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Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe interacting with Seronga residents before addressing a kgotla meeting on Monday. Mr Gaolathe, who is also Minister of Finance, told the residents that government would prioritise upgrading of Mohembo-Gudingwa road once the economy stabilised. He said due to the prevailing economic situation, government could not fulfil some of its promises. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

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‘Children wayward behaviour worriome’

By Keith Ketl

SEROWE - Serowe residents have expressed concern about children’s awkward behaviour both at school and within the community.

As such the residents called for reinstatement of corporal punishment to address the situation.

They said this during a kgotla meeting at Sebabi ward in Serowe addressed by Serowe West MP, Mr Onalepelo Kedikilwe on Monday.

Sebabi ward Headman of arbitration Kgosi Domkrag Kewagamang also reiterated that corporal punishment should be reinstated, pointing out that administering corporal punishment on children was not meant to kill or show a sign of abhorrence but rather was an appropriate way to discipline a child in order to grow into responsible citizens.

Furthermore, he said that was the only way to restore order in schools as it had proved to be effective in the past.

He also said children were no longer controllable as some were involved in criminal activities that were detrimental to their future. He was of the view that something needed to be done to nip the situation in the bud before it spiraled out of control.

Kgosi Kewagamang wished the same disciplinary measures that were enforced in yesteryears



Serowe West MP Mr Onalepelo Kedikilwe addressing residents at a kgotla meeting in Sebabi Ward on Monday. He urged them to obtain permits from the Forestry Department before harvesting natural resources for business use, as required by law. Mr Kedikilwe also warned against offenses such as starting or failing to report veldt fires, noting that it was a crime carrying serious penalties. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

should be reinstated to rescue the situation.

Back then, he argued that children behaved well, respected elders and were now leading reputable organisations because parents played an active role in their upbringing.

Contrary, he said nowadays people had neglected their children leaving all responsibilities to teachers who were now burdened by their unbecoming behaviour.

Ms Edirafetse Botipeng, a resident of Ranokanyane ward, said children’s behaviour was a concern, urging all parents to

ensure that children were given the utmost due care they deserved.

She concurred with Kgosi Kewagamang that corporal punishment was long overdue as it had potential to bring a long lasting solution to the problem.

Ms Botipeng, a Parent Teachers Association member at Ranokanyane Junior Secondary School, said efforts had been made at the school to bring the situation under control but to no avail. Therefore, she remained optimistic that should corporal punishment be reinstated it would remedy the situation.

She said it was paramount for parents to search their children’s bags as they carried deadly tools

that put the lives of teachers and other learners in danger, adding that a knife was once found in a learner’s bag at the school.

Area MP Kedikilwe said unbecoming behaviour or indecency of children had been raised in most kgotla meetings he addressed, noting that the country was sitting on a time ticking bomb should the status quo continued.

He said teachers were judged by results they produced after examinations but people were not cognisant of wayward behaviour of children that contributed to poor academic performance in schools. He was of the opinion that parents also contributed to children’s uncontrollable behaviour as they welcomed some of the goods they brought home.

Thus, he called for concerted efforts by all stakeholders in dealing with children’s indiscipline at schools and within communities. **BOPA**

Extinguishing veldt fire for all - official

By Thuso Kgakatsi

HUKUNTSI - Low level of community participation in extinguishing wildfires worries district commissioner.

Speaking during an emergency kgotla meeting convened by the district commissioner’s office to find lasting solutions to the persistent fire outbreaks, Hukuntsi District commissioner, Ms Veronica Rabakane urged residents to take collective responsibility in combating the disaster.

She said while the Department of Forestry and Range Resources was mandated to protect the environment, it was not solely responsible for putting out fires.

“The Department of Forestry and Range Resources is not the only one mandated to put out wildfires. As a community, we need to take responsibility, cooperate and unite during these challenging times,” she said.

Ms Rabakane noted that wildfires had been reported in several areas including Hukuntsi, Lokgwabe, Kgaiyane, Nxaa, Ukwi, and Mabuasehube, adding that the situation required immediate and coordinated intervention.

Ms Rabakane stressed that community participation and upholding the spirit of self-reliance was vital especially to farmers who were among the hardest hit by the fires.

Ms Rabakane also expressed disappointment that perpetrators of wildfires often went unidentified, urging residents to assist in reporting such cases to relevant authorities.

