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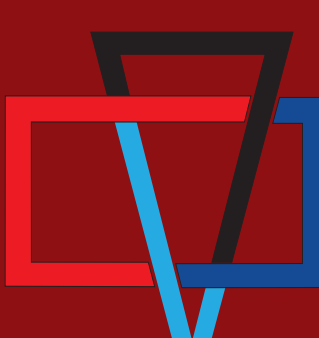
Botswana welcomes US-Africa Business Summit delegates



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Jwaneng mine drills ‘living diamonds’

By Kehumile Moekejo

JWANENG - In its quest to develop ‘human diamonds’ as

a sustainable strategy beyond diamond mining, Jwaneng Mine on Friday hosted an empowerment workshop for

entrepreneurs with disabilities. Through the initiative, held under the theme ‘Optimising Procurement Through Supplier

Diversity’, the mine intended to capacitate people with disability (PWD) in the small and medium enterprises sector so they could equally participate in various economic activities.

Speaking at the event, Jwaneng Mine General Manger, Mr Koolatotse Koolatotse said the programme was part of their Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategy, and was intended to use economic empowerment as a potential tool to enhance the participation and contribution of PWD in the economy.

He said the initiative resonated with their aspiration to establish a sustainable legacy similar to the precious stone they mined.

He said they had already employed 51 people with disability out of the 100 they had set as a target for the year. He said Debswana was committed to helping PWD to improve the quality and standard of their products and services to enhance their access to finance and markets.

“Those that we cannot empower through employment,

we empower through entrepreneurship,” he said. Mr Koolatotse underscored the need for society to embrace PWD and incorporate them in mainstream economic activities.

He said just like the diamond they mined, they represented love, uniqueness, strength and respect, and persevered in the face of numerous challenges.

Debswana Head of Supply Chain, Mr Phillip Lisindi said the company was committed to promoting participation of minority-owned businesses through creation of jobs within communities as well as reducing gaps between the rich and the poor.

“By creating jobs within our communities, we reduce disparities between the rich and the poor, in wealth and in income. It is important that we empower all communities, including minority-owned businesses,” he said.

The aim was to facilitate creation of equal business opportunities, he said.

However, he underscored the need to conduct a background check on businesses that had interest in participating in Debswana supply chain to preserve the company’s image.

For his part, the executive director of Botswana Council for the Disabled, Mr Moffat Louis commended Jwaneng Mine for incorporating PWD into mainstream programmes.

He urged other organisations to emulate the mine. Mr Louis called on entrepreneurs to take advantage of the opportunity to improve their products, as that would in turn position them well.

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Some of the participants who attended the entrepreneur workshop for people with disabilities organised by Jwaneng mine on Friday. Photo: Kehumile Moekejo

Ngwato Land Board hands over community ranch

By Patricia Speakson

MMASHORO - Ngwato Land Board last week Thursday fulfilled its promise to Mmashoro community, handing it a 6km by 6km ranch.

The land board’s chairperson, Mr David Modisagape said the idea of a ranch was mooted in 2013 during consultations with the community, when it complained about lack of pastures.

Mr Modisagape encouraged the community to optimally use the ranch to generate income. “Use this ranch gainfully for your own benefit. Elect a committee and engage the council to help you run it,” he said.

Commenting on the recent Kweneng land board’s exercise to remove squatters, Mr Modisagape condemned people who illegally acquired land.

He said the long arm of the law was coming for those engaged in such practice.

“I promise you that the same exercise to abolish squatters will be carried out here,” he warned and encouraged people to follow appropriate land allocation processes.

Serowe District Council (SDC) pledged its support to the community to help it develop ideas on how best to use the ranch. Council community development officer, Ms Vivian Lesupi thanked the land board for the ranch on behalf of the community.

“We [shall] take it upon ourselves to ensure that any development that is going to be done on this land is of the highest standard,” she said.

Paje sub land board chairperson, Mr Thapelo Dithebe informed residents that

they would start land allocations July 25.

“The notice of those who are due for allocation is out, check your names and familiarise yourselves with documents you are to present on the day,” he said.

He added they were expecting to allocate about 400 plots.

Kgosi Opelo Disang of

Mmashoro thanked Ngwato Land Board for delivering on its promise.

He said they would put the ranch to good use and work with the council to improve the livelihoods of his people.

The community was shown a map of the location of the ranch, which is located at Zone

7 ranches, commonly known as Metsibothoko.

An arrangement to visit the ranch will be made after the community has elected a board of trustees.

Ngwato land board had on the previous day handed over another ranch to Dimajwe community. **BOPA**

Corporate social responsibility law overdue

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - There is urgent need for a corporate social responsibility law that will ensure companies give back to the communities in which they operate, City of Francistown mayor, Mr Godisang Radisigo, has said.

Giving a vote of thanks on Monday at the MABU hand over of hampers and key essentials to the first baby to be born at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital in 2023, Mr Radisigo said some companies were reluctant to give back to communities despite making huge profits.

However, he commended companies that gave back to communities, saying they heeded government’s call to partner in fighting poverty. MABU, launched in 2022, is an initiative of the Ministry of Health and the South African High Commission that celebrates the birth of the first baby born in a new New Year in the country. Baby Masego Wandipa was born on the first of January 2023 at 0011hrs in Nyangabgwe Hospital beating other babies born in other 17 health facilities across the country.

Speaking at the event, South

African High Commissioner to Botswana, Ms Thaninga Shope-Soumah thanked key stakeholders and sponsors of the project, whom she said had ensured the project was a success. Providing an overview of the project, MABU Project manager, Ms Gomolemo Madikgetla said donations were strictly in kind as no monetary donations were accepted for the project.

She explained that the main objective of the initiative was to enhance the spirit of

BOTHO. Ms Madikgetla said communities were encouraged to help celebrate life and join hands in assisting each other especially after the COVID-19 pandemic, which dented the economy.

For his part Mr David Mokibe, Accounts Manager for Glover Botswana, which is one of the sponsors, called on other organisations to follow suite and donate to the initiative.

Baby Wandipa’s mother, Ms Thato Lulu, who could not hide her excitement, thanked sponsors for their generosity. **BOPA**



Mr Radisigo

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US-Africa Business Summit here

By **Mmoniemang Motsamai**

GABORONE - Botswana is proud to make history in hosting its first biggest private sector conference since independence, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi has said.

Welcoming the Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) executives during a courtesy call at Office of the President yesterday, he said Botswana was ready to start the summit in full swing.

The President said the nation was energised and in awe of the coming of the CCA to Botswana.

“We cherish your coming, we value your coming, and we want you to have lasting memories of being here,” he said.

President Masisi said when CCA mooted the idea of Botswana hosting the summit in Morocco last year, it sounded pretty distant but everything was finally coming to reality. Botswana, he said, was looking positively into the future about

what it could do given a chance.

“We may be a small economy, but we are full of determination,” he said.

President Masisi further said the impact that could be made through the hosting of CCA against the backdrop of African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) was immeasurable.

“So for US investment, I cannot think of any safer place for it other than here. We may not be having the numbers or technology, but we can assure

you of the sustainability and longevity that we have and therefore the impact,” he said.

CCA president and Chief Executive Officer, Ms Florie Liser said President Masisi proposed hosting the 15th US-Africa Business Summit in Marrakech, Morocco last year.

She said having been the only head of state who attended, he seized the opportunity to propose hosting and the board approved. Ms Liser said since the idea was mooted, Botswana demonstrated

good working relationship with CCA, something that could not be overlooked.

She said the theme of the 15th US-Africa Business Summit, Enhancing Africa’s Value in Global Value Chains, was in recognition of things that Botswana and the rest of the continent was able to do with its endowment of raw materials, especially diamonds.

It also reflected on what African countries needed to do, adding Botswana had set the pace for many African countries in that regard.

Ms Liser said Africa accounted for less than three per cent of global trade despite its abundant natural resources.

It was time value chains were created, so Africa could benefit better from its natural resources, she said. “Why not add value here within the continent and export to the rest of the world,” she asked rhetorically, adding it was the only way Africa could capture its share of the global trade.

Ms Liser said Botswana’s recent successful negotiations with De Beers was a good example of where Africa should be heading.

The CCA was delighted that this year’s summit was able to attract more heads of state and senior government officials than one held last year in Morocco, she said. Meanwhile deputy board chairperson of CCA, Mr John Olajide said a lot of value additions could be made during the summit as many African business enterprises had partnered with American Small Micro Medium Enterprises (SMMEs).

He said part of the obligation of the CCA was to enhance value additions to ensure that communities were transformed and all benefitted from the partnerships.

“The power of economic development to transform societies is a classical example of America’s soft power,” he said.

For his part, vice board chairperson of CCA, General William Ward said the council was pleased by Botswana’s political will to host the summit and the conducive environment on which the summit would be held.

He said Botswana had an effective political system that supported economic development and that Batswana should be excited about hosting the summit. President Masisi’s resolve to host the summit was furthermore comforting, he said.

He added that the platform would provide a once-in-a-lifetime occasion for Batswana to tap into an array of opportunities presented to them.

The summit is expected to host over 1 000 delegates, among them heads of state and political representatives from various African countries and United States of America. **BOPA**



President Masisi (second left), Mr Olajide (left), General Ward (second right) and Ms Liser (right) during a courtesy call in Gaborone yesterday. President Masisi said the impact that could be made through the hosting of CCA together with the African Continental Free Trade Agreement was immeasurable. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Masisi in virtual extraordinary SADC organ troika summit

GABORONE - President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi yesterday participated in a virtual extraordinary SADC organ troika summit that deliberated on security situation in the region.

A press release from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

says the summit was chaired by President Dr Hage Geingob, chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security.

The release says the summit was preceded by a virtual meeting of Ministerial Committee of the Organ and

SADC senior officials on Monday.

The summit was attended by the Organ Troika and SADC Troika member states, Force Intervention Brigade contributing countries, SADC Mission in Mozambique personnel contributing countries

and Mozambique.

According to the release, President Masisi’s delegation comprised of Foreign Affairs minister, Dr Lemogang Kwape, Minister of Defence and Security, Mr Kagiso Mmusi and senior government officials. **BOPA**

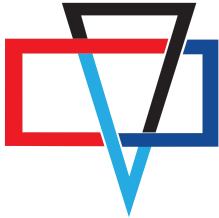


President Masisi participating in a virtual extraordinary SADC Organ Troika Summit at Office of the President in Gaborone yesterday. Attendees included Organ Troika and SADC Troika member States, Force Intervention Brigade troop contributing countries, SADC Mission in Mozambique and personnel contributing countries. Photo: Pheny Moalosi



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Mr Olebile said BITC had profiled all the registered summit delegates and that presentations to lure high net investors were in place.

BITC intends to explore opportunities

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) intends to explore investment opportunities for the country during the on-going US-Africa Business Summit.

During a media engagement this week, BITC chief executive officer, Mr Keletsositse Olebile, said the organisation was ready to scout for new business opportunities and meet potential business partners as well as promote US-Africa business.

“It is always a privilege when you host an event of such a magnitude as one tends to get first-hand information. As a result, BITC has profiled all the registered delegates and is ready to target the response based on measures extended to them,” he said.

To that effect, Mr Olebile said BITC selected some high net investors and a value proposition was in place to be presented to them.

The target, he said, was at different levels, adding that it could either be through BITC investment pitches or business to business meetings for the private sector.

Additionally, Ministry of Trade and Industry permanent secretary, Ms Malebogo Morakaladi, stated that

it was important for government to provide the private sector with platforms to network, hence the involvement of Business Botswana during the plenary sessions.

