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President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (left) and Vice President Slumber Tsogwane (right) sharing a moment with former cabinet minister, Dr Gaositwe Chiepe at her Gaborone residence yesterday. The President said government planned to celebrate the national icon's 100th birthday and the role she played in building the nation. Dr Chiepe becomes a centenarian next week Thursday. Photo: Yobe Shonga

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Participants at the Walk for Life Campaign walking from Kanye to Moshupa. Photo: Thato Modiakgotla

Exercising, healthy eating vital to non-communicable diseases fight

By Thato Modiakgotla

KANYE - Walking and healthy eating can help defeat non-communicable diseases (NCDs), which are the cause of 46 per cent of deaths in Botswana.

Speaking, Sunday, during an activation event for the Walk for Life campaign in Kanye, Minister of Health, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, said a good number of Batswana did not exercise, therefore they were at a high risk of NCDs.

Therefore, he said the five-day campaign, which would end in Gaborone on Saturday, was meant to sensitise the nation about NCDs and how to tackle them.

“Research has also highlighted that 95 per cent of Batswana did not eat healthy foods, while 31 per cent were obese. It is important to exercise regularly and eat healthy foods as that will keep the mind, heart and the general body healthy,” he said.

Dr Dikoloti said NCDs led to around 41 million deaths annually, which translated to 74 per cent of deaths globally.

“These diseases continue to increase especially in low and middle-income countries, which means one person dies every two seconds in the world,” he added.

A lot of people, he said, died

before the age of 70 in low and middle-income countries due to non-communicable diseases.

Permanent Secretary in the health ministry, Ms Grace Muzila, underscored the need to walk from time to time.

“These diseases could be stopped. We need to understand what causes them and what to be done to curb them,” she said.

Ms Muzila said her ministry could not win the fight against NCDs alone, hence her plea to the nation to follow necessary steps of healthy life.

She advised event attendees to pass the message to others, noting the walk should be a start for all to keep the essence of exercising.

Southern District Council chairperson, Mr Thamiso Chabalala, highlighted the need to be aware of everything taken into the body adding, ‘whatever we take into the body eventually shows results.’

He encouraged all to use the campaign as a platform to start healthy living by exercising daily.

For his part, Southern DHMT coordinator, Mr Conrad Ntsuape, said they would be engaging the general public and providing different services such as screening for various diseases and vaccinating for COVID-19 in all the areas they passed through from Kanye to Gaborone.

World Health Organisation (WHO) representative, Dr Josephine Namboze said all should understand their bodies.

“We need to fully investigate any symptoms immediately so that if any diseases were detected they could be attended to as soon as possible,” she said.

She stressed the need to eat more vegetables and cut the intake of red meat.

The team spent its first night of the walk in Moshupa where upon arrival they had similar talks and activities conducted in Kanye.

They continued the walk to Thamaga yesterday morning.

In Moshupa, the Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Setlthomo Lelatisitswe, said government was using a lot of money to treat NCDs, but that cost be avoided by leading healthy lives.

He said some of the medicines used in treating NCDs had side effects.

“In the past, there were few of these diseases because of the lifestyles such as walking and eating healthy foods,” he said.

He urged Batswana to revive the spirit of walking rather than driving.

Mr Lelatisitswe applauded all those who took part in the walk, noting that they were not doing anyone a favour, but themselves.

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Mabolwe residents shun solar street lights project

By Manowe Motsaathebe

MABOLWE - It is not yet time for Mabolwe to be installed with streets lights, according to some residents.

They told the area Member of Parliament during a recent meeting that solar street lights did not feature in their top three priority projects under constituency community projects (CCP).

In the priority list, residents said they listed a recreational and or sports facility, reading room and an office for the school head at the village’s primary school.

However, the residents were surprised to learn that their village, one of the three that form MASEGO (Mabolwe, Semolale and Gobojango) ward, would be installed with solar lights as per the projects memorandum from the office of the MP.

Residents said they needed a community recreational facility that would aid in resuscitating the village economy after being bruised by impacts of COVID-19.

“We want a sports/recreational facility ahead of streets lights. The facility is of greater importance to us in that it would facilitate local economy especially during holidays,” said village development chairperson, Mr Morgan Makgosana.

