be extended to graduates encountering employment challenges, including those from families that just have been lifted out of poverty, households with zero employment, and individuals with disabilities, according to the document. **Xinhua**

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Early Christmas for Tati Siding senior citizens

By **Thamani Shabani**

TATI SIDING - Christmas came early for the elderly residents of Tati Siding on Saturday, courtesy of the civic organisation Way of Hope Project.

The organisation held a special Christmas party for over 250 seniors, complete with food, music, and gifts, which provided a welcome respite from the loneliness and isolation that can often accompany old age.

"Christmas indeed came early for us," said one elderly attendee, Ms Teseletso Bolala on the sidelines of the event.

She explained that as elders of Tati Siding, they were grateful for the event and the kindness of the people who put it together.

Kgosi Tshepo Mokalake of New Stance East ward, where the event was held, said senior

citizens played a vital role in the fabric of any society and Botswana was no exception.

"These wise and experienced members of the community have much to offer in terms of wisdom, guidance, and social support. Their years of experience give them a unique perspective on life and can provide valuable insight into the past, present, and future," he pointed out.

Kgosi Mokalake observed that senior citizens often served as role models and mentors for younger generations, teaching them important life lessons and values. "Without the contributions of senior citizens, any society would be significantly poorer," said Kgosi Mokalake.

Pastor Sinah Butale from Way of Hope said the party was now an annual event even though lack of funds was a major problem to organise it. **BOPA**



Christmas came early for the elderly of Tati Siding when Way of Hope organised a luncheon for them on Saturday. Kgosi Mokalake said senior citizens played a vital role in society, hence the need to take care of them. Photo: Thamani Shabani

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National Agricultural Research and Development Institute

The National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) is a Botswana government - funded research and development institute incorporated in 2015 as a company limited by guarantee. The Institute was established to conduct high quality needs-based research and development across the agricultural value chain for the benefit of the economy, the agricultural industry, government and contribute to the body of knowledge in science and agricultural research. NARDI has a country wide de-centralised presence through a network of Regional Research and Innovation Centre's, Field stations and Experimental sites. NARDI wishes to recruit a highly skilled individual with a passion for excellence and ability to drive the transformation of the Institute into a high-performance research and development Institute. Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates to fill the following vacancy;

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Reporting to the Research Scientist at the Botswana National Veterinary Laboratory, the incumbent will be responsible for planning and coordinating day - to - day activities in an assigned laboratory, to assist with testing for various diseases of economic and public health importance and implementation of relevant Diagnostic Laboratory Quality Management Systems.

Qualifications: Diploma in Biological Sciences.

Experience: At least six (6) years' relevant post-qualification experience in applied Laboratory research, preferably in the Agricultural Sector with regard to issues of animal health. Diagnostics in applied virology in Foot and Mouth Disease serology, virus isolation and neutralization test are a requisite. Quality Management System (ISO/IEC17025:2017 standard) implementation and accreditation. Experience in working in a high security Laboratory (Biosafety Level 3).

Competencies:

Analytical and Diagnostic Skills, Planning Skills, Communication Skills and proficiency testing. Laboratory Management system auditing skills

Applications with Curriculum Vitae, certified copies of certificates and ID should be addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer
National Agricultural Research and Development Institute
Private Bag 00177
Gaborone
Email: recruitment@nardi.org.bw

Applications should reach NARDI not later than 15th December 2023. The Institute is not obliged to furnish applicants with any reasons for its selection decisions nor enter correspondence with unsuccessful applicants.

Temporary transport permits available for coming festive season

By **Marvin Motlhabane**

GABORONE - A statement from the Ministry of Transport and Public Works says the Department of Road Transport Services invites applicants for temporary permits for the coming festive season public holidays.

The statement revealed that the department will accept applications for temporary permits from December 4-18, from 0730hrs-1630hrs.

No applications for temporary permits will be accepted after December 18, the statement emphasized.

"The temporary permits shall be valid as from the December 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 29th, 30th, 2023 and on January 2nd, 2024. December 24th, 25th, 27th, and 31st 2023 shall not be valid," the statement stated.

The statement indicated that operators interested in applying for any of the routes available with the department shall be required to provide vehicles of the capacity of 15, 22, 25, 30, 45 and 65 seaters. Conditions

for temporary permits stipulated that no temporary permits shall be issued beyond office business hours; all temporary permit holders are obliged to complete the route whilst in operation; and failure to comply with these conditions shall render the permit revoked by a transport controller, the statement said.

The statement advised that to apply for a temporary permit the applicants should provide RTS 1 form stating the route applied for; copy of registration book (blue book); valid roadworthiness certificate; certified copy of National Identity Card; copy of certificate of incorporation and share certificate if applying under company; copy of current permit used and inspection forms if the vehicle does not have a permit.

For further enquiries, the public can contact the PRO office at 3688600 or alternatively regional offices at Gaborone (3905050); Lobatse (5330907); Central (4924408); Francistown (2415578) and Maun (6801180). **BOPA**

Media summit critical for China-Africa cooperation

ACCRA - The ongoing World Media Summit that has gathered dozens of African media representatives will enhance global media outlets' understanding of China-Africa cooperation, a Ghanaian media executive has said.

The summit serves as an important platform for African media outlets to interact with their counterparts across the globe, said Roger Agana, managing director of *News*

Ghana, a leading news website in Ghana.

"I am ready to mingle with all of them," said Agana, who landed in the Chinese city of Guangzhou on Friday, where the fifth World Media Summit is being held.

"The world needs to know a real Africa and a real China and how they cooperated to benefit people on both sides, the China-Africa cooperation in various aspects has set a good example for the whole world, so as African

media, we do have a story to tell," Agana said.