“It is through involvement of the private sector that the country can experience significant economic growth,” she said.

Ms Morakaladi urged companies to strive to sign deals that would be evident of the summit’s success.

President of Corporate Council on Africa (CCA), Ms Florie Liser, said opportunities for local businesses could only be realised if the private sector identified and explored opportunities in the American market. “Although the American market is complex, it provides so many opportunities for Botswana businesses, hence the need for joint ventures,” she said.

She thus said it was important for local entrepreneurs to identify specific sectors that could yield positive results. The US-Africa Business Summit is CCA’s annual signature high-level event, where the US and African private sector and government representatives engage in key sectors including agribusiness, energy, health, infrastructure, trade facilitation, ICT and finance. **BOPA**



Niger President, Mr Mohamed Bazoum (left) with the Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr Mmusi Kgafela at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport yesterday. President Bazoum is one of the presidents attending the Corporate Council on Africa’s premium annual event that offers a platform for dialogue between African Heads of State and senior US officials. Over 1 000 are expected to attend the summit. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Welcome and Welcome!

We welcome you, USA-Africa Business Summit 2023 delegates to Botswana and hope you will find our country, its people, culture and natural resources as fascinating as they truly are.

While you are here for business, you may wish nonetheless, to visit around the city. You will find a variety of places to visit and to eat . Below we have listed only a few of Gaborone's best places to explore. We hope you have a truly memorable experience here.

PLACES TO EAT

The Courtyard Restaurant @Botswana craft

If you want to try a taste of Botswana's traditional yummys, The Courtyard Restaurant at Botswana Craft is the place to go to. Perhaps try Botswana speciality once there: pounded meat (called seswaa or loswao in Setswana) and dumplings or one of the local dishes. The restaurant also offers conventional menus. You will find it at Plot 20716 Magochanyama Road, off Western Bypass, Block 3, Gaborone.



Sanitas Tea Garden Restaurant

A delicious meal "made with love and care" so far away from home is what Sanitas Tea Garden Restaurant offers. Located close to Gaborone Dam the restaurant offers a variety of breakfasts, lunches, light meals, desserts, cakes, milkshakes, teas, truly great cappuccinos and coffees. You may even get a taste of some of their home-grown fruit, vegetables and herbs as part of your meal!

Beef Baron grill and rib room

Need some quiet me-eating time? The Beef Baron grill and rib room at the Grand Palm Hotel Casino Convention Resort may just offer you that. It is a cosy wooden construction which allows you to sample delicious pieces of meat with verified national origin. This 'Grill House' serves some of the tastiest cuts of Botswana beef. But you will also find various foods from Africa – salads, fish, vegetarian dishes and many others - all orderable à la carte.

Mmamidi

Known as Gaborone's Setswana cuisine Queen, Mmamidi is a female-owned youth street vendor that provides mouth-watering Setswana Traditional foods such as seswaa pounded meat, dikgobe (beans), bogobe jwa lerotse - a

delicious porridge-melon mix and lethodi (cowpeas). The vendor is located in Phase 2, less than a west kilometre of the Central Business District, which itself boasts several restaurants offering mainly conventional and exotic menus.

Agang's Dessert Corner

Location: Main Mall, Diamond Square
Craving that delicious sweet dessert? Agang's Dessert Corner, located at Diamond Square, Main Mall, is the plug. Here you will find a variety of local and exotic desserts to choose from and enjoy.

PLACES TO VISIT

A truly memorable experience of Botswana, is one in which you experience the beauty of its natural resources and art. Mmekolodi Nature Reserve offers the serenity that is synonymous with the wild. It lies 17 kilometers south of Gaborone and offers the tourist a rare opportunity to see such animals as the rhino, giraffe, zebra and impala and kudu. The reserve also has a reptile park and bird sanctuary where you will find vultures and other birds. Guides provide valuable information as they take you around the expansive reserve.

Matsieng's foot Prints

Botswana people are said to have come out of a big hole in the ground at the time, the rocks were still soft. Their leader, it is said, was called Matsieng. Today, hundreds of people visit one of Botswana's protected sites, where you will find a set of human footprints date 10 000 years back, believed to be Matsieng's footprints. The site is located 35 km north east of Gaborone off the A1 Highway in Rasasa village.



Lions' Park

Yes, Africa's largest cat roars at Lions' Park – situated only 19 kilometers south of Gaborone. Visit the place and watch the big cats from the safety of an enclosure. Other large cats that you will find here are the Cheetah and leopard, but you will also get a chance to see the laughing hyena, its nemesis the wild dog and their favourite prey the antelope and Kudu. The bonus is that this is also an amusement park. If your stay in Botswana is a few days longer, you really should consider visiting some of Botswana's major sites such as "the Jewel of Africa", the Okavango Delta, Chobe Game Reserve, Mabuasehube Game reserve or Kalahari Transfrontier Park. Art If you are a lover of art, Thapong Visual Arts Centre at the Village is where you want to go. See our young people's creativity. From pencil drawings to paint to wood to metal sculptures, this arts centre can rightly be called Botswana's visual arts hub.

Editor

SAMA cluster farm electrification complete

By Goweditse Kome

MASUNGA - Farmers should desist from working in silos but

form clusters so that they could benefit from government schemes. Handing over the electrification of the 700 hectare farms belonging

to the SAMA Cluster in Masunga on Friday, Assistant Minister of Agriculture Mr Molebatsi Molebatsi, said farmers should work together towards the attainment of food security.

Mr Molebatsi advised farmers to emulate the Mmadinare farmers who engaged an investor who wanted land for farming, and after intensive negotiations, the investor started planting high quality oranges currently being exported to other countries.

He said the investor was paying rent to the farmers and had also promised to create employment for about 1 500 youth next year.

“The farmers also have share in that business,” he said adding that as part of the Value Chain Development, they were given the opportunity to produce orange juice from some of the oranges.

He advised them to receive any investor with open hands who might approach them seeking land as that could ended up benefiting them

through development undertaken in that land.

Mr Molebatsi told farmers that there were companies ready to buy and sell their farm products outside the border hence the need for them to plough food in large quantities to meet the market needs.

He also advised the farmers to consider ploughing lentil (letlhodi), noting that it sells at about P8 000 per ton.

Giving an overview of the cluster, SAMA Cluster chairperson Mr Pius Mokgwathi said the cluster aimed at transforming the lives of people through farming.

He said the cluster farms have a title deed and that would act as security when seeking financial assistance going forward.

Mr Mokgwathi said their idea was to turn SAMA cluster into a big farming area like the Pandamatenga farms, adding that discussions were also underway to build offices or Agro Industries that have a sorghum milling plant

with SAMA brand.

“One of the challenges faced by the cluster was lack of maintenance of the fence and should there be a fire outbreak, the fence will be destroyed,” he said. Other challenges, he said, was theft. Sometime elephants visit their farms. ISPAAD advisor, Mr Kwenantle Gaseitsewe said the cluster could create employment as well as serve as a one stop service centre for agriculture.

He also reiterated that they could source an investor from whom they could benchmark from and acquire skills for future use.

Member of Parliament for Tati West, Mr Simon Moabi advised all departments destined to service North East District to relocate to Masunga and stop operating through remote control.

He said it was costly for residents to commute to Francistown for services while officers had been assigned to service the district.

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Tokafala capacitates entrepreneurs

By Kgotsotalang Botsang

SELEBI PHIKWE - Entrepreneurs in the agro-processing, manufacturing and textile sectors in the SPEDU region would undergo a 10 months supplier development programme.

The programme organised by Tokafala, an enterprise development programme helping entrepreneurs to build successful and sustainable businesses, would be made up of four months of advisory workshops and six months of mentorship and monitoring.

“We want to build owners of the businesses so that they have the right skills to run their business profitably,” said Tokafala Program Director Ms Montle Phuthogo during the Tokafala workshop in Selebi Phikwe Thursday.

She said Tokafala did not provide any funding but focused mainly on capacity building which would help businesses get some funding.

Ms Phuthogo explained that financiers evaluated whether business owners really understood their businesses, and whether they have the capability to run their companies before they could give any financial assistance.

She said Tokafala therefore came on board to build business owners so that they improve their business management skills all the way from sales management to financial management, strategic leadership and improving operational efficiencies in the business.

The Care Taker Chief Executive Officer for SPEDU, Mr Gideon Mmolawa, said government was faced with the challenge to reduce import bill hence it was important to promote and up skill local SMMEs to run their companies in a profitable manner.

He said research had shown that local SMMEs were battling with a lot of challenges citing poor financial and management skills.

Mr Mmolawa said the Tokafala supplier development programme would help improve local enterprises to reach the international standard.

He encouraged SMMEs to take advantage of the programme

to help them improve how they conducted their businesses, adding that the program would help them develop financial management and marketing skills to build successful and sustainable businesses.

He said Tokafala also provided personal business mentoring tailored to specific needs of the enterprises, adding that since its inception Tokafala had supported 40 per cent female owned businesses as a result supporting 7594 jobs. For his part District Officer Development for Selebi Phikwe, Mr Abednico Mmereki, said SPEDU had done its best to diversify the economy of Selebi Phikwe away from mining, by bringing in investors to grow the manufacturing, agro-processing and textile sub-sectors.

He said now it was time for all the stakeholders to come together to improve ease of doing business in the country, adding that turnaround time was not impressive because licensing of businesses was not done by one organization.

He said this had resulted in the delay to establish businesses, calling for one stop shop to be established in Selebi Phikwe.

Mr Mmereki also pointed out that Tuli block was also a tourism attraction, but needed to be marketed vigorously as the area had the potential to create employment and diversify the country’s tourism sector. **BOPA**



Mr Molebatsi encouraged farmers to work together towards the attainment of food security.

Small businesses should work in clusters for efficiency

By Tshiamiso Mosetlha

MOOKANE - It is in the interest of small businesses to work in clusters so that they can receive better assistance and for them to improve production.

One the other hand, Batswana should be welcoming of locally made products.

Ministry of Entrepreneurship’s Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ms Helen Chilisa, advised during Mookane Mini Consumer Fair held on Saturday that government would continue to invest on

programmes geared towards sustaining livelihoods, promoting local economic development, enhancing human capital as well as pursuing environmentally sustainable investment by adopting a green transition model of development. “If we take advantage and leverage on the resources and programmes availed by the government, we can turn this country into a high income through or handicrafts. Through platforms like consumer fair, our artifacts can go global and be marketed outside borders,

thus contributing to our economy as a country,” said Ms Chilisa.

By so doing, Ms Chilisa said there would a reduction of a dependence on government welfare programmes.

Ms Chilisa encouraged Batswana to bear testimony and appreciate the skills and talents inherent in local communities which was also reflective of the rich culture Botswana had.

The consumer fair was to instill the spirit of entrepreneurship, competitiveness as well as self-reliance among small businesses.

Ms Chilisa also encouraged those doing artisanal work (tiro ya diatla) to appreciate what they do and show consistency in their work, for them to gain more support from the locals.

She also advised that it was important to brand and package their products in an appealing and dignified way.

“This will add more value and attract more sales,” she said.

The event was themed: “Local Resources and Indigenous Skills for Sustainable Communities.” **BOPA**

Future genetics growing in leaps and bounds

By **Kgotsofalang Botsang**

SELEBI PHIKWE - Leadwood Limousins stud have won Grand Champion of the yard at the maiden Future Genetics Agriculture Show and Auction held in Kgagodi on Friday.