He said with the sports facility, people of Mabolwe would sell various products at one focal

point, which would in the process garner them some profits.

He said the facility should be built through their P330 000 share of CCP funds.

Each of the three villages share P1 million that is disbursed per ward.

Other speakers too dismissed street lights as a priority project for their village.

However, area MP, Mr Taolo Lucas, pleaded with the residents to accept the lights.

Although the MP conceded that a ward of three villages was a disadvantage when it came to CCP funds, he called on the people to accept the project.

He admitted that many wards had requested street lights, hence inclusion of Mabolwe amongst the proposals.

However, the MP said the solar street lights project had encountered a glitch: the price of lights had skyrocketed, something that would force his office to reconsider projects.

Mr Lucas said initially Bobonong was planned to have 240 solar lights, however, the number was cut down to 140, adding a light cost P29 000.

With this price, the MP said, the project might be a pipe dream.

“We will engage with stakeholders on this matter to determine the next step of action,” he said, adding reduction in the number of lights was too steep to accept. **BOPA**

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Strengthen legislation on sanitation - official

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - There is need to strengthen legislation and policy framework on sanitation, says the principal water scientist in the Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs, Ms Saniso Sakuringwa.

Presenting on urban and peri-urban sanitation status, challenges, achievements and way forward at the ongoing World Bank Regional Knowledge and Learning workshop in Gaborone on Monday, Ms Sakuringwa said no specific law regulated the sector.

“Prior to the water reforms, sanitation was regulated by bye-laws, which were not consistent from one local authority to another,” Ms Sakuringwa said.

She said there was need for

the revision of the Water and Waste Water Policy of 2026 to cover issues of sanitation, adding the policy landscape was fragmented and sanitation was often characterised alongside water or defined as liquid waste management.

Ms Sakuringwa said there was inadequate funding for sanitation sector, which had resulted in the ministry experiencing challenges. She further said there were no dedicated programmes in place for improving sanitation in rural areas, adding some core sanitation activities fell in grey areas because they were not reflected in the ministries/ departments’ mandates.

She also said there was need for education and awareness on managing sanitation safely as well as an establishment

of a fully-fledged sanitation management division.

The principal water scientist further called for non-sewered sanitation projects especially in rural areas.

The World Bank Regional Knowledge and Learning workshop aims to increase awareness and knowledge of appropriate examples, practices and resources and approaches for the preparation and implementation of Citywide Inclusive Sanitation projects.

It also seeks to develop concrete actions that prioritise citywide approaches and promote sustainable rural water management models within the context of ongoing programs, plans and projects implementation in the respective countries. **BOPA**



Ms Sakuringwa (left) and Mozambique Ministry of Public Works, Housing and Water representative, Mr Raul Mutevuie, Jr at a regional workshop in Gaborone on Monday. Ms Sakuringwa said there was need to strengthen legislation and policy framework on sanitation. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

Masisi praises Sahrawi ambassador's efforts

By **Pako Lebanna**

GABORONE - President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi has hailed the outgoing Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic ambassador, Mr Malainin Mohamed for his work in entrenching ties between Botswana and his country.

Bidding farewell to the envoy at the Office of the President on Monday, Dr Masisi said during his tour of duty, Ambassador Mohamed worked with labour and other civic organisations in Botswana.

The President asked Mr Mohamed to convey greetings to his Sahrawi counterpart, Mr Brahim Ghali and extend Botswana's full support for the country's struggle to maintain statehood.

For his part, Mr Mohamed said Botswana's voice in support of the sovereignty of the Sahrawi Republic had been one of the most

consistent.

He noted that the support had become amplified under Dr Masisi's presidency.

"Botswana has shown to have the most progressive position in Africa over our country's territorial and sovereign claims, even more than our traditional allies such as Algeria and South Africa. We are grateful for this and for your efforts President Masisi, since the opening of our embassy in Gaborone came after your invitation," said Mr Mohamed.

He said his three-year tour of duty had been short, made even shorter by the inactivity occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Mr Mohamed however expressed pride in having overseen the opening of his country's mission in Botswana and becoming its first ambassador based in Gaborone.

His tenure had seen exploration

of mutually beneficial investment opportunities as well as areas of potential collaboration, Ambassador Mohamed said.