China is friendly and ready for cooperation, he said. Agana said Africa benefits immensely from the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) due to its role in promoting trade and developing infrastructure on the

continent. "The BRI initiative is a very laudable project that will help us because it is helping to build roads, railways, ports, and airports, which are the infrastructure backbone for trade facilitation on the continent," he said. *Xinhua*



NAIROBI - A designer cuttings fabric during Africa Fashion Week in Kenya, on Monday. The second edition of Africa Fashion Week opened on Monday with designers from different countries in the continent showcasing indigenous outfits. Photo: Xinhua

Conference allows Africa to reflect on HIV/AIDS response

HARARE - The international Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) in Africa (ICASA) allows the continent to reflect on its ongoing response to HIV/AIDS.

In his keynote address at the 22nd session of ICASA held in Harare on Monday, President Emmerson Mnangagwa said AIDS remained one of the silent threats to sustainable socio-economic development.

The regional event, the largest HIV and AIDS conference in Africa, which runs from Monday until Saturday, provides an important platform for sharing and experiencing cutting-edge evidence and lessons in response to HIV and other epidemics afflicting the continent and beyond.

"We should not relax, AIDS is not over. The pandemic remains one of the silent threats to sustainable socio-economic development," he said.

"It is, however, commendable that we have made progress and positive outcomes through our robust interventions which are infusing the hope that we can indeed eliminate AIDS," said Mnangagwa.

Zimbabwe has made significant strides in reducing new HIV infections as well as AIDS-

related deaths, he said.

The country, he said, had already achieved the 95-95-95 fast-track HIV/AIDS response target, which aimed to diagnose 95 per cent of all HIV-positive individuals, provide antiretroviral therapy for 95 per cent of those diagnosed and achieve viral suppression for 95 per cent of those treated by 2030.

Mnangagwa pointed out a need to address the HIV/AIDS pandemic holistically, including through the implementation of sustainable development programmes and projects to lift more people out of poverty and eradicate inequalities that may be triggering new infections among most at-risk groups.

"We are committed to addressing gaps and inequalities that exist in access to HIV services to sustain this progress and push back the HIV frontiers to end AIDS by 2030," said Mnangagwa.

He said there was a need for intra-Africa collaboration on addressing the HIV/AIDS issue, adding that there was a need to devise home-grown pandemic-responsible measures to reverse the disease burden on the continent.

The theme for this year's conference is AIDS Is Not Over: Address Inequalities, Accelerate Inclusion and Innovation." *Xinhua*

Emissions from factory farms worsen climate crisis'

NAIROBI - The greenhouse gas emissions linked to intensive livestock production have escalated climate disasters in Africa and the larger global south, derailing the transition to a resilient and green future, campaigners have said Tuesday.

Speaking during the launch of a report by the World Animal Protection (WAP), an international animal welfare charity in Nairobi, the campaigners urged a moratorium on factory-based livestock farming to curb emission of planet-warming gases.

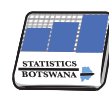
"Factory farming poses a core obstacle in achieving the targets laid out in the Paris

Climate Agreement and casts a dark shadow over the prospect of a climate-safe future," said Tennyson Williams, director for Africa at WAP.

Titled How Factory Farming Emissions Are Worsening Climate Disasters in the Global South, the WAP report stated that attaining net-zero targets could be a mirage unless demand for animal-based protein dips significantly. "Factory farming is contributing at least 11 percent to global greenhouse gas emissions, escalating climate disasters like heatwaves, cyclones, droughts and flooding." *Xinhua*



TUNIS - Tunisia President Kais Saied (R, Front) visits a Palestinian patient at a hospital in, Tunisia, on Sunday. Saied said that all the injured Palestinians admitted to Tunisian hospitals will receive necessary treatment and return in good health to their homeland, according to the Tunisian presidency. Photo: Xinhua



STATISTICS BOTSWANA

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Members of the public are hereby notified that Statistics Botswana will conduct an auction sale of unserviceable supplies on 09 December 2023 at the Department of Supply: Old Warehouse, Gaborone West Industrial opposite Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board (PPADB) at 0900 hours.

Viewing of items will take place on Thurs 07 December 2023 and Friday 08 December 2023 from 0830 hours to 1530 hours at the Department of Supply-Old Warehouse, Gaborone West Industrial.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Items will be sold "AS IS"
- Prospective Bidders are required to register before the start of the auction in order to be eligible to participate. Registration will start at 0800 hours.
- Items will be sold to the highest bidder.
- Successful bidders will be required to settle payments for their goods by POS machine.
- Alternatively, an EFT/deposit can be made to the following banking details with proof of payment submitted at the point of collection:

ABSA Account Name: Statistics Botswana
Account Number: 1001058
Branch Name: ABSA House
Branch Code: 290267

- Items purchased must be collected within 3 working days exclusive of the date of auction.
- No returns will be allowed.

ITEMS TO BE SOLD

Computer equipment, Office Furniture and other miscellaneous items from the Statistics Botswana Offices.

For more information, Please contact the Statistics Botswana Procurement Unit at **3671300**.



Tshomarelo ya ditsa-tlholego konokono

Ka Portia Ikgopoleng

KASANE - Lefatshe la Botswana le tlotla e bile le tshetsa melao ya tshomarelo ditsa tlholego ka di na le seabe mo go godiseng itsholelo.

Fa a bula semmuso phuthego ya mafatshe a lekgotla la UNESCO ya tshomarelo ya ngwao e e sa tshwarengeng e e tlwaelesegileng ka leina la 18.Com kwa Kasane ka Mosupologo, Tautona Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi a re phuthego eo e tlaa thusa Batswana go anywa

dithuto tsa go somarela ngwao e e sa tshwarengeng. Mo godimo ga moo, Tautona Masisi a re phuthego e tlaa fa Botswana sebaka sa go supa gore tshomarelo ya ditsa tlholego e ka godisa itsholelo.