Held under the theme: Superior Genetics, Gateway to Sustainable Food Security, the show was organised by Future Genetics

BUAN, Builders World sign MoU

By **Gaolethoo Kgatitswe**

GABORONE - The Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) on Monday entered into an agreement with one of the country's leading companies, Builders World.

BUAN Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ketlhatlogile Mosepele explained that the objective of the agreement was to establish cooperation for research and knowledge-sharing to attain sustainable utilisation of irrigation technologies.

"Another objective of the MoU is to provide expanded and improved opportunities for staff and students involved in the field of agricultural water management through training and to use the resources between the two parties in advancing the development of irrigation technologies in Botswana," he said.

He stated that the partnership would facilitate the achievement of some of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as contribute to the government's Reset Agenda.

Prof. Mosepele expressed hope that the agreement would lead to more collaborations beyond irrigation and water management, to other fields of agriculture and natural resources thus helping to grow expertise and knowledge.

Builders World's Irrigation Officer, Mr Abotle Ralekwalo, said that after he graduated from BUAN in 2020, he was employed by the company and he immediately realised that the university's Agriculture Biosystems and Engineering (ABE) department would benefit from a relationship with the irrigation unit of Builders World, and immediately negotiations ensued.

"I realised that students in BUAN could benefit a lot from the Builders World irrigation department, especially on the practical aspect of their academics, hence the collaboration to help in training students and consequently achieving a higher level of effectiveness and impact," Ralekwalo said. **BOPA**

Association.

Leadwood Limousin stud representative, Mr Gilluume Wolvaardt told BOPA that the prize came as a surprise because there was stiff competition from other breeds brought in by local upcoming farmers.

"Limousin bulls are the bulls of choice when cross breeding with local indigenous breeds such as Brahman, Beef Master and Bonsmara," Mr Wolvaardt said.

He said though Limousins were originally from France, they adapted well to diverse climates and conditions.

"At Leadwood Limousins we

successfully breed them in the Tuli-Block and Sandveld areas," stated Mr Wolvaardt.

Leadwood Limousins stud also walked away with the Grand Champion Female.

In the small stock category, TS2 Dorpers and Rima Boer goats scooped the Grand champion Ram and Grand Champion Doe respectively.

Mr Ealotse Reikeletseng of Rima Boer goats near Tshimoyapula was elated with the prize and said, he did his best to prepare for the show.

He urged other farmers to attend agriculture shows and exchange ideas with seasoned

farmers on how to improve their stock.

He said it took a lot of work to produce quality breeds.

Mr Bapati Sethamo of TS2 Dorpers also said that he put a lot of effort to improve his stock.

Located at Botepetepe area near Serowe, Mr Sethamo said TS2 Dorpers produced animals of high quality and urged farmers to buy from him so that they could improve their stock.

He expressed gratitude to government for taking the initiative to improve both cattle and small stock sectors, to turn the country into the best meat producer.

Future Genetics chairperson, Mr Rex Mothobi said the show attracted 140 cattle and 142 small stock.

He said Future Genetics was made up of farmers from Bobirwa, Tuli block, Kgagodi, Serowe, Mahalapye and other areas in the Central District after realising that working as individual farmers would not benefit them.

He said the farmers also realised that they had been participating in other shows organised outside the district hence decided to organise their own show, where they could exchange ideas and improve their breeds..**BOPA**



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Crimes bill defends humanity

By Bonang Masolotat

GABORONE - The Serious Crimes of International Concern Bill defends humanity against cruelty.

Members of Parliament said this on Monday when debating the Serious Crimes of International Concern Bill tabled by Minister of Justice, Mr Machana Shamukuni.

Mochudi East MP, Mr Mabuse Pule, said the bill showed the country's commitment to safeguard the human race. He said the country considered international law legitimate hence its decision to conform and implement its obligations under the Rome Statute

Mr Pule said crimes of international concern included murder which the country had a stiffer punishment of death penalty in an effort to deter people from killing others.

Shoshong MP, Mr Aubrey Lesaso, supported the bill, saying it would deter people from committing serious crimes of international concern such as murder and genocide.

He said the country was under no duress to pass the bill, but was doing its international obligation.

He warned that the country should guard such crimes, adding that classifying others as southerners and northerners was not good for the country as it could sow divisions. He said politicians should stand against divisions, adding that politicians had followers hence whatever they said and did could affect the country.

Whilst Mahalapye West MP, Mr David Tshere, said he supported any law that would make Botswana to comply with its international obligations.

He said the Serious Crimes of International Concern Bill would become a superior law as it gave Batswana an opportunity to seek relief from the International Criminal Court (ICC).

He said it required those in power and positions of leadership to know that they could be taken to the ICC if they committed serious crimes.

Furthermore, he said the bill prescribed the death penalty which the United Nations and other countries were against, adding that he did not support death penalty.

He also said there were cases of missing persons in the country as well as unclassified drugs. He said although they were a threat to the country, they were not given the attention they deserved.

Nata/Gweta legislator, Mr Polson Majaga, also supported the bill, saying it came at a time when the world was faced with many forms of serious crimes.

He said the bill prescribed the death penalty as one of the forms of punishment, but that not all countries supported the death penalty.

Mr Majaga also said there was need for other countries to comply with their international obligations, saying it would ensure that no country harboured suspects of Serious Crimes of International Concern.

Mr Tumisang Mangwegape-Healey, the MP for Gaborone Central, also supported the bill, saying Serious Crimes of International Concern such as sexual assaults, slavery and genocide were some of the crimes against humanity.

Mr Mangwegape-Healey said there were countries which were still suffering from the repercussions of genocide, adding that Botswana should not be afraid to speak the truth to support victims of serious international crimes.

He added that he was happy that the bill would criminalise apartheid, adding that as one of the frontline states, the country should show its disapproval of apartheid.

Mr Mangwegape-Healey said the bill was part of the ruling Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) promises during the 2019 election campaign.

The bill provides for the prosecution of core international crimes such as genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and crime of aggression.

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Insufficient funding delays water, sanitation project

GABORONE - Assistant Minister for State President Mr Dumezweni Mthimkhulu, told Parliament that the long awaited Molepolole Water and Sanitation project has not started because of insufficient funding.

Responding to a question in Parliament on behalf of the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs, Mr Mthimkhulu said construction of the project was expected to have taken place in 2020/21 financial year alongside the ongoing Molepolole-Gamononyane NSC connection project.

The objective of the project was to rehabilitate, upgrade the network for purposes of distributing water supply and sanitation services to increase access to safe, adequate, sustainable water and sanitation.

Mr Mthimkhulu said the plan was to undertake both water supply and wastewater network at the same time with the intention to harmonise implementation of the two systems such that disturbances to the community were minimised and resultantly save on compensation fees.

He said the project total estimated cost for construction was P2.5 billion with a planned implementation period of 18 months.

He said due to the work to be done, the Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs had divided the project into six components that would be awarded to six contracts running concurrently to shorten the procurement process, achieve efficiency in the delivery of the project and shorten the project implementation period.

The assistant minister indicated that this project had since been included in the Second Transitional National Development Plan 2023-

24/25 with a budget allocation of P1.9 billion against the total project budget of P2.5 billion of which P416.7 million was allocated to the current financial year.

Furthermore, he said, since the funds available under the Transitional National Development Plan were lower than the budget the ministry prioritised some areas for rehabilitation of portable water and construction of a new wastewater plan to connect some institutions. The remaining scope, he said, would be implemented during NDP 12.

He said this project was currently at a procurement stage. The MP for Molepolole North, Mr Oabile Regoeng, had asked the Minister of Lands and Water Affairs to state when the long promised Molepolole sewage and water sanitation project would commence.

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Mr Mthimkhulu said the long awaited Molepolole water and sanitation project had not started because of insufficient funding.

Kedikilwe takes oath of office

By Bonang Masolotat

GABORONE - Newly elected Member of Parliament for Serowe West, Mr Onalepelo Kedikilwe, has officially been sworn in as an MP.

The legislator, who was elected to the 12th Parliament over the weekend through the Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF) ticket, was sworn in on Tuesday.

Mr Kedikilwe's swearing in follows a bye-election held on Saturday where he emerged victorious. He won over Mr Moemedi Dijeng of Botswana Democratic Party, Mr Sebusiso Ngwenya of Botswana Congress Party and an Independent candidate, Mr Kefilwe Koboto.

The Serowe West parliamentary seat fell vacant in April after the then MP, Mr

Tshekedi Khama, who had also won the constituency through the BPF ticket during the previous general election, failed to attend two consecutive parliamentary sessions.

The Speaker of the National Assembly declared a vacancy in the constituency and subsequently President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi issued a writ of elections.

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Mr Kedikilwe (left) being sworn-in by Clerk of the National Assembly, Ms Barbara Dithapo in Gaborone yesterday. Mr Kedikilwe's swearing-in follows a bye-election held on Saturday where he emerged victorious. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

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Barui ba dihutshane ba kopilwe go thusa

Ka Tebogo Masuruke

TUTUME - Modiri kwa lephateng la matlhoko a leruo, Rre Kabelo Sepelete a re lephata le lebanwe ke kgwetlho e tona ya tlhalelo ya dihutshane go abela baikopedi ba lenaneo la LIMID.

A re tlhalelo ya dipodi segolo jang mo Tutume e ba itsa go abela baikopedi dihutshane. Rre Sepelete o buile jalo fa lephata le ne le abela baikopedi bangwe dipodi kwa Tutume,ka Mosupologo.

A re maikaelelo ke gore bao ba ba thusitsweng ba tle ba thuse ba bangwe.

A re lengwe la mabaka a tlhalelo ya dihutshane ke gore bontsi jwa dipodi bo santse bo dusa ka jalo barui ba sa kgone go rekisa.

Mabaka a mangwe go ya ka modiri yoo ke gore barui bangwe ba ne ba tlhaba tse dingwe ba re ba thaa masaka fa bangwe bone ba ne ba rekisa. Ka jalo Rre Sepelete o ne a tlhagisa baikopedi fa dipodi tseo e le dithoto tsa puso ka jalo ba tshwanetse go di tlhokomela gore di ate gore kwa phelelong ba kgone go roba sengwe mo go tsone.

O ne a kopa bao ba ba sa ipaakanyetsang dipodi tseo,go ema pele ka mogopolo wa go tsenelela lenaneo leo.

Mongwe wa baamogedi ba dipodi tseo,Mme Keneetswe Mbokwana o supile fa a itumetse thata. A re morago ga go leta dingwaga tse tlhano o bone thuso.

O solofeditse fa a tla tlhokomela dipodi tseo fela thata gore ditsale a tle a kgone go thusa ba bangwe ka go na le tlhalelo ya dihutshane mo motseng.

Mme Florence Golowe yo o dingwaga tse di masome a mane le bosupa,ene o ne a tletse ka boitumelo le monyenyo a bolela fa mphechane o tla kgaoga a le fa morago ga dipodi tseo go bona gore di bona phulo,metsi le go tlhokomelwa mo malwetseng a ka tlhagogang.

Mme Itumeleng Pelaelo yo

eleng monana wa dingwaga tse di masome mararo le bobedi,a re sale a ikopetse dipodi tseo ka ngwaga wa 2015.

O ne a leboga go bo le ene a kgonne go fiwa dipodi. ka jalo o ne a kopa banana go nna pelotelele mo botshelong ka puso e nna e diragatsa ditsholofetso tsa yone le fa go ka tsaya nako e telele. **BOPA**



Rre Sepelete a re lephata la matlhoko a leruo le lebanwe ke kgwetlho e tona ya tlhalelo ya dihutshane go abela baikopedi ba lenaneo la LIMID.