The Sahrawi Republic is a full member of the African Union and is recognised by 41 UN member states as a sovereign state.

Its territory is 20 per cent of the disputed Western Sahara

landmass in the Maghreb region while the remaining 80 per cent is administered by Morocco, which also claims the Sahrawi Republic.

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President Masisi (left) and Mr Mohamed during the latter's valedictory call at Office of the President on Monday. Dr Masisi assured the envoy of Botswana's continued support for his country. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Chiepe centenary celebration countdown starts

By **Pako Lebanna**

GABORONE - Plans are afoot to celebrate national icon Dr Gaositwe Chiepe who turns 100 next week Thursday.

Speaking after paying the soon to be centenarian a visit at her Gaborone residence yesterday, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi said government and the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) had plans to mark the milestone.

"My schedule does not allow me to be present on October 20 when Dr Chiepe celebrates her 100th birthday but government will ensure that she is celebrated at a later date, and the BDP will also later visit her home to rejoice with and pay homage to one of our pioneers," he said.

Stressing the importance of recognising national pioneers for their work in paving the way for the realisation of modern-day Botswana, President Masisi said they also possessed the institutional memory that could further guide the current dispensation.

"As a nation we should never forget where we come from, history is made by people. Dr Chiepe was the first Motswana woman to attain a university bachelor's degree and post-graduate masters' qualification; the first Motswana woman MP and cabinet minister; the first lady minister of various portfolios. We celebrate her efforts for the nation," said Dr Masisi.

He said during the visit, Dr Chiepe was given an insight into government and BDP plans for the centenary.

The President and his entourage comprising Vice President Slumber Tsogwane, Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Lemogang

Kwape as well as Minister of Defence and Security, Mr Kagiso Mmusi also conveyed good wishes ahead of the birthday.

For her part, Dr Chiepe said it meant a lot to her that the President and some cabinet members had taken the time to visit.

"This means that the President still remembers me and appreciates my legacy to the country. They decided to come and spend time with me and I am pleased. My advice to those in government now is to continue working hard for the nation, the attitude should always be to consider what is best for the country," Dr Chiepe said.

Born on October 20, 1922, Dr Chiepe did her primary schooling in Serowe before proceeding to Tiger Kloof Educational Institute and Fort Hare University in South Africa.

She holds a master's degree from the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom and several honorary doctorate degrees from Bristol, Fort Hare and the United States' Depaul University.

Dr Chiepe public service career includes serving as Botswana's ambassador to the then West Germany and high commissioner to the United Kingdom and Nigeria.

In 1974 she became Botswana's first woman cabinet minister and has served in a number of ministerial portfolios including foreign affairs, education and commerce and industry before retiring from active politics in 1999.

Dr Chiepe has spent the past 23 years as an eminent national figure and now looks forward to becoming a centenarian next week. **BOPA**

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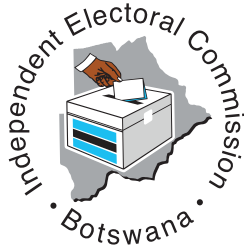
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BIUST launches collaborative project

By Portia Rapitsenyane

PALAPYE - Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) has launched the Africa-Japan collaborative project as an addition to the institution's different research activities that aim to address problems of the society.

The project launched in Palapye on Monday titled: Sustainable well-being through rapid detection, remediation and stakeholder awareness of contaminants in environments impacted by mining activities is a collaboration between scientists from BIUST, South Africa and Japan.

Officially launching the project, BIUST Deputy Vice-Chancellor; Research Development and Innovation Professor Abraham Ogwu said the project was a good example of research activities conducted by BIUST staff.

He said the project aimed at solving environmental problems especially that it would focus on provision of heavy metal-free water and food to communities impacted by mining activities in Botswana.

"Mining activities are often associated with environmental pollution and scientists are actively involved in monitoring the level of pollution and in the development of methods for the rehabilitation of polluted habitats," he said.

Professor Ogwu assured BIUST partners from Japan and South Africa and the funders of the project that they would give all the support to ensure its successful completion. He urged all their partners to visit laboratories and engage with other researchers within the Faculty of Sciences and BIUST during their stay.

Professor Ogwu said the academic staff at the Faculty of Sciences came from different countries in Africa, Europe, and Asia representing over 20 different countries who brought with them varied skills and experience relevant to teaching and research.