“Government alone cannot manage this problem. There is a strong need for public education and sensitisation so that together we can prevent these fires,” she added.

For his part, Kgosi Merapelo Tshweneyagae of Hukuntsi reiterated with Ms Rabakane’s sentiments that all needed to play an active role in helping extinguish veldt fire in their area.

Even though, Kgosi Tshweneyagae commended the Department of Forestry and Range Resources for their tireless efforts in combating the fires, he said the department’s resources alone were insufficient to manage the crisis.

He said collective action was the only way to curb the spread of fires.

“We need to come together as a community, brainstorm, and find sustainable ways to remedy this situation. The fires affect us all, and we must take responsibility to protect our environment and livelihoods,” he urged.

Kgosi Tshweneyagae further expressed concern over the increasing number of fire outbreaks, which had been reported.

Likewise, he said veldt fires posed a serious threat to both farming and tourism, which were the district’s main economic pillars and further warned that continued destruction could have lasting effects on livelihoods and economy. “Our district depends heavily on farming and tourism, and these fires put both sectors at great risk. We are under an unpleasant attack of wildfires, and the situation is devastating,” he said.

For their part, residents called for the reinstatement of mophato as a way of encouraging youth participation.

They also advised on the need to conduct public education in all the villages and to ensure that there was a focal person, who would lead in mobilising community to participate in extinguishing veldt fires. **BOPA**

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MEDIA RELEASE

NOTICE OF ISSUE OF WRIT OF ELECTION FOR KGALAGADI SOUTH CONSTITUENCY

Members of the public and all media houses are informed that the President of the Republic of Botswana, Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, has today, the 7th day of October 2025, issued a Writ of Election in accordance with Section 34 (1) of the Electoral Act (Cap. 02:09), ordering the holding of a by-election for the Member of Parliament for Kgalagadi South Constituency.

The President directs that nomination of candidates for the by-election in the aforesaid Constituency be received on the **23rd day of October 2025**, between the hours of **9:00am to 1 :00pm** and **2:30pm to 5:00pm** at Tsabong Primary School.

The President further directs that any poll, which may become necessary, shall be taken on the **15th day of November 2025**.

You are therefore, formally informed about this development and humbly requested to play your part to ensure successful delivery of the by-election.

Thank you
Yours Sincerely

Jeff Siamisang
Secretary

Govt to prioritise Mohembo-Gudigwa road upgrading

By Esther Mmolai

SERONGA - Government will prioritise upgrading of the Mohembo-Gudigwa road once the economy recovers.

Responding to comments raised by residents during a kgotla meeting in Seronga on Monday, Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe said due to the prevailing economic situation, the government could not fulfill some of its promises.

However, he said efforts were being made to diversify income generation streams to be able to address some of the challenges faced by the nation.

Mr Gaolathe further acknowledged that Okavango District faced challenges such as lack of developments, bad state of roads and public facilities as well as poor academic results, among others.

He pleaded with residents to exercise patience, as the status quo would change once the economy stabilised.

“I am aware of some of the challenges in this area and the issue of upgrading of the road has been an eyesore. But I can assure you that we will do all in our power to prioritise the road once the economic situation improves,” he added.

Mr Gaolathe also said highlighted that country relied much on diamonds, which generated revenue that transformed the country, but currently, the sales had gone down hence the economic downturn.

The situation, he said compelled government to reduce expenditure.

Mr Gaolathe, who is also the Minister of Finance, also apprised residents about the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme, which aimed at reviving the country’s ailing economy.

The programme, he said was unique as it called all to shift from traditional planning model to an action-driven implementation based approach.

Earlier, Village Development Committee chairperson, Mr Motsholathebe Maeze decried the bad state of the Mohembo-Gudigwa road saying the government should prioritise it once the National Development Plan 12 was finalised.

He also requested for the construction of a fully-fledged hospital in Seronga especially

that residents were struggling, as they had to travel long distance to access specialised health services.

While he appreciated that they had a local clinic, he said it lacked drugs and doctors adding that they travelled long distances to Shakawe to access health services. Mr Maeze also called on the government to prioritise

maintenance of public facilities, as many of them were inhabitable.

“Most of the government facilities are dilapidated and infested with bats and had a bad smell, which affected some officers and some are reluctant to work here,” he added.

He also requested government to consider constructing a service centre so that residents could

access services closer.

On a different note, he thanked government for the ongoing developments such as improving internal roads through paving, construction of maternity wing in Seronga as well as construction of a police in Eretsha.