Barutabana ba abetswe dietsele

Ka Tebogo Masuruke

TUTUME - Barutabana ba kgaolo ya Tutume ba kopilwe go itepatepanya le methale e mesha go tokafatsa maduo a thuto.

Mogolwane kwa lephateng la Thuto, Rre Otukile Kedikilwe o buile se kwa moletlong wa kabo dietsele o o neng o tshwerwe go lemoga barutabana ba ba dirileng ka natla mo maduong a ditlathlhubo tsa ngogola kwa

Tutume, ka Matlhatso.

A re go bothokwa go lemoga le go rotloetsa bao ba nang le seabe mo go tokafatseng maduo ka se, se ba tiisa moko.

O tswetsetse a re ga gona fa go senang dikgwetlho teng mo tirong mme a re seo ga se reye gore ba tlaa nnela foo ruri, ka jalo a ba gwetlha go leka ka bojoitlhe le go nna pelotelele go di fenya.

O ne a gwetlha barutabana ba dikole go abelana maele kana

botsipa le bangwe ka bone gore le bone ba kgone go ntsha maduo.

Sebui sa tlotla kwa moletlong oo,mogolwane kwa Botash,Rre Kangangwane Phatshwane a re lephata la thuto le aperwe ke dikgwetlho tse dintsi lefatshe ka bophara.

Rre Phatshwane a re ele ba BOTASH ba leka ka bojoitlhe go rotloetsa thuto ka go ema dikole nokeng go tokafatsa maduo.

A re tshwaragano le tirisanyo

mmogo ya batsadi le barutabana e ka tsisa maduo a mantle mo dithutong.

O tlhalositse fa thuto e le selo sa bothokwa mo matshelong a batho le mo go tlhabololeng itsholelo ya lefatshe.

Mogolwane mo ofising ya thuto kwa Tutume,Rre Shadreck Moffat a re maduo a ditlathlhubo mo dikoleng tse di mo kgaolong ya Tutume a wetse tlase thata mo dingwageng tse tharo tse di fetileng.

Rre Moffat are le fa go ntse jalo,go na le tse dingwe tse di santseng di tswetsetse ka go dira sentle. O supile fa maikaelelo a moletlo wa go nna jaana e le go go fa barutabana thoetloetso ya go gaisana le go ba akgola gore ba tiye monko mo tirong ya bone.

E ne e rile pele,fa a ba ema ka lefoko,kgosi Shadreck Mphala-Mengwe wa Maitengwe a re barutabana ke batho ba ba bothokwa thata mo setshabeng ka jalo ba tshwanetse go fiwa tlotla.

Kgosi o boletse fa ba ba kgoneng go tsaya dietsele ba kgonne seo ka tshwaragano le tirisanyo mmogo ya boetedipelele jwa sekole le barutabana ba bangwe.

A re botho le maitseo ke tsone tse di agang motho mme seo se mo thusa gore a kgone go ntsha maduo.

Barutabana ba ne ba abelwa ditlankana fa sekole se se gaisetseng se ne sa abelwa sejana se se amoganwang. **BOPA**

Ka Aobakwe Molefhi

GOOD HOPE - Mapodisi a Good Hope a tsheditse monna mongwe wa dingwaga tse di masome a mararo le bosupa yo go belaelwang a beteletse mme mongwe kwa motseng wa Madingwane.

Mo potsolotsong le BOPA bosheng, motshwarelela mogolwane wa mapodisi a Good Hope, Assistant Superintendent Bigani Mpindi o boletse fa ka Matlhatso ba ne ba amogela pego ya gore mme mongwe o tseneletswe mo ntlolong bosigo mme a betelwa ke rre yoo yo o fitlhetseng a robetse. A re ba ne ba tsibogela pego eo mme ya re

ka nako ya bone phakela ba kgona go tshwara rre yoo, yo ba mo fitlhetseng kwa lelwapeng lengwe gone kwa Madingwane.

Assistant Superintendent Mpindi o kopile setshaba gore go hema ditiragalo tsa mofuta o, mme ba netefatse gore ope fela, segolo bogolo bomme le bana ba basetsana, ga ba sale ba le nosi.

O tlhalositse fa ba santse ba tsheditse rre yoo go ba thusa ka ditlhotlhomiso di tswetsetse.

Mo go tse dingwe,Assistant Superintendent Mpindi o tlhalositse fa letsholo la KgomoKhumo le tswetsetse sentle ebile ba setse ba tshwere babelaelwa ba le lesome le bobedi mme a le mongwe mo go bone e

le mme. O boletse fa babelaelwa bao botlhe ba tlholega kwa Mmathethe, mme ebile Bontsi jwa bone ba setse ba kile ba tlola molao go le pele.

A re sebe sa phiri ke gore dikgang tsa bogodu jwa leruo di tsaya nako go fela mme go felela makgotla a ditsheko a ba letlelela go letela ditsheko ba le kwa ntle ga kgolegelo.

A re mo melatong eo yotlhe, ba kgonne go bona dikgomo di le lesome le borobabongwe mo babelaelweng.

O ne a kopa barui go leka ka bojoitlhe go tlhokomela leruo la bone ka jaana go lebege magodu a boloditse letsholo la go le ba amoga. **BOPA**

Official calls for commitment to programme

By **Thandy Tebogo**

LETLHAKANE - Tokafala programme graduates have been urged to commit to the programme and differentiate themselves from the rest as they enter the business world. Orapa, Letlhakane and Damtshaa Mines General Manager, Mr Mogakolodi Maoketsa said this during Tokafala stakeholder

engagement and graduation ceremony at Itsekeng Hall in Orapa on Monday. The objective, he said, was to launch the new cohorts of Tokafala supplier development programme, youth development programme as well as graduation of the outgoing cohorts. Mr Maoketsa urged the graduates to recreate, regenerate and bring the best to the table,

noting that commitment to the programme would assure them of high success rate. He stated that Tokafala was all about assisting small medium micro enterprises across Botswana through training as well as accelerator programmes. Boteti, he said, was an area which its economy was anchored on SMME's, noting that the district had a lot of business

opportunities. He stated that there were 112 companies in Boteti amongst the graduates, with 76 youth companies and 36 supplier development programme companies. Government, he said, was focusing on accelerating the country in the economic journey, to grow it from a middle income economy to a high income economy through value chain

integration. "You are the business pioneers, you are the people that are to start businesses, people that are growing in that journey of value chain integration," he emphasised. Mr Maoketsa said government had made strides in ensuring support of local businesses by restricting some of the imports that were sourced from other countries.

"This is an opportunity that we should take on, it gives us an opportunity to grow," he said, "If we are to deal with high import bill, high unemployment rate, supporting, promoting and up- scaling the local SMME's, it is going to be the lever in this journey."

He noted that there was lack of progress because of poor businesses and poor financial business management skills.

Mr Maoketsa informed the graduates that they were all going to compete for jobs in the mine.

"We do not have to pay school fees of somebody who starts with trial and error," he said.

He said Debswana was committed to making lasting contribution to Botswana.

The Chairperson of Boteti Business Community Mr Tshekatsheko Setlthomo urged the graduates to work in collaboration.

Mr Setlthomo implored them to be driven by value addition to the business and the region.

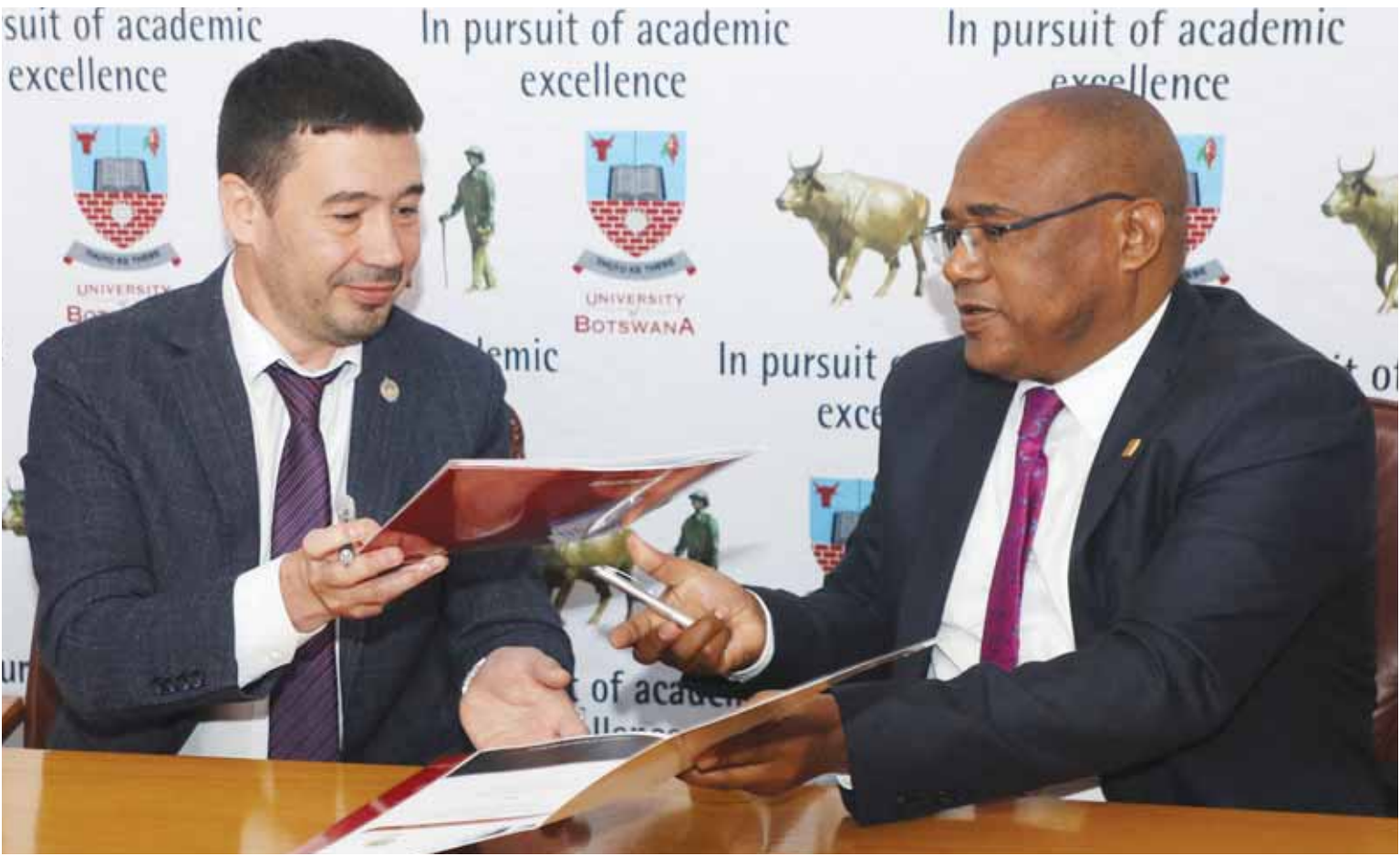
He called on government leadership to ensure there was provision of land and power for business to thrive, and implored them to devise alternatives where there were challenges.

One of Tokafala programme beneficiaries of K&M mining Mr Kitso Robert informed the graduates that as business entrepreneurs they should offer quality products, have perseverance and observe timelines.

Mr Robert noted that entrepreneurs needed to have good business relations and alliances that could offer support when the business was down.

"Manage your business, it is very important to run your business and make sure you are available against all odds," he said.