"Currently staff at the Faculty of Sciences are actively engaged in different research activities both basic research that aims at pushing the frontiers of knowledge and applied research", he said.

He further said in terms of applied research, many of the research activities addressed

problems related to mining, climate change, environmental sustainability, health, agriculture, and industry.

Professor Ogwu said the success of these research activities was largely dependent on support from government and different external funding agencies backed up by the modest research infrastructure the Faculty of Science had acquired.

He said in all their research activities postgraduate students were also actively involved and this allowed them to carry out their research activities more effectively hence skill transfer across generations.

"At the Faculty of Sciences, we strongly believe that our research could be a lot more productive in generating new knowledge and in addressing societal problems through collaboration. As a result, our scientists extensively collaborate with their peers within Botswana and internationally," he said.

Professor Venecio Ultra from the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at BIUST said mining activities generated many environmental problems that spread across the ecosystem

among pollution of soil, water and air by heavy metals and sulphur dioxides.

He said these pollutions caused various diseases due to the consumption of contaminated water and food and in addition, microplastics loaded with heavy metals caused penetration of the

metals into the food chain.

He said the project would work on the contamination of soil and water with heavy metals in mining locations in Botswana in order to ensure clean water and safe food/farming in the regions impacted by mining activities.

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SADC pushes for trophy hunting - Simasiku

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - SADC countries who attended the 20th African Wildlife Consultative Forum (AWCF) in Mozambique recently have argued for trophy hunting saying it benefitted their communities.

This was said by the executive director of Ngamiland Council of Non-Governmental Organisations (NCONCO), Mr Siyoka Simasiku at a media briefing in Maun on Monday.

He said SADC countries wanted to trade in ivory in order to generate revenue that would support and promote long-term conservation initiatives and to protect biodiversity.

According to Mr Simasiku the SADC countries argued for trade in ivory in order to generate revenue that would support and promote long-term conservation initiatives and to protect biodiversity.

Since the region had high elephant population, Mr Simasiku also called for the status quo to be maintained.

He said some countries argued that they were not trading in ivory because of the moratorium in place and that they had stockpiles of ivory.

Quizzed on Botswana's position, Mr Simasiku said they believed that issues of livelihoods should be taken into consideration when decisions were made. He said transferring Botswana's elephant population to appendix one would negatively affect communities who generated income through issuing hunting quotas.

He also said trophy hunting was beneficial to rural communities and that they supported governments position of sustainable use of natural resources for the benefit of communities.

Currently, he said Botswana was on appendix two and that it allowed the country to issue hunting quotas to communities.

He said they called for the removal of some restrictions so that they could trade their ivory.

While they appreciate that

CITIES regulated trade in threatened species, they believed it should also consider how trade bans impacted community livelihoods.

He said a proposal was also made to allow indigenous people and local communities to participate in decisions taken at CITES.

Some countries, he said, argued that communities should be given the opportunity to have an input in decisions taken at CITES and not to attend as observers only.

However, Mr Simasiku said some countries from especially North Africa proposed a trophy ban, arguing that poaching was on the rise and that allowing ivory sale would exacerbate the situation.

The 20th African Wildlife Consultative Forum (AWCF) provides a platform for common approaches to conservation challenges and creating a continent-wide strategy for wildlife management.

The five-day forum brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, international policy experts, wildlife biologists, senior government officials, professional hunting associations and community based support organisations to discuss sustainable wildlife conservation issues across Africa.

As such, Mr Simasiku noted that the meeting was part of the preparations for the upcoming CITES Conference of Parties in Panama city next month.

He said some of the proposals included amending the annotation two pertaining to the elephant populations of Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

He said NCONGO, through the Community Leaders Network of Southern Africa, had the opportunity to make a presentation about communities in southern Africa and the indigenous people.

He also said it was resolved that all parties should capacitate and recognise community forums, and that it was decided to establish an African group of negotiators for wildlife. **BOPA**



Professor Ogwu speaking at the Africa-Japan collaborative project launch in Palapye on Monday. Photo: Portia Rapitsenyane



7th October 2022

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATION OF LEGAL INSURANCE SERVICES TO MEMBERS OF BOTSWANA NURSES UNION (BONU)

Issue Date: 7th October 2022
Closing Date: 14th October 2022
Closing Time: 1630hrs

1. BACKGROUND

BONU is a Non Profit making Organization registered by Registrar of Trade Unions. BONU is a Professional Trade Union with over 8,500 members working in Public and Private Sector. The main purpose of the existence of BONU is to advocate for Nurses welfare and Conditions of Service.