Dr Masisi a re Botswana o tumile ka bojanala jwa dipholologo le makgabisa naga mo e bileng e ngoka bajanala go tswa khutlong tsotlhe tsa lefatshe. Ka jalo, Tautona o rotloeditse ba ba tseneng phuthego gore ba etele Botswana le ba malwapa a bone go tla

go bona ngwao le bojanala jwa maemo a ntlha.

O tthalositse fa Botswana e le legae la ditlou di le 150 000 mme bontsi jwa tsone di le mo Chobe National Park sekgalanyana go tswa kwa Kasane. A re ngwao e e sa tshwarengeng e akaretsa, mmino le dipina, bodiragatsi, dijo, le botaki ka jalo a re dikarolo tse di gomogamediwa ke go nyelela fa di ka se somarelwe. Tautona a re phuthego eo, e tlaa thusa ka go tla ka methale le mananeo a

go somarela ngwao mme se se ka fitlhelwa ka go di gatisa, go kwala le go ruta ba bangwe ka tsone. O buile fa mabutswapele a a tthamileng lefatshe la Botswana ba le botlhokwa ka go bo ba tshageditse ngwao e bile ba e fetisetsa kwa dikokomaneng.

Tautona o ne a nna le sebaka sa go ruta batsena phuthego bokao le bomosola jwa kgotla. A re kgotla e na le bokao le mosola mo pusong ya batho ka batho e e leng yone konokono le pinagare ya Botswana.

Dr Masisi o akgotse Batswana

ba bane ba dialogane tsa UNESCO mo dithutegong tsa tshomarelo ya ngwao e e sa tshwarengeng.

O tswelitse ka go tthalosa fa Botswana a kwadititse dingwao tse di sa tshwarengeng di le tharo e bong, go bopa dinkgwana, dikopelo tsa mmino wa setso tsa Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela le mmino wa setso wa Seperu go tswa mo kgaolong ya Chobe.

A re go maleba go bo phuthego e tshwaretse kwa Kasane ka e le boremelelo jwa dipholologo, tshomarelo tikologo le ngwao e anameng. **BOPA**



Batsena phuthego ya mafatshe a lekgotla la UNESCO ya tshomarelo ya ngwao e e sa tshwarengeng, e e neng e bulwa ke Tautona Masisi ka Mosupologo. Tautona o lebogetse lekgotla la UNESCO go tlhopha Botswana go tshwara phuthego e e tlwaelesegile ka leina la 18.Com, a re se se tlaa thusa Batswana go anywa dithuto tsa go somarela ngwao e e sa tshwarengeng. Senephe: Godfrey Mpuse

Dingwetsi di abela kgotla ya Maubelo didirisiwa

Ka Calviniah Kgautlhe

MAUBELO - Dingwetsi tsa motse wa Maubelo mo kgaolong ya Tsabong ba abetse kgotla ya motse sebalamakgolo (laptop) le motshine oo dirang meriti ya dipampiri (Printer) ka Matlhatso.

Fa a amogela mpho, moemedi go tswa kwa makgotleng a Setswana Mme Keolebogile Masake o phophothile Dingwetsi Tsa Maubelo legetla go abela kgotla didirisiwa tsa dikhomputara. A re madi a puso ga a lekana go reka tsotlhe tse di tlhokegang ka jalo fale le fale mo dikgotleng ba itemogela tlhalelo ya didirisiwa.

A re e le lephata, go ba tsere lebaka go rekela ofisi sebalamakgolo. A supa jalo gore e re lentswa letlhoko le le teng, kgotla eo e gaufi le ya Tsabong mme ba ne ba tsaya ditirelo tsa go ntsifatsa ditlankana tsa Manyalo koo le tse dingwe.

A re seo ke selo se se ntle ka se supa mowa wa go ipelega le wa go fetola dikakanyo, maikutlo le megopolo go isa lefatshe leno ko pele. A re dingwetsi ba ne ba bona tlhalelo mme ba tsaa karolo go

otlolola seatla go tokafatsa boleng jwa ditirelo tse ba di neelwang.

Mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Kgalagadi Borwa Rre Samuel Brooks ene a re lephata la Makgotla a Setswana ke lengwe la maphata a a nang le letlhoko le le ko godimo la madi.

O supile gore kwa komiting ya Palamente ba buisanya thata ka go tsosolosa le go tlotla seriti sa Bogosi.

A re kgosi ke moemedi wa morafhe ka jalo go botlhokwa go mo fa seriti ka go mo neela tsotlhe tse a di tlhokang go dira tiro. A re ba tswelitse ka go kopa gore lephata leo le okelediwe madi gore le kgone go isa serodumo sa Bogosi fa godingwana.

Rre Brooks o lebogetse ba Dingwetsi Tsa Maubelo mpho eo e a supileng fa e tlaa thiba diphatlha tsa letlhoko mo kgotleng ya motse. O ba kopile go tswelidisa le go dira go feta fa ba dirileng teng ka go tswelela ba nna 'lebone' la motse oo le metse e e mabapi. A supa jalo gore serwe sa bone ke gore ba nne sekao mo kgaolong eo ba tswelile ka go dira bomolemo.

O ne a gakolola ba lephata la

makgotla a Setswana gore ba tseye boikarabelo go bona gore dithoto tseo di a tlhokomelwa, le go di baakanya fa nako e tla.

Fa a bua ka maikaelelo a letsatsi leo mohumagadi wa ga Kgosi Philip Lorekang wa Maubelo Mme Ruth Lorekang a re maikaelelo a Dingwetsi tsa Maubelo ke go direla morafe o ba tshelang mo go o ne. A re seo se tsisa tomagano gareng ga bone, mme ebile se ba kgontsha go rwadisanya morwalo.