One the graduates Tshepiso Jacob said they had gone through a transformative journey under Tokafala Training programme. **BOPA**



Dr Egorov (left) and Prof. Norris at the signing of an MoU in Gaborone on Monday. The MoU will facilitate cooperation in research projects including scientific research on the development of education systems in Botswana and Russia. UB also signed an MoU with Russian Biotechnological University. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

UB signs MoUs with Russian universities

GABORONE - The University of Botswana (UB) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with two Russian universities: the Perm State Humanitarian Pedagogical University (PSHPU) and Biotechnology University in Russia to collaborate in the faculties of education, humanities and science. Speaking at the signing of the MoUs, UB Vice Chancellor, Prof David Norris said the university was driven by a desire to impact on society. "Impact on the society is paramount to us. You only have impact through research and

innovation," Prof Norris said. He said academic research must contribute to a country's development, a reality that was still gaining ground in Botswana. Expressing concern at the unsatisfactory success rate at local public schools, Prof Norris said UB should assist government to redress the situation. "What we realise is that our young people are really talented, very creative, but have we created an environment where they can flourish and excel in their creativity?" Prof Norris asked. "In fact, I'd characterise it as a crisis because the success rate of junior and senior secondary

schools is very low." He said as an institution of higher learning, UB should be providing solutions. "It is embarrassing that we produce graduates who will later be unemployed, so we add to the problems of the country." The Rector of the PSHPU, Dr Konstantin Egorov said education could transform nations, indicating that collaboration should begin immediately as his institution had technology that it would share with UB. "We have to expand opportunities for our students and give them access to multiple pathways," Dr Egorov said. He said Perm State

Humanitarian Pedagogical University graduates had a 90 per cent employment rate, something, which UB could benchmark on given its low student employability. Through the agreement, UB and PSHPU will cooperate in research projects including scientific research on the development of education systems in Botswana and Russia. The parties will also embark on joint development and methodological support programmes for the adaptation of Botswana students entering higher educational institutions in Russia. **BOPA**



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CASE NO: _____2023

In the matter of:-

KEBAIPHE NCHADI KGATI **Applicant**

PARTICULARS OF APPLICATION (Section 31 (7), Deeds Registry Act)

TAKE NOTICE that **KEBAIPHE NCHADI KGATI** of address **Plot 114/115, Unit 10, Kgale Mews, Gaborone International Finance Park**, has made application to the Commission for an order in the following terms;

1. An order declaring that the Applicant lawfully acquired Lot 24458, Block 9, Gaborone as inheritance from his late brother Frankel Selebogo.
2. An order declaring that the Late Frankel Selebogo lawfully acquired Lot 24458, Block 9 Gaborone from the late Turupa Mangwa.
3. An order allowing the transfer and registration of Lot 24458, Block 9, Gaborone to the Applicant in terms of Section 31 of the Deeds Registry Act as the Applicant is unable to procure transfer and registration thereof in the usual manner and according to the sequence of the successive transactions.
4. That the Respondent(s), if any, be ordered to pay costs of this suit.

TAKE NOTICE that any person(s) desirous of objecting to the grant of the orders sought is required, within 2 months of publication hereof, to submit in writing to the Registrar of Deeds (Chairperson of the Commission) and to the attorneys of the applicant, full particulars of the grounds upon which the objection is based, together with any sworn declaration or documentary evidence in support of the objection.

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER upon expiration of 2 months of publication hereof, the Commission shall inquire into the application and make any appropriate orders.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 26TH DAY OF JUNE 2023.



PUSOENTSI MOREENG LEGAL
ATTORNEYS, NOTARIES & CONVEYANCERS

PUSOENTSI MOREENG LEGAL
Plaintiff's Attorneys
Plot 114/115, Unit 10, Kgale Mews
Gaborone International Finance Park
P O Box 53129, Broadhurst
GABORONE
[Ref: MPM/tt/PML00008]

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TRIBAL PLOT 6975 neighbours in extension 6 (Palapye), are informed that the plot owner wishes to erect boundary wall. All concerned neighbours may contact Palapye District Council Building Control on telephone No: 492 1092.

OWNER OF PLOT NO. 14556 extension 11 Palapye intent to construct a boundary wall. Neighbors having objections contact 74 108 940 or Palapye Building Control.

OWNER OF PLOT 5036 Tlokweng Masetlheng, wishes to inform owners of 5035 and 5037 about construction of boundary wall. Any objection, contact Tlokweng planning office.

OWNER OF PLOT 12336 Lobatse informs neighbours to this plot that she intersection to erect a boundary wall on this plot. Any queries contact Lobatse Town Council building control department. Mrs Ratanang Ajibola Cell number 74076766

GAOLAOLWE RANTSUOKWANE, OWNER of Plot No 28782, Extension 1 Palapye wish to inform the neighbors of the intention to change land use from single residential family to multi-residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Palapye District Council, Physical planning department: 4930821 within fourteen days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 1398, Minestone, Francistown would like to inform the plot owners 1368, 1397 and 1399 that our client **ALLBRAVO (Pty) Ltd** intends to change land use from Single to Multi Family and build Multi-storey flats. Anyone having objections to the above proposal should forward that in writing to Physical Planning Unit, City of Francistown Council, Private Bag 40, Francistown.

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST DEED OF TRANSFER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of a lost Deed of Transfer No. **7/74** dated 10th day of **January 1974** made in favour of **OSWALD JACOBS** in respect of the below-mentioned property, namely:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 441 (formerly erf 180) Lobatse;

MEASURING: 3171m² (Three Thousand One Hundred and Seventy One Square Metres);

HELD: under Deed of Transfer No. **7/74** dated **10th day of January 1974** made in favour of **OSWALD JACOBS**;

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby requested to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds Gaborone, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within twenty one (21) days from the second publication of this notice.

Dated at Gaborone on this the 22nd day of June 2023.

RAHIM KHAN & COMPANY
Applicant's Attorneys
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LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 2147/2019 dated 21st November 2019 made in favour of **DANIEL KUTLWANO KAISARA-SEDDON AND SAVANNAH BOITUMELO SEDDON** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;
CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 75502, Gaborone (Portion of Lot 75450 Gaborone);
SITUATE: in the Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 527 m² (Five Hundred and Twenty Seven Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Transfer No. 2147/2019 dated 21st November 2019 made in favour of **DANIEL KUTLWANO KAISARA-SEDDON**

AND SAVANNAH BOITUMELO SEDDON

All persons objecting to the issue of such copy are hereby requested to lodge such objection in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within 3 (Three) weeks of the last publication of this notice.
DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 4TH DAY OF JULY 2023

MINCHIN & KELLY (BOTSWANA)
Attorneys for Applicant
The Fields Precinct,
Plot 54349, CBD
P.O. Box 1339
GABORONE
(TD/rf/M0056926)

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING

ESTATE LATE JOSEPH SENOGÉ & YVONNE SINAH MOKOTO – ESHGB 000090/21
IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), the heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased persons specified below are hereby invited to attend meetings at the Office of the Master located at Gaborone High Court on **Friday the 1st day of September 2023 at 0830 hours.**
All the respective meetings, the net of kin are to recommend person(s) to be appointed Executor(s) Executrices Dative, identify beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to the estate of their deceased relative.

For more information concerning the deceased person's estate, please contact the Masters Office at 3718083, 3718343 or Switchboard 3718000.
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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration Of Estate Act
[cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap:31:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Francistown High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/ Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time
RAPELANG MOTSATSI	ESHFT-000025-23	11-10-23	1430

DATE AT FRANCISTOWN THISDAY OF JUNE 2023

MASTER OF TH HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intend to apply for a certified copy of the Deed of Transfer No 1529/ 90 dated 11 November 1990 made in favor of Modiri J Mangadi in respect of the below mentioned property namely.

CERTAIN: Lot 19127 Gaborone West
SITUATE: In Gaborone West Extension 12
MEASURING: 470m2 (Four Hundred And Seventy Square Meter)
HELD UNDER: Is held under a Deed of Transfer No 1529 /90 made in favor of Modiri Jonathan Mangadi

All person having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to the lodge the same in writing, with register of Deeds within (3 weeks) from the date of publication of this notice.

DATED IN GABORONE THIS 5th of JULY 2023

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Any objection to the estate account be lodged with the master: Dated, at Francistown on 5th July 2023

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Oil transfer from stranded tanker to start next week

ADDIS ABABA - The transfer of crude oil from the dilapidated tanker Safer, stranded off the coast of Yemen, is expected to start early next week, a United Nations humanitarian official has said.

David Gressly, the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen, said in a statement Monday that Nautica, a tanker specifically tasked with offloading oil from Safer, is ready to set sail from Djibouti, and the transfer process, which is estimated to take about two weeks, will start once Nautica docks alongside Safer.

"The completion of the ship-to-ship transfer of the oil by the start of August will be a moment when the whole world can have a sigh of relief," Gressly said, adding that the 'worst-case humanitarian, environmental and economic catastrophe from a massive oil spill will have been prevented'.

The delivery and installation of a catenary anchor leg mooring (CALM) buoy, which will be fastened to the seabed, is the next crucial step after the off-loading of the oil, according to the UN official.

The Nautica tanker will then be safely installed using the CALM buoy, he said, stressing that it is essential for the CALM buoy to be

in place by September.

Gressly said that the UN is working closely with all parties to the conflict in Yemen to ensure the safe and timely completion of the transfer operation.

He thanked the donors for contributing to the operation, adding that the UN is still seeking additional funding to cover the full cost of the operation. The FSO Safer is a floating storage and offloading (FSO) vessel that was built in 1976.

It was anchored off the coast of Yemen in 1984 to store oil produced by the Marib oil field. The tanker was designed to be emptied and maintained regularly, but the war in Yemen has made it impossible to do so.

On May 30, a UN engineering vessel arrived at the site of the FSO Safer to make preparations for the transfer of its oil.

The UN has warned that a spill from the FSO Safer could have a devastating impact on the Red Sea and the coastline of Yemen.

The spill could release four times as much oil as the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster, which killed thousands of seabirds and marine mammals and caused widespread environmental damage. *Xinhua*

'Suzhou embroidery epitomises resilience, patience of Chinese'

BEIJING - Lu Jianying was using a tiny needle and colourful silk thread to embroider an intricate image of flowers and birds when a special visitor walked into her shop in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province.

The visitor was President Xi Jinping.

He traveled to the city, which has a history of over 2 500 years, on an inspection trip on July 6.

Lu's Suzhou embroidery shop is situated among the white-walled and black-tiled buildings in the Pingjiang Historic and Cultural Block.

Xi, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, showed interest in the traditional art, which dates back over 2 000 years.

"How long does it take to finish a work like this?" Xi asked.

"Some may take as long as a year," the 52-year-old Suzhou embroidery practitioner replied. Lu showed Xi two of her works in the shop a piece she made with her mother, and another that she made with her daughter.

"Through Suzhou embroidery, we can see how traditional Chinese culture has been passed on from generation to generation," Xi said.

"It epitomises the resilience, patience and perseverance of the

Chinese people, which is part of the Chinese national spirit."

Born to a family specialising in the Suzhou embroidery craft, Lu began learning basic embroidery skills from her grandmother when she was eight, and has now been making embroidery for more than 30 years.

Lu brings animals and flowers to life with her exquisite needlework, and she has also made a name for herself by turning ancient Chinese paintings into pieces of embroidery. Many of her works have been included in museum and gallery collections.

According to Lu, her 25-year-old daughter studied design at university and became an embroidery practitioner after her graduation.