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- a) BONU would like to invite reputable Legal Insurance Administrators for provision of Legal Insurance Services.
- b) Administrators should be Companies legally registered in Botswana and must have vast experience in Administration and Provision of Legal Insurance Services mainly to Trade Unions.
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5. PRICING

- a) Provision of legal cover to BONU and members of BONU.
- b) Outline clearly premium coverage to a variety of proposed categories of Legal Insurance covers to be offered under the BONU Legal Scheme.

6. RETENTION STRATEGY

- a) The Service Provider must clearly outline the retention strategy to be implemented to retain the existing members currently on the existing scheme.
- b) Clear proposal on allocation of Attorneys to both BONU and BONU members.

7. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- a) State any Social Responsibility proposal towards BONU.

8. ATTACHMENTS

- a) List of all Law Firms and Attorneys and their contact details.
- b) Valid Practicing certificates of Attorneys and Law Firms.
- c) Model of Operations to provide quality service delivery.
- d) Comprehensive Company Profiles of all involved Companies including Agencies/Brokers and Insurers.
- e) CIPA documentations of all involved Companies.
- f) References from previous engagements preferably Trade Unions.

9. GENERAL COMPANY INFORMATION:

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Email:	Website:	
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- Express Audit opinion for the past two (2) years of the company.

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- a) Kindly note that the Expression of Interest (EOI) is not a contract on BONU to the Companies that express interest nor shall BONU be responsible for any cost incurred by the applicant in the preparation and submission of their proposals.
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- a) No Lobbying shall be permitted with the National Executive Committee members or employees of BONU. Any such occurrence shall result in immediate disqualification.

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- a) Submissions must be labelled
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- b) Documents must be hand delivered to the Office of the Secretary General at Plot 2684, Phiri Crescent, Extension 9, and Gaborone.
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Swaneng gives Form 3's befitting send-off

By Patricia Speakson

SEROWE - Boipelego Junior Secondary School learners have been advised to be

deliberate in charting the path that they desire to follow in life.

This was said by motivational speaker and Development Studies teacher at

Swaneng Hill School Mr Amos Masilo at a career fair held recently at the school.

Mr Masilo challenged the students to refine their journey by choosing subjects they would like to base their careers on at senior secondary school and make sure to perform exceptionally well on them.

"There is no easy way out, if you would like to achieve something, pursue it and you will manage" he said.

He further encouraged students to master the ability to rise above circumstances and challenged them to gather their arsenal and network with the right people.

A former student and former Student Representative Council (SRC) president and now a Form 4 learner at Swaneng Hill, Thero Mpana was given the opportunity to give his younger brothers and sisters a word. He encouraged students to cut off all factors that could deter them from achieving academic excellence, pointing out further that they needed to channel all their energy and focus on their impending examinations.

Food Botswana representative Mr Ndlovu Ndlovu emphasised the need for the coming generations to help plug the food security gap by pursuing such subjects as agriculture, biology, physics and chemistry.

The subjects, he said would eventually be a passport to institutions of higher learning such as the Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) where courses such as Food Science and Technology course are on offer.

"With COVID-19 having proven that Botswana is not yet food sufficient, there is need for us to encourage our younger ones to invest in agriculture," he remarked.

Mr Ndlovu also encouraged them to

work hard on their examinations to help Botswana raise its own crop of project developers and food engineers.

Serowe Brigade also reassured the students that their doors were open for them when they complete their junior certificate examinations.

Although they accept Junior Certificate holders, Mr Thato Lephodisa encouraged them to aim to complete their Botswana General Certificate in Secondary Education Examinations (BGCSE) to gain advantage over others.

He said like other tertiary education institutions, brigades present diverse opportunities that could help learners venture into different career paths.

On the one hand, Botswana Prisons Service and Botswana Police Service cautioned the students against finding themselves on the wrong side of town.