A re go botlhokwa gore ba itsanye e le dingwetsi oo mme ba dire ditiro tsa selegae mmogo ka kutlwano le therisanyo.

A re go botlhokwa gore ba itse ba bo ba diragatse ngwao ya Setswana mo malwapeng a bone le mo dikgotleng mme popagano ya bone e tlaa ba kgontsha go tsosola ngwao ya Batshweneng jaaka fa ba ikaelela go e diragatsa ko kgotleng ngwaga o o tlang.

MmaKgosi a re go letsholo la 'A re Chencheng' le boloditswe ka jalo go botlhokwa gore le bone ba dire dilo ka pharologanyo, go tokafatsa maduo mme go abela kgotla mpho ke tsela nngwe ya go supa phetogo. **BOPA**

Seabe sa kereke se botlhokwa go lwantsha masula

Ka Booster Mogapi

METSIMOTLHABE - Botswana o lebanwe ke dikgwethlo tse dintsi jaaka dipolaano tsa baratani, dipolao tsa batho bosetlhogo le dipetelelo, ka jalo seabe sa kereke se botlhokwa go tsisa kagiso le ledula mo setshabeng.

Tona wa Pereko le tsa Selegae Mme Annah Mokgethi o buile se ka letsatsi la malebogo kwa kerekeng ya Faith Gospel After Christ kwa Metsimotlhabe ka Tshipi.

"Boammaruri ke gore puso ga e kake ya kgona e le nosi go tswa ka ditharabololo, ka jalo rotlhe mo setshabeng re tshwanetse ra ema ka dinao, re tshwaragane, re thusane go busetsa tshaba ya rona kwa seemong sa kagiso le thokgamo".

Mme Mokgethi, a re ka ngwaga wa 2008 go ne ga simolodisiwa komiti ya bogakolodi ya Ntlo ya Dikgosi le Lekgotla la Dikereke la Botswana mme nngwe ya dikgakololo e ne e le gore dikgosi, lekgotla la dikereke le makgotla a ditshwanelo di tshwaragane go ruta setshaba ka ditshwanelo tsa setho.

A re lefatshe la Botswana le sa tswa go simolodisa letsholo kgatlanong le kgokgontsho ka fa tlase ga setlhogo se se reng A Re Kopaneng go Emisa Kgokgontsho ya Bong Jaanong Jaana.

Mme Mokgethi a re dipalo di supa fa kgokgontsho gareng ga banyalani le baratani e le kwa godimo.

"Mekgatlho e e ikemetseng ka nosi e na le seabe se se tona mo tlhabololong ya lefatshe, ka jalo re lebile dikereke go dirisa lefoko la Modimo go rotloetsa boammaruri, botho, tlotlano, lerato, kagiso le thokgamo fa gare ga batho." Tona Mokgethi tthalosa. A re seabe sa

kereke ke go thusa setshaba go nna kutlwelo botlhoko mo go ba bangwe mme e bile kereke e thusa go agisanya le go letlanya batho le setshaba ka kakaretso.

O ne a supa fa a sena pelaelo ya gore kereke ya Faith Gospel After Christ le yone e tshameka seabe sa yone mo go diriseng lefoko la Modimo go rotloetsa kagiso le thokgamo mme a gakolola phuthego ka lerato la Modimo mo lekwalong la Bakorinta wa ntlha, kagolo ya lesome le boraro, temana ya bone go ya ko go ya borobabobedi (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

Tona wa Itshireletso le Thokgamo Rre Kagiso Mmusi a re letsatsi le thobo ke nako ya go leboga Modimo ka tse a di go diretseng mo botshelong mo ngwageng. A re bontsi jwa batho bo segofaditswe mo ngwageng ono, mme go molemo go leboga Modimo.k

Tona Mmusi yo gape e leng mopalamente wa Gabane/Mmankgodi o dumela gore dineo tse di fiwang Modimo di tlaa mo itumedisa mme a lebe lefatshe la gagwe ka mautlwebotlhoko.

O ne a gakolola phuthego go ema ka dinao go bua ka kgokontsho ya bong ba menne phatla le go rotloetse ba bangwe go emisa go dira jalo. Mookamedi wa kereke ya Faith Gospel After Christ Dr Tebogo Motlhagodi a re letsatsi la thobo ke nako ya go leboga Modimo ka ditshegofatso tse a di neileng bana ba gagwe fa ngwaga o simologa.

A re ka kgwedi ya Hirikgong kereke e a kopana mme ba ntshe peo e ka yone ba kopang Modimo ditshegofatso le mautlwebotlhoko a gagwe mme go maleba gore fa ngwaga o wela ba tle go mo leboga ka tse a di dirileng. **BOPA**



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CHANGE OF LAND USE

I Keatlaetse Machete ID 315024405 owner of plot 11882 Palapye Extension 10, I would like to change my plot from Single residential Family to Multi Residential Family and erection of boundary wall.

Whoever concern regarding my application he/she can review the plan at Palapye District Council (physical planning office) within fourteen (14) working days.

Or contact Palapye District Council (Physical planning office) 493082/4930800

THE OWNER OF plot 28138 in Mogoditshane Block 5, would like to inform plot owners of plot 4822 and 4824 about intent to change land use from Residential to Multiresidential. For any objection, consult the planning department at Mogoditshane/Thamaga Sub-District COUNCIL ON 3910378

I BONGANI BHEZA the owner of plot 9511 Newstance in Tati-Siding would like to erect a boundary wall. Any objections please contact Tatisiding Council Building Control Office on 2431136.