Member of Parliament for Okavango East, Mr Gabatshole Disho also urged residents to

exercise patience saying they should have hope and trust that their grievances would be addressed.

“Mr Gaolathe has the nation’s interests at heart as he listens to complaints and even his office is open at all times. We are hopeful that within a short period of time, we will hear something positive,” he added. **BOPA**



Residents of Seronga and surrounding villages have sought government intervention in curbing rampant cross boarder cattle rustling along the Botswana-Zambia border fence. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

Residents seek intervention in cattle rustling

By Esther Mmolai

SERONGA - Residents of Seronga and surrounding villages have sought government intervention in curbing rampant cross border cattle rustling along the Botswana-Zambia border fence.

The situation is said to be impoverishing the community, leading to economic hardships.

They noted cross border livestock rustling as a serious challenge in their area, to an extent that some were left empty handed and had since abandoned their cattle posts.

The residents expressed their grievances during a kgotla meeting addressed by Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe on Monday.

They said their lives were also under threat.

Some of the residents shared some encounters with some people perceived to be cattle rustlers, who claimed to be fishermen and armed with dangerous objects,

Therefore, the residents appealed to government to

address the situation, through measures such as border patrols and enhanced cross border cooperation with Zambia to crack down stock theft syndicates, which continued to impoverish farmers.

Consequently, the residents advised government to maintain the down buffalo fence along the river, as it allowed free movement of both the perpetrators and the animals.

“We do appreciate efforts by our police officers to combat crime, but it was unfortunate as they are under resourced, as at times they fail to respond on time due to shortage of transport.

We have long called for a construction of a satellite police in Gudigwa, which is adjacent to the border line so that we access services closer,” said Gudigwa Development Committee chairperson, Mr Kehositse Tsimba. Mr Tsimba pleaded with Vice President to look into the matter, as it was likely to open up a route for trafficking of people.

He said the situation inflicted economic and social harm on their livelihoods as members of

the community were denied the right to enjoy their wealth.

Mr Tsimba said the majority of livelihoods were sustained by rearing of livestock and pleaded with government to consider compensating the affected families, through an arrangement similar to how it was done with the affected farmers in Zone 6B, where restocking was done in response to the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak in 2022, which resulted in the culling of cattle.

Kgosi Maeze Maeze of Seronga equally called for government intervention to curb stock theft.

Recently, he said perpetrators killed one of the farmers who was in company of others while herding cattle.

Additionally, Mr Maeze appealed to Mr Gaolathe to consider installing electric fence along the borderline to deter illegal crossing by rustlers at ungazetted points.

He also appreciated the recent visit by deputy police commissioner to address the issue but expressed disappointment that after his departure, perpetrators terrorised farmers

at Gunotsoga.

While appreciating the ailing economy, Kgosi Maeze said government could engage CITES and sell elephants to generate funds that would be channeled toward installation of the electric fence.

One of the farmers, Mr Teko Ditirwa, who ventured into horticulture, urged the government to increase vehicles for wildlife officers in Seronga so that they could timely respond to cases of human wildlife conflict.

He reported that elephants recently raided his farm destroying mangoes, cabbage, beetroots, pawpaw and other fruits and efforts to report was in vain as the officers had one vehicle and were attending to another incident at Mogothlo.

“Agriculture is a vital part of the country’s economy contributing to rural livelihoods and employment and as such the government should assist officers with the necessary resources to assist us.

“This can motivate farmers to produce more and enhance food security,” he added **BOPA**

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China foreign exchange reserves rise in September

BEIJING - China's foreign exchange reserves totaled US\$3.3387 trillion at the end of September, up by US\$16.5 billion, or 0.5 per cent, compared to the end of August, official data showed Tuesday.

The State Administration of Foreign Exchange attributed the increase to the combined impact of currency translation

and changes in asset prices. In September, the U.S. dollar index experienced mild fluctuations, while global financial asset prices generally rose, said the administration. Supported by a steady economy, China remained well-positioned to maintain the overall stability of its foreign exchange reserves, according to the administration. *Xinhua*



GEORGETOWN - *The Chinese-built new Demerara River Bridge officially opened to traffic in Guyana on Sunday. Addressing the inauguration ceremony, President Irfaan Ali of Guyana thanked the Chinese contractor, saying that the opening of the bridge marked the beginning of a series of infrastructure transformations in the country. He described the bridge as a lifeline for commerce, industry and people's daily lives, saying that it would significantly increase capacity and ease congestion.*

Photo: Xinhua

Brazil seeks US tariff relief

BRASILIA - Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has asked U.S. President Donald Trump to eliminate the newly imposed 50 per cent tariffs on Brazilian products in a phone call on Monday.