Lu said she believed the ancient art would be developed further by young generations.

While inspecting the block, Xi also experienced New Year images being printed using woodblocks in a shop selling cultural and creative products, and he watched a Suzhou Pingtan musical performance with local residents and tourists.

Xi hailed the block as a great treasure that promotes socialist cultural-ethical progress, and preserves and carries forward traditional Chinese culture.

He urged local officials to do good work in protecting, exploring and utilising the block. *Xinhua*

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TOKYO - People attend a rally against Japan’s radioactive wastewater dumping plan in front of the Japanese prime minister’s official residence in Japan, Monday. South Korea opposition lawmakers and fishermen, together with Japanese civic activists, held a protest rally to oppose the planned discharge of radioactive wastewater from the crippled Fukushima nuclear power plant, demanding that the Japanese government scrap its plans. Photo: Xinhua

Activists protest against nuclear dumping plan

TOKYO - South Korean opposition lawmakers and fishermen, together with Japanese civic activists, held a protest rally on Monday in Tokyo against the planned discharge of radioactive wastewater from the crippled Fukushima nuclear power plant.

The protesters demanded that the Japanese government scrap its plans.

About 20 demonstrators from South Korea were at the day's rally in front of the Japanese prime minister's official residence, including members of the main opposition Democratic Party of Korea and non-partisan members.

They wore clothes and carried signs with the same slogan: "Our sea, let's protect it together."

The discharge of Fukushima radioactive water goes beyond Japan's national interests and will lead to the contamination of seawater all over the world, which is an act against the world and humanity, said Ju Cheol-hyeon, a member of South Korea's National Assembly.

South Korean fishermen representative Ryang Wun-tek said that the Japanese government's ocean discharge plan will lead to irreparable and serious consequences and will undoubtedly have a major impact on the world, demanding that until a safe solution is found, the Japanese government must stop the plan. As soon as the South Korean lawmakers arrived in Japan on Monday, they immediately came to the prime minister's residence in Tokyo to participate in the protest rally.

During their three-day stay in Japan, they also planned to make a protest visit to Japan's Nuclear Regulation Authority and International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) regional office in Tokyo, and stage a sit-in in front of the National Diet of Japan.

Yasunari Fujimoto, from the Peace Forum citizen's group, said that it is of special significance to hold a protest with South Korean lawmakers here today, stressing that the opinions of other countries along the Pacific Rim are very important, and the Japanese government must listen to the views of these countries. *Xinhua*

Instagram Threads App attracts 100 million users in five days

SAN FRANCISCO - Instagram’s text-based app Threads reached 100 million signups in five days since it was launched on June 5, according to the company.

Adam Mosseri, the head of Meta’s Instagram, confirmed the milestone on Monday morning. ‘At least 100 million people signed up for Threads in five days. I’m not sure I can wrap my mind around that fact.

It’s insane; I can’t make sense of it,’ he said. ‘But we know this is a race to the starting line... We certainly did things out of order, but I promise we will make this thing great,’ he added. Mark Zuckerberg, the chairman and CEO of Meta, noted that the app attracted 2 million signups in two hours, 5 million signups in four hours, 10 million registered users in seven hours, and more than 30 million people had signed up less than one day.

The app has not yet launched in the EU countries yet due to ongoing privacy concerns about Meta. *Xinhua*

Residential construction prices decrease

BERLIN - The recent increase in residential construction prices in Germany slowed to 8.8 per cent year-on-year in May, the Federal Statistical Office (Destatis) said on Monday.

In February, the previous reporting month, prices were still up by 15.1 per cent compared with the same month a year earlier.

‘The current slowdown in price momentum is partly a result of construction material prices gradually settling since June 2022, but also a sign of investor caution,’ a spokesperson for the Federation of German Construction Industry told Xinhua on Monday.

Residential construction in Germany is ‘still suffering from a cost-related ‘investment strike’ on the part of private and commercial investors,’ the spokesperson added, pointing to a 29.8 per cent price-adjusted slump in residential construction orders in April.

While inflation in the eurozone slowed further to 5.5 per cent year-on-year in June, the increase in consumer prices in Germany picked up again to 6.4 per cent, according to preliminary data by the respective statistics authorities.

Real estate financing in Europe's largest economy has recently settled in a corridor between 3.5 per cent and 4 per cent after a year and a half of steady increases in the interest rate for ten-year loans, according to mortgage broker Interhyp.

Germany is in the midst of a housing crisis. This year, there is already a shortage of 400 000 apartments, according to the German Property Federation (ZIA).

By the middle of the decade, the shortage is expected to grow to 700 000.

‘The unfavorable market environment, with interest rates currently too high in relation to real estate expenses. *Xinhua*



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

	TENDERING PROCEDURES	ADDENDUM NO.1
• Tender Reference Number: MTPW/POU/DCS/SER/03/2023-2024 PACKAGE 2		
• Tender Title: SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND CONFIGURATION OF LOCAL AREA NETWORK EQUIPMENT FOR THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS		
a) REFERENCE IS MADE to the above tender captioned matter. All prospective bidders are duly informed of the addendum to the tender notice advertised in Government Gazette, Volume IXI, No.61 on page 3707, dated 30th June 2023.		
This tender addendum is issued to amend the tender notice on the site visits dates to read as follows:		
SITE VISIT SCHEDULE		
i. LOT A SCHEDULE		
Location	Date	Time
a) Gumare Depot	11/07/23	0900hrs – 1000hrs
b) Maun Depot	11/07/23	1430hrs – 1530hrs
c) Rakops Depot	12/07/23	0930hrs – 1030hrs
d) Letlhakane Depot	12/07/23	1430hrs – 1530hrs
ii. LOT B SCHEDULE		
Location	Date	Time
a) Francistown Depot	13/07/23	0900hrs – 1000hrs
b) Selibe Phikwe Depot	13/07/23	1400hrs – 1500hrs
c) Bobonong Depot	14/07/23	900hrs – 1000hrs
d) Serowe Depot	14/07/23	0900hrs – 1000hrs
iii. LOT C SCHEDULE		
Location	Date	Time
a) Tsabong Depot	20/07/23	0900hrs – 1000hrs
b) Hukuntsi Depot	21/07/23	0900hrs – 1000hrs
Other terms and conditions to the tender shall remain the same.		
Any inconvenience is regretted.		
Director Procurement Oversight – Government Buyer Ministry of Transport & Public Works		



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Requirements

- Minimum of 3 years work experience in a Lodge Manager position in the luxury hospitality industry and essentially experience in remote locations
- Not essential but preferable to have some experience with safaris
- Ability to interact and build relationships with the local community and guests
- Ability/experience to create new excursions and activities for our guests.
- Experience of consistently driving Excellence and reaching LQA targets
- Experience with working and developing local talent.
- Demonstrate ability of change management and moving projects forward from the beginning

- through to the end
- Ability to demonstrate prior success in delivering results.
- Ability to build genuine, effective relationships with leadership teams and work collaboratively in order to achieve organisational success.
- Financial acumen and commercially focused.
- A pioneering mindset, looking to improve one's-self and the Eagle Island Lodge team
- Keeps up to date knowledge of (and acts upon) trends in the luxury industry and luxury experiences.
- An impeccable eye for detail with an unswerving approach to standards in order to consistently reach Excellence.
- Genuine, authentic character and great storyteller with a sense of humour.
- Proud custodian, being proud of and protecting our lodges, the environment & their heritage.
- Pioneering mindset with a thirst for discovery, learning and growing, and creating their own personal journey.
- Caring hands & hearts, respecting and taking care of the team and the community.
- High level of social and interpersonal skills with a passion for each other, guests, communities, and colleagues alike

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Requirements

- Minimum of 5 years work experience in a General Manager position in the luxury hospitality industry and essentially experience in remote locations
- Not essential but preferable to have some experience with safaris
- Passion for the outdoors and nature
- International work experience desirable
- Demonstrated ability of change management and moving projects forward from the beginning through to the end
- A strong passion for excellenc
- Commitment to the development of the Safaris and the teams
- A hands-on, can-do attitude
- Willingness to grow with the business
- Ideally business repositioning and/or new opening experience
- Extensive knowledge and exposure to the luxury, remote International hospitality sector
- Ability to interact and build relationships with the local community and guests

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Italy braces for record-breaking heatwave

ROME - Rome and other cities across Italy were put on red alert on Monday as the country was bracing for an intense heatwave that meteorologists said was likely to break records. Forecasters predicted temperatures around 40 degrees Celsius for the rest of this week



ROME - A woman using a fan to cool off in Italy. Rome and other cities across Italy were put on red alert on Monday as the country was bracing for an intense heatwave that meteorologists said was likely to break records. Photo: Xinhua

VACANCY NOTIFICATION

Position	:	Lodge Executive Chef			
Business Unit	:	Belmond Safaris	Location	:	Maun, Botswana
Position type	:	Permanent	Department	:	Kitchen
Reference	:	SAF202306/002	Closing date	:	31/07/2023

Main Duties & Responsibilities

- Responsible for the consistent preparation of innovative and creative cuisine of the highest quality, presentation and flavour, resulting in outstanding guest satisfaction. Additionally, responsible for the smooth running of the kitchens and manage areas of profit, stock, wastage control, hygiene practices and training within the kitchens.
- Responsible for menu development and maintaining updated and accurate costing of all dishes prepared
- Market list and menu costings to be kept updated.
- Ensure that all dishes/food items prepared are of a consistently high standard throughout the business.
- Create and implement special menus/culinary activities/food items that are designed to surprise and delight our guests as well as enhance the overall guest experience.
- Provide training to the Employee Chef's to ensure that staff meals are of a high standard.
- Ensure the good physical upkeep and condition of Kitchens (including staff Kitchen), store rooms, equipment and utensils. Coordinate with the Maintenance department for repairs and maintenance as required.
- Ensure that all Kitchens (including the staff Kitchen) have the necessary equipment on hand. Liaise with the Purchasing department for timely replacement of any damaged or missing items.
- Devise methods for optimal use of raw materials as well as fuel and maintain the budgeted food cost.
- Coordinate with the Purchasing department regarding procurement of various items based on the stock levels and usage in the kitchens.
- Through regular training, audits and monitoring, ensure adherence to safety, hygiene and cleanliness standards in all kitchen, preparation, stores and receiving areas.
- All required documentation and administration associated with Health & Safety to be maintained and updated.
- Regularly review suppliers as well as monitor the quality (of product) and cost competitiveness
- Stay informed of new developments in the world of cuisine, cooking techniques, kitchen equipment etc
- Identify new culinary techniques and presentations
- Implement measures and systems to improve cost efficiency and the internal and external customer experience.
- Budget, plan and monitor departmental expenditure.
- Ensure and protect the security and confidentiality of all guest, Employee, and Company information.
- Communicate any relevant annual, quarterly or monthly targets and metrics.
- Work towards ensuring high levels of Employee engagement, as well as positively contribute to the Employee engagement levels of the Company overall.
- Promote ongoing learning & development, ensuring that mandatory training is attended by all Employees and all available training opportunities is effectively communicated.
- Identify individual training needs or development opportunities for Employees and action or plan interventions accordingly, in conjunction with Learning & Development and or Human Resources.