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THE OWNER OF plot 28138 in Mogoditshane Block 5 would like to inform plot owners of plot 4822 and 4824 about intent to construct a boundary wall. For any objection consult the planning department at Mogoditshane/Thamaga sub-district council on 3910378

OWNER OF PLOT no 76791 (Portion of Lot 100 95) Gaborone wish to erect a boundary wall. Any concerned party should contact Gaborone city council or contact 76061713.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION WITH A NON-CITIZEN IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, that **SELEBALENG PHALALO** of Id No. 276 427 119 representing **PURE THREE INVESTMENT PROPRIETARY LIMITED** intends to transfer to **CLASSIC CENTRE PROPRIETARY LIMITED** represented by **MONIQUE ELS (PASSPORT NO. M00281003)**, a non-citizen, in respect of the below mentioned property, for the value of **P460 000.00** (Four Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pula) namely;

CERTAIN SITUATE : Piece of land being Integrated Farm, Setatse Lands, Palapye : At Palapye (Cadastre 433) in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory

MEASURING : 38.1862 ha (Thirty Eight point One Eight Six Two hectares)

HELD UNDER: Agreement of Grant of Lease for Business dated 2nd day of March 2022 made in favour of **PURE THREE INVESTMENT PROPRIETARY LIMITED**.

Any citizen interested in a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the above parties.

Any citizen objecting to this transaction should do so in writing, giving reasons thereof, to the Palapye Sub Land board, P.O. Box 868, Palapye, within thirty (30) days.

Dated at Palapye this 8th NOVEMBER 2023

KEOAGILE & ASSOCIATES (Applicant's Attorneys) GAMPONE COMPLEX NEXT TO JAGO INVESTMENT, P.O. BOX 749 PALAPYE, Tel No. 77196428

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION WITH A NON-CITIZEN IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, that **TSHENOLO KGOSIETSILE** intends to enter into sale agreement with **PETRUS JOHANNES HENDRIK SCHOEMAN**, a non-citizen, in respect of the below mentioned property, for the sum of **P300 000.00** namely;

CERTAIN SITUATE : Piece of land being Integrated Farm, Dikakabala lands Lecheng : at Palapye (Cadastre 433) in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory

MEASURING : 276 x 414 x 294 x 437 METRES

HELD UNDER : Palapye Land Board Resolution dated 27th day of June 2023 made in favour of **TSHENOLO KGOSIETSILE**.

SUBJECT TO : such terms and conditions as the aforesaid of Lease will more fully point out.

Any citizen interested in a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the above parties.

Any citizen objecting to this transaction should do so in writing, giving reasons thereof, to the Palapye Sub Land board, P.O. Box 868, Palapye, within thirty (30) days.

Dated at Palapye this 29th November 2023

KEOAGILE & ASSOCIATES (Applicant's Attorneys) GAMPONE COMPLEX NEXT TO JAGO INVESTMENT, P.O. BOX 749, PALAPYE, Tel No. 4923550

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PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR LICENCE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has applied for Bottle Store Liquor License in terms of section 13 of the Liquor Act (Act No: 9 of 2004) in respect of the premises situated at **Plot 2557, Maokaneng, Lobatse**. And the Liquor Control Authority has determined the application shall be heard by the Control Authority on the _____ day of _____ 2023.

Any person who wishes to object grant of the license should within **21 days** of the last publication of this notice, give notice in writing to the said Control Authority of his intention to oppose the application and state the grounds in which his objection is based.

BILATERAL COMPLEX PTY LTD NAME

ADDRESS: P O Box 10456, Lobatse DATE: 28 / 11 / 2023.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: **ESHGB-000535/22**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Tholi Thukgele** who died at Logaba Ward, Kanye, Ngwaketse District, Botswana on the 11th day of July 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 _____ 2023.

Executrix
Kesaobaka Tselaesele
Plot 9303, Broadhurst
P O Box 262, MOLEPOLOLE | TEL: 72586969

Executrix
Kemoneilwe Thukgele
Logaba Ward, Kanye
P O Bo 10227, KANYE | TEL 75477352

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000367/22**

IN THE ESTATE of the **ALBERT B. MOOKETSI** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 20th day of February 2022.

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 **04th** Day of **December 2023**

The Executor
Legodile Mooketsi

P O Box 404156, **GABORONE**
CELL: 71660100

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB-000561/21**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **LESLEY KONOPO** who died at Nkoyaphiri ward, Mogoditshane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 23rd day of September 2022.

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 2023

The Executor
Tracy Konopo
P O Box 1463, MOGODITSHANE
TEL: 72960212 / 72258941

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000111/23**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **LIONEL GODFREY HARVEY** who died at Pretoria, Republic of South Africa on the 26th December 2022.

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 2023.

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The Executor

Daanyaal Faried Van Wyk
P O Box 30918, Tlokweng Tel: 74410356

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRUBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Ref: **000523/23**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **DAVID POONYANE** who died at Debora Relief Memorial Hospital, Mochudi, Kgatleng District, Botswana on the 14th July 2023.

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

Any objection to the Estates Account may be lodged with the Master.

DATED AT ON THIS DAY OF 2023

The Executor
JOSEPHINE KOLOBE
PO BOX 20997, MOCHUDI
TEL: 71786097

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000417/22**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **PATRICK BUTI MPOPANG** who died at **Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on 22nd July 2019.**

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

DATED at on this Day of 2023.

Executrix Dative
Punaka Mpopang
 P O BOX 585, METSIMOTLHABE
 CELL: 75081392/733451164

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 Master's Reference: **ESHGB-000202/22**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Oteng Moscow Panya** who died at Plot 17992/69 Phase 2, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **17th day of April 2022.**

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 2023.