According to Brazilian presidency's communications

secretariat, in the call initiated by Trump, Lula noted that Brazil was one of three countries in the Group of 20 (G20) with which the United States had a trade surplus, asking the United States to lift tariffs and sanctions on Brazilian authorities, including cancelling their U.S. visas.

"In a friendly tone, the two leaders talked for 30 minutes, recalling the good chemistry they had in New York during the UN General Assembly. Both presidents reiterated the positive impression of that meeting," the statement said.

Also on the call were Brazil's

Vice President Geraldo Alckmin, Foreign Affairs Minister Mauro Vieira, Finance Minister Fernando Haddad, Presidential Spokesperson Sidonio Palmeira, and Celso Amorim, chief advisor to the president.

The call took place amid tensions caused by Trump's decision to impose 50 per cent tariffs on a range of Brazilian products, starting August 6. Trump appointed Secretary of State Marco Rubio to follow up on the matter through negotiations with Alckmin, Vieira and Haddad.

The two leaders agreed to meet in person soon, and Brazil

reiterated its invitation for Trump to participate in this year's UN Climate Change Conference in the Amazonian city of Belem in November.

The possibility of a direct meeting between Lula and Trump was announced last month by the U.S. president during the UN General Assembly in New York City, after a brief encounter between the two, who greeted each other and agreed to talk.

In a post on Truth Social, Trump said he "enjoyed the call," which was "very good," while Alckmin told reporters after the conversation that it was "better than we expected." *Xinhua*



LOS ANGELES - *Fire scene at a Chevron refinery in El Segundo, California, the United States. Crews have brought under control a massive fire that broke out recently at the refinery. According to Chevron website, built in 1911, the oil refinery is its largest on the US West Coast, processing more than 276 000 barrels of crude oil per day.*

Photo: Xinhua

Stable expansion marks China light industry performance

BEIJING - China's light industry expanded steadily, with output continuing to grow during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025), according to the China National Light Industry Council.

In 2024, China had 140 000 light-industry enterprises exceeding the designated size, which provided 17.92 million jobs.

The sector's exports reached US\$925.4 billion, accounting for 25.9 per cent of the country's total export value and ranking first among all industries for the fifth consecutive year.

The structure of China's light industry is being steadily upgraded, with smart

appliances, new-energy batteries, electric bicycles and other emerging segments expanding rapidly, said Zhang Chonghe, head of the council.

China aims to increase the operating revenue of its light industry to over ¥30 trillion (about US\$4.22 trillion) by 2030, representing an average annual growth rate of at least 5 per cent.

The number of key national laboratories and engineering research centers in the sector is expected to exceed 300 by 2030, while valid invention patents are anticipated to grow by an average of 15 per cent annually, according to Zhang. *Xinhua*

‘Elang tlhoko diphologolo’

Goitsemodimo Williams-Madzonga

SEPAKO - Mapodisi kwa Nata ba kopa setshaba go nna keletlhoko ka dinare di simolotse

go saila dile mo patlong ya metsi. Mo puisanong ka Mosupologo, mogolwane wa sepodisi kwa Nata, Superintendent Beggar Nawa, o supile fa erile ka Labotlhano kwa merakeng ya Sematlaphiri

go bapa le Sepako ba amogela pego ya gore go bonwe dinare di le dintsi. A re ka thuso ya ba Lephata la Diphologolo ba tshwaraganye le Lephata la Matlhoko a Leruo

(veterinary services) ba ba neng ba tsamaetse teng, ka lesego ba ne ba kopana le serapa sa dinare di ka feta masome a mararo di tsena kwa didibeng tsa meraka eo di batlana le metsi.

Superintendent Nawa a re ba ne ba kgona go di kobela morago kwa mololwaneng wa Botswana le Zimbabwe kwa go supagalang di tswa teng.

O tlhalositse fa setshaba se bega go tthagoga ga diphologolo gantsi ka paka ya selemo.

Ka jalo o gakolotse setshaba go nna podi matseba ka nako tsotlhe bogolo jang kwa Sepako le metse e e mabapi.