From Serowe prison, Assistant Superintendent, Philip Mokoto encouraged them to steer clear of finding themselves in conflict with the law as that could permanently change the course of their lives.

Assistant Superintendent Eric Dambe from the Botswana Police Service said those seeking to be absorbed into the police service should strive for excellence in their school work, saying the law enforcement agency now recruits personnel on the basis of academic excellence.

He too cautioned the students against violating the law, saying they should at all times strive to stay on the straight and narrow.

The career fair, held under the theme "My decisions today determine my future", marked Boipelego Junior Secondary School's official send-off of the 2022 class of Form 3s. **BOPA**

Court extends remand for double murder accused

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Chief Magistrate Mareledi Dipate has on Tuesday further remanded in custody double murder accused, Lesego Dikgang as investigations of the murder incident are ongoing.

The case will mention on October 25 for status hearing at the Village Magistrate Court in Gaborone.

Dikgang of Block 5 location in Gaborone is charged with the murder of two women, Janett Alfred and Osego Thihe at Gaborone West, Phase One on September 26.

The prosecutor, Sub Inspector

Onkgopotse Gaotlolle has informed court that investigations were ongoing and therefore the purpose of the mention was to extend the remand warrant of the accused person.

Sub Insp. Gaotlolle said some of the witnesses were yet to record statements as they were still undergoing counselling, adding that the investigating team was also awaiting the forensic results.

Meanwhile, defence attorney, Mr Keorapele Sambere said since his client had been advised on the status of the investigations, he was therefore not against the prosecution's request to extent Dikgang's remand in custody. **BOPA**



Dikgang (left) during his previous court mention at Village Magistrate Court. He is accused of killing Ms Alfred and Ms Thihe in Gaborone on September 26.

Swelling US national debt raises concern

BEIJING - The swelling national debt number, edging closer to the US\$31.4-trillion statutory ceiling the US Congress placed on the government's borrowing ability, has raised concerns about US fiscal sustainability and its negative spillover effects on global financial markets.

The total public debt outstanding reached US\$31.1 trillion on October 3, including US\$24.3 trillion in debt held by the public and US\$6.8 trillion in inter-governmental holdings, said the U.S. Treasury Department's daily treasury statement released on recently.

In fact, real-time data released by the official website of the National Debt Clock showed that the debt number, having so far well surpassed US\$31.1 trillion, amounts to more than US\$93 400 of debt per American citizen, and nearly US\$250 000 of debt per taxpayer.

Given the new record, the ratio of the US federal debt to the GDP has risen to roughly 126 per cent, the data showed.

An estimate by British financial media outlet Finbold showed that in 2022 alone, the US national debt grows by almost US\$6 billion every day.

The number is more than the value of the economies of China, Japan, Germany and

Britain combined, the Peter G. Peterson Foundation (PGPF) noted in an article published last week.

If every US household paid US\$1 000 a month, it would still take 19 years for the debt to be paid off, noted the article. "This is a new record no one should be proud of," said Maya MacGuineas, president of budget watch group the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

About eight months ago, the total US public debt outstanding exceeded US\$30 trillion, hitting a fiscal milestone. In an attempt to avert a looming debt default, the US Congress passed legislation in December to raise the debt limit to the current US\$31.4 trillion.

The hike, however, failed to stop the US national debt from reaching nosebleed levels. "While much of that new borrowing was necessary to combat COVID-19, we are now past the most severe challenges of the pandemic, and it is time to budget responsibly -- yet we are still borrowing," MacGuineas said.

"The coronavirus pandemic rapidly accelerated our fiscal challenges, but we were already on an unsustainable path, with structural drivers that existed long before the pandemic," the PGPF said. **Xinhua**

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Tatamoga o lela ka seemo sa tsela

Ka Portia Ikgopoleng

TATAMOGA - Banni ba Tatamoga kwa kgaolong ya Ngami ba re ba ga ba jesiwe diwelang ke tsela ya bone e e ba gokaganyang le metse ya Makalamabedi le Samedupi e ba reng e na le seabe mo itsholelong e e kwa tlase ya motse wa bone.

Ba re tsela e, e e sekgala sa dikhilomithara di le masome a mane, e maswe thata mme ebile e kgoba bagwebi marapo go bula madirelo mo Tatamoga.