Executrix Keneilwe Panya
 Plot 2398, Block 1, Mmopane
 P O Box 249 ABF, Block 8 GABORONE | 71218432

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS Master's Reference: **ESHGB-000281/22**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **CAROLINE PENEKA PULE** who died on the way to **PRINCESS MARINA HOSPITAL, Gaborone, GABORONE DISTRICT on 28 NOVEMBER 2007.**

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 **Gaborone** on this _____ day of **November 2023**

The Executor
EDWARD PAKISO PULE
 P. O Box 221, SIKWANE
 Tel No: 77 060 808 / 73 758 888

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 Master's Reference: **ESHGB-000515/22**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **NAMETSO RASEILA** who died at Monnathebe primary school lesilakgokong kweneng District, Botswana on the **21 September 2022.**

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 _____ 2023

The Executor P O Box 1308, MOLEPOLOLE
 Tshetsana G. Raseila TEL: 76860128/77399671

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 Master's Reference: **ESHGB-000552/23**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **Mohamad Rafiq Banu** who died at Extension 10, Plot 2888, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **3rd day of November, 2022.**

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 Gaborone this **06th** day of December, 2023

JAMES MARTIN FERN, The Executor, c/o **SCI FIDUCIARY (PTY) LTD**, Plot No. 129 Kgale Court, Gaborone International Finance Park, P.O Box 89AAH, GABORONE, Telephone No. 3180111

Eramo Investments Pty Ltd, owner of plot 24957 and plot 24795, in **Lotsane Palapye** proposes consolidation and **change of land use from residential to commercial** for the above mentioned plots.

For any enquires contact **Palapye Administrative authorities**, physical planning unit or client's physical planner on **Cellphone No. 72600532** within **14 days** of this publication.

MOTSWAGOLE J
IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT GABORONE
CASE NO: CVHGB 001613-23

In the matter between:
NCI BOTSWANA PROPRIETARY LIMITED Plaintiff
 and
KESRAS TRADING & PROJECTS PROPRIETARY LIMITED First Defendant
RAPULA EAZY LEROY SELEKA Second Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the judgment of the above Honourable Court, the following property will be sold by public auction by Deputy Sheriff **MERCY KGOSIYARONA** to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE : 21st DECEMBER 2023
 VENUE : BROADHURST MAGISTRATES COURT GABORONE
 TIME :10:00 A.M.
 PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : 1 X TOYOTA PREMIO SLIVER COLOUR REG NO: B 724 BBZ, 1 X ISUZU GREEN COLOUR B 213 AFN
 CONDITIONS OF SALE :CASH OR BANK GUARANTEED CHEQUES IMMEDIATELY AFTER SALE.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 4th DAY OF DECEMBER 2023

DEPUTY SHERIFF **MERCY KGOSIYARONA** c/o **ADOM & BOTHA ATTORNEYS, PLOT 61127, GROUND FLOOR, MEDSWANA BUILDING, GABORONE P.O. BOX 27, LOBATSE - TELEPHONE NO. 398 5256 / 3985253 (Ref: N30/51/23/MAA/ppl)**

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Family Feud Botswana coming

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - One of the popular international TV game show, *Family Feud* is set to be launched in Botswana.

This was announced by American comedian and TV personality as well as the show's creator and host, Steve Harvey during a Townhall Conversation with President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi during the launch of the Department of Broadcasting Services' Btv Studio 4 on Monday.

The show will feature Batswana families competing against each other to answer questions posed by the host, Harvey.

He further revealed plans to create a studio to record *Family Feud Global* in Botswana.

Meanwhile, Harvey said facilitation of the local creative sector would benefit local producers, film makers and many more by training them.

"This is an act of love and concern for the young people of Botswana. These young people are talented," he said.

He said he believed in young people because they were the future adding that Botswana needed to invest much on them.

"Young people we are talking about 20 years from now, 15 years from now. You need to call on these young people and give them some guidance, bring some experts from the US who know the real secrets of this business and share with them how to do it, and we can change things around here," he said.

Some of the training Harvey mentioned, he said included training camera personell and the power of great lightning.

"You're not going to be a great cameraman in six months. You're not going to do that. Some of the people who make the most money in Hollywood are lighting people because lighting is everything.

You're not going to get a lighting contract that big in six months.

You got to learn it. But I know how to bring the right people," said Harvey.

The American comedian also said he knew how to bring the right people to teach and train young people in Botswana.

He said if Botswana were to build good studios, many people would shoot their films and television shows here and in the process bring money to the country and change lives not only in the creative sector. **BOPA**



President Masisi (left), Btv news anchor, Gaona Dintwe (centre) and Harvey during a Townhall Conversation with the President at the launch of Btv Studio 4 in Gaborone on Monday. Harvey said they would host *Family Feud Botswana* and would also create a studio to record *Family Feud Global* in Botswana. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

'Communities must list their living heritage'

By Ketshepile More

KASANE - Ambassador Extraordinary and Permanent Delegate of Botswana to UNESCO, Mustaq Moorad says Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) is a form of tourism, which should benefit communities.

Speaking in an interview on the sidelines of the ongoing Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of ICH (18.COM) in Kasane, Moorad said it was therefore important for communities to list their living heritage as it would attract people.

"The communities will earn income through their living heritage," Moorad said.

He said 18.COM had a lot to offer countries such as Botswana, with the country having listed three elements.

He said he hoped that hosting the meeting here would benefit the local community, as delegates

from across the world engaged on various tourism activities and appreciated the living heritage

element of the Seperu folk dance. He said the hope was that through this meeting, Batswana

would be enticed to participate and promote the culture and list more elements.

"Every country has a chance to list every two years.

We need to have an inventory, and go around the country to consult with communities as ICH is community-based," he said.

He explained that governments listened to what communities had to offer in terms of their aspirations to list their living heritage elements.