O kopile banni go kopa thuso mo go bone ba sepodisi kgotsa kwa maphateng a maleba fa ba bonang diphologolo bogolo jang ditlou.

A re ba seka ba re ba a dilwantsha ka gore ba tlaa bo ba baya matshelo a bone mo diphatseng ka diphologolo tsa naga di le borai. **BOPA**

Khansele tsa Lobatse le Bollnas ba etela Kgari

Ka Thokozani Matiha

MOLEPOLOLE - Ratoropo wa Lobatse le bodiredi go tswa kwa Bollnas, Sweden ba ne ba etetse Kgosi Kgari Sechele III ka Matlhatso, e le sesupo sa tirisano mmogo ya boeteledipele go tlhabolola metlobo ya ditso le morafe ka di tsa tlholego.

Mokwaledi wa khansele ya Lobatse, Mme Taolo Lenamile o tlhalositse fa ba na le tirisano-mmogo le mokgatlho wa International Centre for Local Democracy (ICDL) go tswa kwa Bollnas, e e simolotseng ka 2022. A re ba na le tiro e ba e kopanetseng ya go boloka difikantswe le metlobo ya ditso kwa Lobatse.

A re maikaelelo a loeto ke go anya botsipa, go ithuta le go itse gore morafe o boelwa jang mo tsamaisong ya metlobo ya ditso.

Moeteledipele wa Lephata la Ditso kwa khansele ya Bollnas, Mme Helen Berggren

o kaile fa mokgatlho wa ICLD go tswa Sweden o tthamilwe ka maikaelelo a go tlhabolola mafatshe, bogolo jang a itsholelo ya one e leng kwa tlase.

A re maikaelelo magolo a ICLD ke go nonotsha ditlhabololo mo meamusong e e falorologaneng.

Mme Berggren a re mo isagong o eletsa ba ka dirisanya le mekgatlho e e sa thusiweng ke puso (NGOs), le bagwebi ba dikgwebo tsa bone di sologelang setshaba molemo gape e le tsa mo gae.

Motlhokomedi wa methobo ya ditso kwa Lephatheng la National Museum and Monuments, Rre Tawina Tawina o ne a supa fa difalana tse di saleng di boloka mabele labofelo ka dikgafela tsa 1996, setlhare se se neng se dirisiwa jaaka poso, ofisi ya khansele e e neng e agilwe ke Kgosi Kgari Sechele mo segopotsong sa masole a a neng a latlhegelwa ke matshelo ka ntwa ya lefatshe ya bobedi, e le dingwe

tse di leng teng kwa kgotleng kgolo ya Bakwena.

Rre Tawina a re motlobo wa ditso o o mo lefatsheng la diekere tse di masome a matlhano kwa Ntsweng o tlhotlheleditswe ke dikago tsa setso, segolo jang tsa kgotla. A re tsholofelo ke go bona bajanala ba etela kgaolo ya Kweneng, go tla go ithuta ka ditdo tsa Bakwena

Ratoropo wa Lobatse, Rre Aron Ganakgomo o kaile fa Kweneng e gatetse pele ka go boloka di-tsa ngwao ya bone, mme ke sone ba boneng go le maleba go rerisana le bone, go ithuta.

A re maikaelelo ke go fetola dikago tsa peo melao ya bogologolo go nna motlobo wa ditso. **BOPA**

Maloko ga a kgore tsamaiso

Ka Relief Lephutshi

MOSHUPA - Go tsogile kgaruru kwa koporaseng ya mabogodika ya Moshupa, kgang kgolo e le gore maloko mangwe ga a itumedisiwe ke tsamaiaso ya koporase.

Mogolwane mo lephateng la tlhabololo dikoporase, Mme Dominicah Berman o tlhalositse se kwa bokopanong jwa khansele bosheng, a re maloko mangwe a koporase a na le dipelaelo tsa gore madi a ba ipoloketseng a dirisiwa bofalele.

A re le ntswa bangwe ba maloko a koporase ba supa ba tshwenyegile, e bile ba setse ba kopa tlhaloso kwa ofising ya dikoporase, sepe sa phiri ke gore ga ba tsenelele bokopano jwa koporase, ka jalo ba sena kitos e kalo ka seemo sa matlole a bone a polokelo.