Required Qualifications, Skills & Experience

- Relevant Degree/ Diploma from a reputable institution- advantageous
- 5 years' experience
- Strong verbal and communication skills
- Excellent customer service orientation
- High level of computer literacy
- Attention to detail

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in cities across the country as Europe has been in the grip of a heatwave for several weeks now. On Monday, Italy's Ministry of Health issued a red alert in nine of the country's 27 principal cities for at least one of the next three days. The cities include the capital Rome, Florence in central Italy and Bologna in the north. Even Bolzano, in the country's far north, will be on red alert on Tuesday. Another eight of the 27 cities will be on orange alert by Wednesday, and only four will be on green status, which refers to normal temperatures. Red alerts include specific warnings for even young, healthy residents to stay indoors and take other precautions during the hottest part of the day, saying temperatures can represent a 'risk to life' if mishandled. An orange alert signals the same risks, but only for the extremely young, the elderly and those with health conditions. The alerts also mean that the affected areas' hospitals will be ready to take in heat stroke victims. There are warnings of possible limits on energy supplies and potential damage to infrastructure. In some cities, the authorities may provide access to free drinking in public spaces. **Xinhua**

Nine die in wholesale fire in central Mexico

MEXICO CITY - At least nine people were killed and one was injured in a fire at a wholesale food distribution centre in Toluca, capital of the central State of Mexico, local authorities said Monday. The state's Attorney General's Office said in a statement that the fire on early Monday affected several businesses 'located inside commercial warehouse NO. 7'. Initial reports indicate that 'several suspects carrying weapons entered the said area to presumably detonate and spray an as yet unidentified substance to cause the fire, before fleeing in a vehicle,' said the prosecutor's office. Based on previously reported threats and attacks targeting the site, the fire could be related to 'internal conflicts for the possession of businesses', the agency said. Forensic experts have been identifying the bodies, including three minors. Some 40 000 people work at the 630 000 square meter distribution center, which was built in 1994 and houses around 2 000 warehouses and businesses. **Xinhua**

Peru declares health emergency due to spike in Guillain-Barre syndrome cases

LIMA - The Peruvian government declared a 90-day national health emergency Saturday due to an 'unusual increase' of cases of Guillain-Barre syndrome, which total 165 with four deaths. The decree, published in the official gazette *El Peruano*, details an action plan that has been drawn up with a budget of about US\$3.3 million with an aim to improve patient care in health facilities, reinforce case control and prepare informative material for the population and health personnel. Among the measures were the acquisition of intravenous immunoglobulin and human albumin, as well as specialised diagnosis of the biological agents associated with the syndrome and assisted air transport for patients in emergency or critical condition. Guillain-Barre syndrome is a rare disorder where the body's immune system attacks part of the peripheral nervous system. So far this year, at least 18 of the country's 24 departments have reported at least one case of the syndrome. The unusual spike in cases of a rare disease in a short period of time 'negatively affects the continuity of health services, as there are not enough strategic resources to respond to the volume and complexity of the cases in health facilities,' warned the decree. Health minister Cesar Vasquez requested the emergency declaration on Wednesday before the Council of Ministers, noting that 'if the number of cases increases, there could be a depletion of immunoglobulin'. **Xinhua**



ADDIS ABABA - Coffee farmers selling coffee beans at a market in Gomma of Oromia, Ethiopia.
Photo: Xinhua

Zimbabwe hails China’s support on elimination of schistosomiasis

HARARE - Zimbabwe Ministry of Health and Child Care on Monday thanked China for its support for the country’s efforts to eliminate schistosomiasis, one of the many neglected tropical diseases in Zimbabwe. Jasper Chimedza, permanent secretary for the ministry, said China and Zimbabwe have established a cooperation agreement for

the elimination of the disease, and the initiative is a result of the collaboration between the ministry’s research department, known as the National Institute of Health Research, and the National Institute of Parasitic Diseases in China. Through this initiative, China and Zimbabwe will promote their cooperation in technology transfer, training of researchers

and the establishment of a research center on schistosomiasis in Zimbabwe, Chimedza said in a speech which was read on his behalf at a workshop on neglected tropical diseases in Harare. The diseases, caused by a variety of pathogens including viruses, bacteria, parasites, fungi and toxins, are prevalent in tropical zones. *Xinhua*

Ethiopian coffee exporters enjoy growing demand in China

ADDIS ABABA - Coffee exporters in Ethiopia, known as the birthplace of Arabica coffee, are enjoying the rising coffee market in China as an increasing number of Chinese consumers tend to value Ethiopian coffee.

The growing demand for Ethiopian coffee in China with its fastest-growing economy has presented a potential market for coffee exporting countries such as Ethiopia, said Abdullah Bagersh, general manager of S.A. Bagersh Private Limited Company (PLC) in a recent interview with Xinhua.

“Over the last five to 10 years, we are seeing growing demand for Ethiopian coffee in China and that has created one of the most promising coffee markets in the world,” said Bagersh.

According to data from the International Coffee Organization, China’s annual coffee consumption has expanded by an average rate of more than 15 per cent over the past decade while the international growth rate of coffee consumption stands at 2.2 per cent.

Bagersh said the Chinese people, especially the youth, are shifting to drinking coffee, a situation propelling Chinese coffee importers to establish business relations with their Ethiopian counterparts.

Jemal Abrar, coffee quality control deputy manager at Mullege Coffee Export PLC, one of the leading coffee exporting firms in Ethiopia, said Ethiopian coffee is winning growing demand in China and surrounding markets.

“We participated in the second

China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo last year.

Since then, we have enjoyed growing market share in China and exploited new market opportunities,” Abrar told Xinhua.

The coffee market has been evolving over the years in China where tea has been a traditional drink, said Gizat Worku, chief executive officer of the Ethiopian Coffee Association, which is engaged in promoting Ethiopian coffee in the international market.

According to Worku, Ethiopia’s coffee export volume to China has seen impressive growth with an export volume of 4 200 tonnes in the 2019/2020 Ethiopian fiscal year, 8 400 tonnes in the 2020/2021 fiscal year and 11 200 tonnes of coffee last fiscal year which ended on July 7 2022.

Worku is optimistic that within the coming 10 years, more Ethiopian coffee might go to China and his association is ready to satisfy the growing demand there with timely delivery of the specialty coffee which he referred to as “de facto organic.”

It is a new emerging market, so the biggest market there is automatic,” said Worku.

Indicating that Ethiopian coffee exporters have exhibited their products in different cities in China, Worku said the association is jointly working with the Chinese government and coffee buyers to better exploit the Chinese market through online meetings and aggressive promotion with the help of the Ethiopian Embassy in Beijing. *Xinhua*

Construct warships, invest in shipyards - Lourenco

LUANDA - Angola President Joao Lourenco says the country should start constructing warships and invest in building shipyards. Initiating warship construction in Angola could lay the groundwork

for the country’s naval industry, the president, who also serves as the commander-in-chief of the armed forces, told a ceremony marking the 47th anniversary of the Angolan Navy. He said that Angola, along

with other countries in Central and Southern Africa, must be prepared to contribute to the security of the Gulf of Guinea, a crucial maritime route for international trade, due to its geographical location.

The navy has the duty to protect territorial waters from external threats, maritime piracy, illegal fishing and the depletion of national marine resources, Lourenco said.

The president said three modern

corvettes have been ordered as part of his modernization efforts, and that two Airbus C-295 aircraft capable of maritime reconnaissance and surveillance missions will arrive later this year. *Xinhua*

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Fine artists exude elegance

By Portia Rapitsenyane

PALAPYE - The National Arts Festival Fashion Show grand finale held Saturday in Palapye was a celebration of diversity and elegance for fashion designers, dressmakers, hair dressers and models, who made it to the last stage of the competition.

Spectators were treated to a dazzling display of style, creativity and innovation. The show started with male and female models strutting their stuff on the ramp

and ended with a fashion show of elegant and eye catching designs.

Although participants showcased the amount of work invested in the designs and hair styling, they also proved that it was not only about stylish clothes and hair that turn heads, the show was also an expression of uniqueness, a reflection of one's culture and a vehicle for self appreciation, confidence and empowerment.

The finals of the competitions were staged at different locations across the country, for various

categories with the aim to give Batswana an opportunity to appreciate Botswana's diverse cultures.

Assistant Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture, Buti Billy said the festival was a platform for creatives to launch their businesses as well as market their products and services.

He said the competitions empowered artistes and ensured the arts were recognised as a source of livelihood for people and contribute meaningfully to

the diversification of the economy.

In the hairdressing category Golebaone Seikano got position one, Nurse Modukanele got position two while position three went to Letlhogonolo Pilane.

Dressmaking category position one went to Otshepheng Modise, position two went to Refilwe Motimedi while position three went to Florence Radisoeng.

In fashion design, Oteng Lepere got position one, Nkhumo Ntsae position two and Shepherd Morake got position three. Bakang

Marumo emerged the best male model, Thabo Rebagamang second and Sidney Kgosietsile came third.

Katlo Akanyang beat other female models to position one, Felicia Sebutla got position two while Leungo Modikwa got position three.

The National Arts Festival were introduced in 2008 as the President's Day Competitions. The event has become a national event that brings the entire nation together in the spirit of celebration. **BOPA**

Ditsuatsue dancers make best Tsutsube moves

By Lindi Morwaeng

MOGODITSHANE - Maun based traditional group, Ditsuatsue Arts Group on Saturday lived up to it's name by sweeping through the stage like a hurricane, stealing the show to be crowned the song and dance category champions at the just ended National Arts final competitions.

Ditsuatsue beat the favourites in the category, Nca'ancaase traditional group from New Xanagas at Sir Seretse Khama Barracks (SSKB) in Mogoditshane.

Tsutsube, a traditional Sesarwa healing dance with its origins from Basarwa clans, is a rich cultural dance which often details a story line of either healing, hunting or gathering experiences of Basarwa.

However, other tribes have since learnt the dance moves, style, and messaging and incorporated it into their performances, hence it was not a surprise when Ditsuatsue beat other Sesarwa traditional based groups to their own game after mastering the skill.

Cgoe Saa Karee, a Khoisan group from Xere was the second runner up while Kgabo Sereto traditional group, who once had their hand on the Crown twice in 2015 and 2017 during the Presidential Final competitions were now relegated to fourth position.

Phathisi, which originates from Kweneng region, is acclaimed to have been originally practiced by herd boys while tending to cattle in the woods. It has been a norm that this category was dominated by Kweneng groups.

This year Kwena Madiba, a traditional troupe from Molepolole sailed through to win the finals, snatching the glory from after Dipela tsa-ga Kobokwe, who reigned supreme in this category for years didn't make it to the Nationals.

Kwena Madiba, a group made of dancers from different traditional groups, became popular over the years as it raised successful

and popular artistes who in turn formed their own groups such as South Africa based Mmaausi and Morubele group from Molepolole.

Kalatsakgale from Selebi Phikwe scooped position two in the same category while Bajakhudu traditional group from Ghanzi took position three followed by Dibini tsa Setso from Maun.

Kamberera group from Etsha 6 scooped position one in the Diware category.

In the Seperu sa Chobe category, Nдавwe group from Satau emerged the overall winner while Shigyakao group from Gumare won in the category of Seperu sa Okavango.

Tsa Kalawa group from Bobonong won the Sebirwa category while Tse Ditona Tsa Kalawa from Francistown won the Hosana category.

Setapa was won by Morogo wa Ngwana traditional group from Ramotswa.

Earlier when officially opening the 12th annual National Arts Festival traditional song and dance event, CIPA director of compliance, awareness and client services, Ntesang Sebetso urged artistes to register with Copyright Society of Botswana so that they could earn royalties from their public performances.

She also stated that when President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi launched the Botswana Intellectual Property Policy (BIPP), expectation was that when fully implemented, Botswana should be able to transform it's economy through the intellectual property system.