"We should not dictate to communities but listen to what they have to say," he said.

Furthermore, Moorad noted that Botswana had not submitted, awaiting the two-year period.

But, he said he hoped 18.COM would inspire communities to come forward and increase the national inventory so that 'we apply and be evaluated for listing.' **BOPA**



Moorad said he hoped hosting 18.COM would benefit the local community, as delegates from across the world engaged on various tourism activities and appreciated the living heritage element of the Seperu folk dance. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

Table tennis team brings medals

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Botswana Table Tennis Association (BTTA) Under 11 team has brought home four medals from the recent 2023 International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Southern Africa Hopes and Challenge Week, which ended in Windhoek, Namibia on Friday.

The quartet of Reneilwe Lekorwe, Tinashe Dzvaka, Tshogofatso Buisanang and Boitlamo Nkele displayed good performance thereby scooping some medals.

In the boys' category, Lekorwe finished second while Dzvaka finished fourth getting bronze. On the girls' side, Nkele finished overall in third, scooping a bronze while Buisanang finished fifth. Giving an analysis of the tournament, assistant coach Boitshwarelo Butale, who also participated in the Gender My Strength ITTF programme that was running concurrently with the tournament, said Lekorwe was faced with a mammoth task as he had to overcome two of his greatest rivals.

Butale said sometime this year, Lekorwe met the duo of Zaeem Dadakar and Adam Domingo at the Southern Championships where he lost 0-3 in both matches played against the two.

However, Butale said the hardworking and determined Lekorwe then worked on his mistakes and was determined to turn the tables. "We carefully studied both players to determine their weaknesses," she said.

Butale said Lekorwe's game had improved his play as he lost 1-3 against the South African Junior Champion (Zaeem) and later

lost 2-3 against Domingo in his final match.

Butale said Dzvaka finished fourth on the boys' category after winning four and losing three of his seven matches at the championships.

He said Dzvaka lost the three matches against his team mate Lekorwe and the two South Africans; Zaeem and Domingo.

Nkele lost two games against South Africans; Phoki Esinayo and Tamika Van As from the seven that she has played, therefore finishing third overall.

Butale, who is one of BTTA development coaches, also added that despite finishing fifth overall, Buisanyang also proved her mettle as she managed to get two wins for her seven matches.

"As a coach, I am impressed with their performance. I also believe that the week-long coaching clinic conducted by ITTF coach Bello Nusiro from Nigeria as well as the support from other coaches has provided the players with some valuable techniques and confidence towards the game.

"The training camp has been effective. The young players acclimatised quickly and responded well to all the challenges. I am hopeful that moving forward they will surely use the skills that were imparted on them and better their game in the future," said coach Butale.

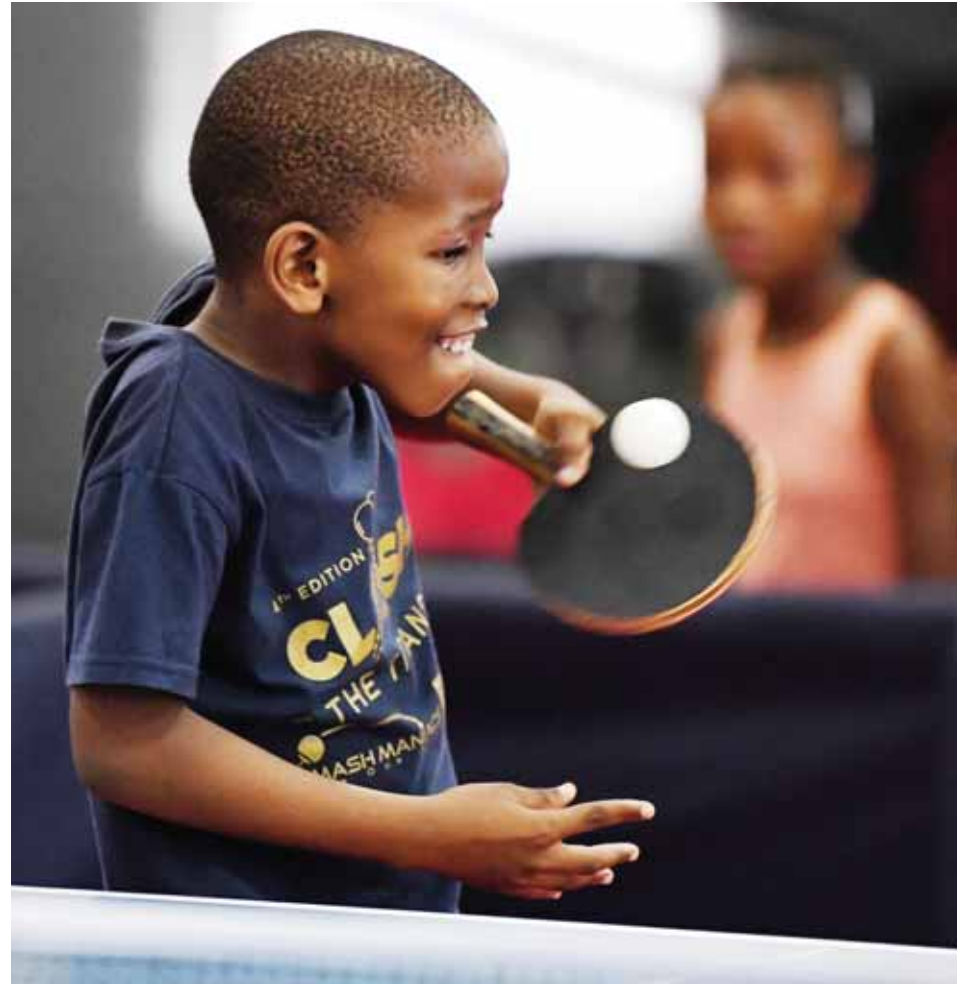
She said she was impressed by the opportunity that the players were offered by BTTA to partake in the championship.