Mme Berman a re go dira jalo go a tshwenya ka maloko a tshwanetse go nna teng kwa bokopanong jo bo bidiwang ke khuduthamaga ya koporase, go itse ka botlalo ka dipolokelo tsa bone.

Le fa go ntse jalo, a re dingongorego tse di a tshwenya ka gore koporase a le na tsamaiso ya go bolokela maloko madi. A re go botlohlwa gore maloko a lekodisiwe ka seemo sa matlole a bone a polokelo.

O supile gore sengwe se se ka tshwenyang le go tsosa kgaruru ke fa madi a mo polokelomg tsa maloko a ka dirisiwa go tsamaisa koporase, kana a dirisiwa ntle le kelelelo.Mme Berman o tladitse ka gore madi a ipoloketsweng ke maloko, ga a amane gope le dituelo tsa bodiredi kgotsa go reka tse di rekisiwang ke koporase kana tiriso epe fela.

Ka go tlhoka lesego, Mme Berman a re bangwe ba ba filweng boikarabelo jwa go somarela



Makhanselara a Moshupa kwa bokopanong jwa khansele bosheng. Mogolwane mo Lephatheng la Tlhabololo Dikoporase, Mme Dominicah Berman a re maloko mangwe a koporase ya Mabogodika ya Moshupa, a na le dipelaelo tsa gore madi a a ipoloketsweng a dirisiwa bofalele. Senepe: Relief Lephutshi

kana go tsamaisa dithoto tsa morafe ba kgona go di meletsa mathe, ba nne dinalanyana, ba itlopoela madi a a bolokilweng ke maloko, segolo jang fa ba ka lemoga gore bangwe ba bone ga ba itewa diatla.

Mme Berman a re go lemogeng fa seemo sa koporase se tsaya phekelo e sele go ne ga nna le bokopano jwa maloko ka kgwedi ya Phukwi ngwaga wa 2023, go leka go rarabolola seemo.

A re nngwe ya dikakanyo tse di neng tsa dumalanwa e ne ele gore kgwebo ya koporase e tswalwe, lebentlele la koporase le hirisiwe, seo e le go leka go batla madi a a tla duelang dikoloto tsa koporase,

babereki le tse dingwe.

Mme Berman a re morago ga tshwetso e, go ne ga rekisiwa dithoto dingwe jaaka koloi, a tlatse ka gore mo sebakeng se, lebentlele la koporase le hiriseditswe bangwe.

A re tshwetso e, e ne e tla dikgolo tsa koporase e seka ya lebiswa molato ke ba ba dirisanyang le yone, mme ese maloko.

O ne a sedimosa fa gone go le maleba go itebaganya pele le go sireletsa kgwebo ya koporase, go na le maloko ka jaana bone e le beng ba koporase ba ka se lebiswa molato ke ope kgotsa gone go gapelwa dithoto. **BOPA**



Poso ya bogologolo e e leng nngwe ya di supiwa tsa lefelo la polokelo ditso tsa Bakwena. Mokwaledi wa khansele ya Lobatse, Mme Taolo Lenamile o tlhalositse fa ba na le tirisano-mmogo le mokgatlho wa International Centre for Local Democracy (ICDL) go tswa kwa Bollnas, Sweden, e e tsimolotseng ka 2022, mme ba na le tiro e ba e kopanetseng ya go boloka difikantswe le metlobo ya ditso kwa Lobatse. A re maikaelelo a loeto ke go anya botsipa, go ithuta le go itse gore morafe o boelwa jang mo tsamaisong ya metlobo ya ditso. Senepe: Thokozani Matiha

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DRIVING SUCCESS THROUGH LEGAL STRATEGY

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CERTAIN: piece of Land being Lot 5356 Lobatse;

SITUATE: in Lobatse Extension 22;

MEASURING: 540 m² (Five Hundred and Forty Square Metres);

WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 2349/2001 dated the 11th day of September 2001 made in favour of Samuel Tshireletso;

SUBJECT TO: all such conditions as the aforesaid Deed will more fully point out;

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LOST MORTGAGE BOND



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LOST MORTGAGE BOND

Notice of Intention to Sell Tribal Land to a Non-citizen

I Rebecca Mkhsewa , hereby give notice to sell and transfer my ploughing field , underdeveloped in Lesoma village , size of **2.47 Hectors to Green Book village (Pty) Ltd** for the sum of **P210,000.00 (Two hundred and ten thousand Pula)only.**

Any citizen willing and liable to likewise conclude such transaction may make a similar offer through the Chobe Land Board **within 30 days** of publication of this notice.