"We should see a growth in the entertainment industry, diverse cultural offerings from music, dance, artefacts, and food among others," she said.

She reminded the audience that as they got entertained, they should also bear in mind that, 'these are the creations of the minds which translate into Copyright materials that can be used on TV and radio as content, commercials or any other derivative work. **BOPA**



Golebaone Seitlamo scooped position one for her creative hairstyle.

Kgosi calls for safeguarding of Tsodilo Hills World Heritage Site

By Esther Mmolai

TSODILO- Kgosi Kelebetse Keasheta of Tsodilo has raised a concern about some churches and traditional healers who perform rituals UP Tsodilo Hills.

The practice, he said had the potential to contaminate and destroy the beauty of the cultural resource.

Apprising employees from departments under the Ministry for State President about the history of the hills during a cultural night held at Tsodilo Campsite on Saturday Kgosi Keasheta complained that some churches frequented the heritage site to fetch 'holy' water while some performed rituals, leaving some money and candles all over the place.

The churches and healers, he said, believed that the water found there could exorcise evil omens.

In the past, he said no one had access to use the water as elders advised visitors to just pray at the foot of the hill without taking or using the objects found there.

"This hill is the pride of the nation because it stands out as a beautiful prominent feature and we should be seen to be preserving its image," he added.

Kgosi Keasheta urged

congregations to engage professional guides if they wanted to pray at the site. He however appreciated that the drawings were still intact and attracting a lot of attention from the international tourists.

Tsodilo, a world heritage cultural landscape, is situated in the Ngamiland District in the northwest corner of Botswana and is the highest peak in Botswana with an elevation of 1 395 metres above sea level.

Narrating its history, Kgosi Keasheta said the features around the hill were believed to have been deposited by ancestors.

Inspired by the variations in height and shape, the local people named the hills male, female, child and grandchild hills.

The rocks of Tsodilo had provided the early settlers with different resources ranging from iron ore, stone tools and water.

Kgosi also admitted that their forefathers had strong traditional beliefs that involved respect for Tsodilo Hills as a place of worship and ancestral spirit.

Kgosi Keasheta cited water hole on the female hill where two large pythons lived as one of the prominent features.

He also appreciated that the

locals were developing interest in travelling to the area to appreciate its beauty, saying that would help in marketing the resource.

North West District commissioner, Mr Thabang Waloka concurred that protecting heritage sites was important as they were part of the tourism package.

He said Tsodilo Hills and Gchwhaba Caves were prone to veld fires and urged both public employees and the community to protect the resources from the fires, which he observed were common in winter.

If left unchecked, he said the cultural resources would lose value and integrity, which would in turn affect tourism.

Tsodilo Hills are a UNESCO World Heritage Site, after being listed as such in 2001 because of its unique religious and spiritual significance to the local people as well as its unique record of human settlement over ages. It also has over 4 500 rock paintings.

Meanwhile, Mr Waloka acknowledged the organisers of the team building exercise, saying 'team building exercise improves communication, motivates, boosts confidence levels and creates a positive work environment. **BOPA**

Morwaeng sponsors tournament

By Tebagano Ntshole

MOLEPOLOLE - Fourteen social football teams and 16 pool table teams will battle it out in a tournament sponsored by Molepolole South MP, Mr Kabo Morwaeng during the coming public holidays.

The football games will be held at Lewis Primary School

grounds in Molepolole while pool table games will be held at Kgari Sechele School Hall.

Launching the sponsorship on Sunday, Mr Morwaeng who is also minister for State President said he had forked out P42 000 for the tournament and urged players and organisers to ensure the tournament ran smoothly.

Originally the tournament

started with eight football teams but this year they have grown to 14 with pool games having just been introduced.

However, Mr Morwaeng said most of participants were people aged over 35 years and were looking at ways they could keep fit as well as interact with their peers.

He said the tournament was meant to help them network and build lasting relationships.

Mr Morwaeng further said during the tournament participants would be encouraged to share ideas and address social ills such as gender based violence (GBV),

rape and alcohol and drug abuse.

“We should encourage one another to remain free from drugs, hence these are not just games,” he said.

The minister said the pool games could be played everywhere and not just in bars, hence they were promoting the games as a sport like others.

The minister promised an even bigger event and encouraged Molepolole residents to attend the games in large numbers, saying this would encourage investors and further, boost the Small and Medium Enterprises who would

set up stalls during the tournament.

He encouraged teams to continue to play with a spirit of fair play, adding the games had never experienced violence since inception.

Each team was given two balls to be used during the tournaments as well as a stretcher for injured players and the minister said an ambulance would be available during the games.

Dikgosi and councillors from Molepolole South constituency who attended the launch pledged support for the tournament to be successful. **BOPA**

Makwala to lead Gabz Night marathon

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - The much anticipated inaugural edition of the Gabz Night Marathon is promising an exciting and thrilling experience for running enthusiasts.



Set for August 5, the marathon will be headlined by athletics icon Isaac Makwala as the chief runner.

A concept of the Run Gabz Club, the distinctive event seeks to encourage a healthier lifestyle and reintroduce the joy of safe nightlife.

In an interview with **BOPA**, the marathon’s chief executive officer, Mbakiso Mawila said as well as bringing attention to the issue of safety in the city, the run would be an opportunity for both locals and tourists to appreciate the city’s architecture and cultural diversity.

Mawila explained that the night marathon intended to dispel the fear associated with the nightfall where people were afraid to run their businesses, go for a walk, exercise, or live freely in their homes.

He emphasised that this marathon marked a historic event for the country as it was the first of its kind.

“Through a highly followed sporting event that is a marathon, we are bringing together all stakeholders in areas of safety, crime and health to dialogue and come up with newer innovative strategies to make streets and homes safe for all, and cultivating healthier lifestyles through exercise,” he said.

Mawila stated that they aimed to give Gaborone residents and visitors, especially women and children, an opportunity to be free and enjoy their city at night.

As a new concept to Botswana, but not to the world, he said the marathon had attracted a lot of interest even from neighbouring countries.

“Botswana has just submitted a bid for AFCON 2027. This is yet another perfect opportunity for us to demonstrate our ability as a country to host international sporting events,” he pointed out.

“It is also an effort to diversify Botswana’s tourism portfolio through sports.”

He said as organisers they had involved the Botswana Police Service and private security companies to ensure the safety of participants and spectators. **BOPA**



LONDON - Djokovic during a Wimbledon men’s singles fourth round match against Hurkacz in United Kingdom on Monday.

Djokovic completes victory over Hurkacz

LONDON - Novak Djokovic completed his victory over Poland’s Hubert Hurkacz to power into the quarterfinals at Wimbledon for the sixth time in a row, despite losing a set when the match, which was halted due to a night curfew on Sunday night, resumed Monday on Center Court with the Serbian leading by two sets.

It was the first set that the defending champion and seven-time winner had lost this year at the All England Club, but he found his play in the fourth set, during which he broke for the first time in the match to seal the victory 7-6 (6), 7-6 (6), 5-7, 6-4.

Djokovic was tested by powerful serving from Hurkacz, who fired 64 winners, 20 more than the second seed, including 33 Aces.

“Big credit to Hubert for playing an amazing match, tough luck for him today,” Djokovic said.

“But he put up a great performance. Honestly, I don’t recall the last time I felt this miserable in returning games to be honest, due to his incredibly accurate and powerful serve.”

The 17th seed did not lose serve in the match - or the tournament - until 3-3 in the fourth set.

But Djokovic eventually broke through to move on after three hours and six minutes. “He’s got one of the best serves in the world and it’s so difficult to read it.

Playing obviously on the quickest surface, grass court, it really favours big servers. So it was not really an enjoyable match for me, I must say,” the 23-time Grand Slam winner added.

Djokovic had to dig deeply in the first set on Sunday night, coming from 6-3 down in the tiebreak and winning five points in a row to take the set. The second set was another close one as the 36-year-old had to play another tiebreak before extending his lead.

Next up for Djokovic in the quarterfinals is seventh seed Andrey Rublev, who defeated Alexander Bublik in five sets on Sunday. Djokovic leads the pair’s head-to-head series 3-1, with Rublev winning on clay in last year’s Belgrade final.

Top-seeded Carlos Alcaraz faced a tough test against 2021 finalist Matteo Berrettini, overcoming a one-set deficit to defeat the Italian 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 to book his first Wimbledon quarterfinals appearance.

“I knew that it was going to be really tough,” Alcaraz said.

“Matteo is a great player. He made the final here on grass, so I know he is playing great. Of course, it is not easy after losing the first set. I knew I would have my chance. I needed to stay focused and to stay there and something I am working on, to stay focused, not

lose my mind and I think I did great in that part.”

The Spaniard will next take on another sensational youth talent-Denmark’s sixth seed Holger Rune, who also came from one set down to beat Bulgarian big hitter Grigor Dimitrov 3-6, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (4), 6-3 to secure a spot in the last eight for the first time.

Another newcomer in the quarterfinals is third seed Daniil Medvedev, whose fourth-round opponent Jiri Lehecka was forced to retire at the end of the second set due to injury.

The Russian world No. 3 was leading 6-4, 6-2 on Court 1 when the 21-year-old retired.

“The thing is, it’s probably my fifth or sixth Wimbledon, and I’ve not been very successful, but I’ve never lost on this court,” said Medvedev, who suffered a shock first-round exit at the French Open last month.

The 2021 US Open winner will play America’s Christopher Eubanks for a place in the semifinals.

Eubanks, ranking only 43rd in the world, continued his red-hot run on grass as he upset fifth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas 3-6, 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 to reach his maiden major quarterfinals. The 27-year-old had just lifted his first ATP Tour title in Mallorca prior to Wimbledon.

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Pilikwe United moves up

By **Thamani Shabani**

FRANCISTOWN - Pilikwe United Football Club from the eastern block have been promoted to Debswana First Division North (DFDN) league after walloping Desert Buffalos of the northern block during playoffs played at Calendron grounds in Francistown recently.

Both teams met after they took second spot in their respective blocks in promotional playoffs games for second division teams played on the weekend of June 1 and 2.

Desert Buffolos had beat City Kings of Gumare streams 4-0 to attain position two whilst Pilikwe United beat Shoshong United 1-0 to garner the same position.

Pilikwe United or PLK as it is known in football circles, had an upper hand in ball possession in the first half creating good scoring chances but failed to hit the back of the net and the two teams went to recess with a 0-0 all draw.

However, Desert Buffalos returned to the second half as an organised squad creating clear cut passes which saw Zuma Sekoko nearly scoring a header but his ball went wide.

Gaobatlwe Kabelo of Pilikwe United opened the score sheet for his team in the 71st minute after dribbling past Desert Buffalos defence and tapping into the net a perfect goal.

However, the goal by PLK boys did not demoralise the opponents who at some certain point also enjoyed ball possession. Luck was however not on their side

until the referee called it a day.

Conceding defeat, Desert Buffalos Coach, Bapisane Molopata said although they lost the match his boys played very well . He said they had prepared well for the encounter and attributed the loss to fatigue saying the team had played a series of games before the playoffs.

For Pilikwe United coach, Bakanuki Maseko, it was all happiness, saying ‘we are a strong team who deserves to be in the upper league,.

“Our boys and supporters are happy with the outcome of the game ,”he added.

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Pilikwe United’s Baboloki Ntwakgolo clearing a ball from Desert Buffalos’ Ogopotse Molwantwa during the First Division Northern Block promotional play offs in Francistown recently. Pilikwe won 1-0 and was automatically promoted to First Division North league.

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