"They needed all the exposure to better their game. As coaches we ensured that our players have full support during the tournament," she said.

Coach Tshetiso Rebatenne, who was called to stand in for Godirileone Bagwasi said the team performed exceptionally well.

"Currently, we have strong ongoing grass roots development programmes under BTTA

with training centres at Bontleng, Gaborone West and other Re Ba Bona Ha centres across the country, where the junior players are engaged in acquiring valuable skills of table tennis," said Rebatenne. **BOPA**



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Poor state of Maun stadium worrisome

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Botswana National Sports Commission (BNSC) officials have expressed concern about the poor state of Maun Sports Complex.

They said the dilapidated facility needed attention as it was used by athletes for training. They aired their views during the Re Ba Bona Ha sports festival over the weekend at the facility.

BNSC board representative, Geoffrey Gare said the facility needed to be prioritised in terms of maintenance.

"We need to prioritise this facility as BNSC board, affiliates, district leadership and the local sport fraternity," he said, adding that he had engaged the Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) president and that they toured the facility.

Gare said they would see how they could help in terms of resource allocation because the facility was used to develop athletes in the region through various programmes such as Re Ba Bona Ha and the newly launched Football for Schools initiative.

He emphasised the need to first improve

the artificial turf, which was badly damaged and the running track.

Gare also appreciated that representatives from various sport codes who attended the festival had seen the facility.

BAA president, Moses Bantsi also concurred that the stadium was in a bad state and that it required urgent attention. "We need to follow the issue as sporting fraternity representatives and see if the facility can be renovated in the next financial year," he said, adding that it has to meet international standards.

Bantsi also revealed that they planned to stage athletics competitions in Maun and that they had active clubs in the area.

Some district leaders had also long complained about the poor state of the facility, saying it needed major maintenance.

Thamalakane South councillor, Othaile Molamu recently urged relevant authorities to renovate the facility during the launch of the Football for Schools initiative.

The festival attracted children from Maun and surrounding villages to engage in disciplines such as athletics, basketball, chess, judo, karate, netball and tennis. **BOPA**



BNSC officials have expressed concern about the poor state of Maun Sports Complex. They said the dilapidated facility needed attention.

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POLICE OFFER REWARDS FOR A MURDER CASE

Botswana Police Service is offering a Reward of **P50 000.00** to anyone with credible information that could lead to the arrest of any additional suspect(s) in connection with the murder of Phenyio Jakoba, aged 35, of Goo-Mmopi ward, Molepolole.

The main suspect, Bakang Masole, aged 23 of Lerala Village, has since appeared before Molepolole Magistrate Court on 24/11/2023 and subsequently remanded in Prison. He will appear again in Court on the 18/12/2023.

Meanwhile, another Reward of **P10 000.00** is offered to anyone with reliable information that could lead to the recovery of the missing body parts of the deceased. Phenyio Jakoba's body was found with missing body parts on the 21st November 2023 at Mosinki lands near Molepolole.

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Batswana elated as The Mares qualify

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GABORONE - Botswana's senior women football team, The Mares have booked their ticket to the Women Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON) 2024 edition to be hosted by Morocco, sending the nation into a celebratory mood. A solitary strike by Keitumetse Dithebe in the 61st minute was enough as The

Mares beat Kenya at the National Stadium on Tuesday.

Refilwe Tholakele received a ball on the 61st minute seven yards from the centre line, drove it about two yards, then released Dithebe who used her left foot to control, drove towards the Kenya goalie, and forced her to leave her goal line and put it past her to send Zebras to the WAFCON finals.

President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi was elated after the team qualified and congratulated them.

The game started on a very high tempo and in the 4th minute, Dithebe had a golden opportunity to open the score sheet but failed to utilize the opportunity. In the 12th minute, Kenya was awarded a free kick in a dangerous spot but Cynthia Msungu ballooned the ball that did not bother goalkeeper Sedilame Bosija.

The Mares won a corner on the 26th minute, which was well taken by Dithebe and found Golebaone Selebatso's boot but was denied by the goalkeeper Lillian Awuor.

In the 35th minute, Bosija once gain rose to the occasion to deny

Harambee Starlets what could have been a goal, which was well executed by Musungu.

Both teams did not have space to run into to release center forwards, however Harambee Starlets had moments, creating some threats through Mwanalima Jereko and Musungu, as they looked sharp in the last third.

Harambee Starlets were playing with a lot of confidence behind the ball that allowed them to build slowly and allow their key players to advance into danger areas.

On the other hand, The Mares approached their game in a defensive mood, probably looking to defending their away goal they got in Nairobi in the first leg when

they drew one all.

The game went into recess with the score sheet reading goalless, as the first half was a very closed game in the midfield for the two teams.

After halftime, both teams launched scintillating attacks but could not find the back of the net, although they both created a lot of scoring opportunities.

In the 52nd minute, Harambee Starlets were awarded a penalty and once again Botswana's tried and tested goalkeeper Bosija denied Msungu what could have been their opening goal.

Harambee Starlets did not lose hope but continued with their attack searching for an equalizer, but their main enemy was Bosija in The Mares goalpost, who was a marvel to watch. **BOPA**



The Mares striker, Keitumetse Dithebe (third right) being congratulated by her team mates after scoring the winning goal during their WAFCON qualifying game with Harambee Starlets of Kenya at the National Stadium in Gaborone yesterday. The Mares thrashed Kenya one-nil to qualify for the 2024 WAFCON to be played in Morocco. Captain Sedilame Bosija (left) was hero of the day for saving a penalty for the second time during the two teams encounter. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

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