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Kgosi Kgari Sechele III with delegation from Bollnas Municipality in Sweden who had paid him a courtesy call on Saturday. He explained that the Kgotla, a traditional assembly point for public gatherings was a designated place for community consultations on pertinent issues of the society. Photo: Thokozani Matiha



Duo gains insight into kgotla system

By Thokozani Matiha

MOLEPOLOLE - Kgosi Kgari Sechele III has emphasised the importance of the Kgotla, a traditional assembly point for public gatherings, as a vital space for community consultations on societal issues.

He made these remarks during a courtesy visit from a delegation

from Bollnas Municipality in Sweden held at his Kgotla on Saturday.

Kgosi Kgari elaborated on the cultural and historical importance of kgotla, noting its role in hosting community discussions, political consultations, and serving as a traditional court for resolving disputes.

He said the kgotla had been

modernised to align with contemporary judicial practices, ensuring it remains relevant in today's society.

The delegation was led by Taolo Lenamile, Town Clerk of Lobatse, and Town Mayor Aron Ganakgomo. Lenamile explained that the visit was part of a partnership with the International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD) from Bollnas

Municipality, which began in 2022. The collaboration aims to restore the rich heritage of Lobatse and promote heritage tourism, a sector contributing significantly to Botswana's economy.

During their visit, the delegation toured the Kgosi Sechele I Museum and engaged with Kgosi Kgari to learn about community involvement in heritage preservation and

museum operations.

Lenamile highlighted the importance of heritage tourism and its potential to boost local economic development.

Head of Cultural Department in the Bollnas Municipality, Helen Berggren said ICLD was an organ based in Sweden, financed by Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency that works with international partners.

She said the main focus of ICLD was to work on strengthening development democracy. Museum Curator at Kgosi Sechele I Museum, Kawina Kawina said the grain silos, a tree which was used for post letters and Kgosi Sebele residence were some of the monuments within the Kgotla.

Kawina said the establishment of Kgosi Sechele 1 Museum located at Ntsweng, was inspired by a benchmarking exercise at Ntsebatho museum in Moruleng, South Africa.

He stated that the museum which sits on a fifty-hectare land was inspired by traditional architecture, Kgotla structures and the indigenous material used were bought from the local community as a way of empowering them.

Kawina said the museum has different components which included among others a restaurants, camp site, market stalls area, Sechele gallery, the cave and open space for exhibitions.

He also said transforming the cultural landscape at the museum was focused on attracting more tourists.

In an interview, Lobatse Town Mayor, Ganakgomo said since Kweneng was ahead of them with developments on their cultural heritage, they deemed it appropriate to consult with them for guidance and strategic direction. **BOPA**

Festival promotes health, tourism

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Ngamiland Eco Cultural Festival has been commended as an event that not only showcased the cultural heritage and natural splendors of the North West but also highlighted the crucial role of health in enhancing the nation's productivity and economic growth.

Organised by the Ngamiland Eco Cultural Foundation in

partnership with Brand Lifestyle, the festival aimed to boost cultural tourism by sharing indigenous knowledge, promoting health practices, and providing a platform for exhibitors from government, parastatals and private sector to market their products and services, as well as to network.

Delivering a keynote address on Saturday, on behalf of the Minister of Health by Letsholathebe Memorial Hospital

Superintendent, Dr Lebogang Mokotedi said, Maun, often regarded as a thriving tourism hub, attracted visitors from across Botswana and globally, who were drawn by its unique wilderness and cultural experiences.

Dr Mokotedi commended the festival for its role in fostering cultural tourism and creating invaluable opportunities for government officials, the private sector, parastatals, and local communities to come together, share knowledge, and celebrate the rich cultural diversity of the region.

"The incredible tapestry of indigenous groups here, Bayeyi, Baherero, Bambukushu, the First People, and Batawana, has blessed us with traditions deeply intertwined with the natural environment of the Okavango Delta," she stated.

She further explained that the traditions from reed harvesting and traditional canoe paddling to basket weaving, music, and dance were living expressions of culture that offered more than aesthetic beauty.

"They foster holistic approaches to wellbeing, grounded in respect for nature and community," she added.

Dr Mokotedi further noted that the ministry recognised that health could not be divorced from culture

and the environment.

Therefore, she said it was important to incorporate cultural beliefs with modern medicines.

She said engagements with the Dingaka Tsa Setso showed their commitment towards ensuring that traditional doctors aligned with health standards while retaining the cultural integrity.

She said embracing culture in healthcare therefore, means respecting the diverse beliefs about illness and healing that enriched the nation, and entails collaborating with traditional healers and faith groups to enhance accessible, patient-centered care.

Dr Mokotedi also pointed out that engaging community leaders was important because they were the voice of their communities.

"The natural beauty of this region is not only an economic asset through tourism, but also a foundation for innovative health initiatives like nature therapy, traditional diets and green outdoor activities that promote mental and physical well-being," she said.

Dr Mokotedi also noted that healthy workers were more productive

She said the Ministry of Health was committed to supporting the wellbeing of the workforce by integrating culture and environmental stewardship into public health strategies. **BOPA**



Diware Traditional dance troupe during Ngamiland Eco Cultural Festival, organised by the Ngamiland Eco Cultural Foundation in collaboration with Brand Lifestyle. Photo: Esther Mmolai

Kelebeng applauds Paralympians

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Minister of Sport and Arts Jacob Kelebeng has applauded Team Botswana for representing the country well at the just ended World Paralympics Athletics Championships, held in India.

The team managed to win one bronze medal through Bose Mokgwathi in the men's T13 400 metres.

Welcoming the team at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport on Monday, Kelebeng said for them to come back with a medal was a clear indication that there was progress in Botswana sport.

He expressed the view that Para sport did not receive the full support it deserved and called on stakeholders to assist promote and develop the sport.

With the support, Kelebeng said the athletes were capable of winning a gold medal at the coming Paralympic Games.

"Their coach informed me that the team could have won gold medals but most of the athletes were competing with injuries," he said.

Kelebeng also noted that most of the athletes made it to the finals in their respective events, saying that alone indicated that given much support they could do more.

"I know, and I heard all their challenges ahead of the competition, and this therefore means moving forward we have to give the support needed," he said.

However, the bronze medalist, Mokgwathi said his achievement was a clear demonstration that given more support they were also capable of making the country proud as Para athletes.

He said as they were preparing for the championship they were given support, and that more support would motivate them to even do better in the coming competitions.

Gloria Majaga who was the only female from Team Botswana reiterated that Botswana athletes were capable, adding that with support from all stakeholders and the nation, they could do better. **BOPA**



Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng (centre) congratulating Team Botswana after their arrival at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport in Gaborone on Monday, after participating in the World Paralympic Athletics Championships held in New Delhi, India. Minister Kelebeng applauded the athletes for a good performance at the championships. Bose Mokgwathi scooped a bronze medal in the men's T13 400 metres while others managed to qualify for the finals. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Malak star continues to shine brighter

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Malak Macheng's star continues to shine brighter, not only is she the first Motswana female to compete at the CAT 14 and Under African Masters Tournament, her performance in previous tournaments has been nothing short of impressive.

Malak who returned home on Monday from Tunisia where the tournament was staged, finished in position seven out of eight.

Welcoming her at the Sir Seretse Khama International Airport, Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng said the nation was proud of her to have represented the country with gusto.

He said Malak was a promising athlete as evidenced by her performance in past tournaments.

"We are very proud of her, and the fact that she qualified for the Masters at her age speaks volumes.

I understand, she was the youngest player there," he said. The minister said she did well

since it was her first Masters Tournament and Batswana should expect more from her in future.

"This therefore, means as a ministry, we should be closer to them, know how they live, and how they are doing mentally, they need to be supported, and that is why I am here, to welcome our super star," he said.

Kelebeng said tennis was an exemplary sport in Botswana,

adding that he was intrigued by Botswana Tennis Association progress because their development and programmes showed just how they were serious with the sport.

"You can even see their schedule, their year is well packed by tournament, developmental programmes, and you can see that we are going somewhere," he said.

However, Malak said in an

interview that having represented the country at the tournament was a big deal to her and a great lesson as wells. "Everybody there was fighting and you could tell by the fact that we came out of the court sweating, and I think the part that was more challenging is that it was hot in Tunisia," she said adding that there were a few areas she wanted to work on in order to improve her performance. **BOPA**



Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng, (centre) and Malak's mother, Bonnie Macheng (left) welcoming Botswana rising tennis star at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport in Gaborone on Monday. Photo: Pheny Moalosi