Ba buile se kwa phuthengong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke Mopalamente wa Maun Botlhaba Rre Goretetse Kekgonegile ka Mosupologo.

Fa a ntsha pego Modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse Rre Segopotso Serome a re ba tswa kgakala ba lela ka tsela e.

Are ba kile ba kopa Khansele ya kgaolo ya Bokone Bophirima go e tshela mmu (gravelling) mme ba seka ba atlega.

O ne a kopa ba lephata la diphologolo le makgabisa naga go tsibogela dilelo tsa bone fa ba senyeditse ke ditlou mo masimong, a tlatsa ka gore go le gantsi ba ba thusa ba le kwa dikantorong go na le go tla go lekola seemo.

Mopalamente Kekgonegile o ne a tlhalosa fa ba lephata la ditsela ba tlhalositse fa ba tlaa sekegela kopo ya banni tsebe pele ga ngwaga o ya bokhutlong.

A re madiadia a bakilwe ke gore Khansele ya Bokone Bophirima le lephata la ditsela ba kile ba gogagogana ka lobaka go sena yo o batlang go tsaya boikarabelo jwa tsela e.

O tswetse ka gore e tlaare mo bekeng e e tlang ba lephata la ditsela ba tseye mosepele go sekaseka tsela ya Tatamoga go shafatsa dikarolo tse di amegileng thata.

Rre Kekgonegile o kopile gore fa se se sa kgonege mo ngwageng o, e re mo ngwageng o tlang wa ditlhabololo go tsewe madi mo lenanenong la ditlhabololo tsa dikgaolo tsa bopalamente go dira tsela e ya dikhilomethara tse masome mane.

Mopalamente a re tsela e ka thusa go ngoka borradikgwebo ba tshwana le ba dipalamo tsa setshaba ka jalo a re e tshwanetse go potlakelwa.

O ne a solofetsa morafe gore o tlaa kopa ba lephata la diphologolo go buisa diphuthego go ruta le go tswa ka megopolo go thusa banni go tshela le ditlou.

Mopalamente o tswetse ka gore o tlaa kopa lephata le go rekegela dilelo tsa Batswana go

tsenya magapu mo dikatsong tsa fa molemi a jetswe mo masimong. Kgosi ya Tatamoga Rre

Mmoniemang Bodule o ne are go botlhokwa gore baeteledipele ba ba tlhole gangwe le gape ka gore

go na le dikgang di le dintsi tse di ba tshwenyang jaaka tshenyo e e dirwang ke ditlou. **BOPA**



E setse e le thwaelo gore bangwe ba barekisi ba mo mekgwatlheng ba rekise maungo ba le fa gare ga tsela kwa Blue Jacket Street kwa Francistown. Go ya ka mapodisi, se se diphatsa ka se tsenya matshelo a badirisi ba tsela mo diphatseng.

Senepe: Goweditse Kome

Bomme ba rotloediwa go bega kgokgontsho

Ka Cathrine Simane

KOLONKWANENG

Bomme ba gakolotswe go emisa mokgwa wa go bipa mpa ka mabele mo dikgannyeng tsa kgokgontso ya bong ka se se felela se ama matshelo a bone.

Ere ntswa kwa tshimologong kgwedi ya merapelo e ne e itebagantse le bolwetse jwa AIDS fela, ka go lemoga dikgwetlho tse di farologanyeng mo lefatsheng go simolola ka ngwaga wa 2020 merapelo e ne ya akaretsa malwetse a a farologanyeng jaaka COVID-19, malwetse a a sa tshelanweng, kgokgontsho, dikotsi tsa tsela le tse dingwe.

Molomaganya ditirelo tsa bolwetse jwa AIDS mo kgaolong ya Kgalagadi Borwa Mme Cathrine Molomo o buile se kwa Kolonkwaneng jaaka dikereke di ne phuthaganetse go tswalelwa merapelo ka Sontaga.

Setlhogo sa ngwaga ono e ne e le Kagiso le tshhegofatso: Dineo tsa Modimo tsa letlotlo la Botsogo.

O ne a supa fa kgaolo ya

Kgalagadi Borwa e na le dipalo tse di kwa godimo tsa malwetse a tlhakanelo dikobo selo se a supileng se bakwa ke go sa dirisiwe ga dikausu le gone go nna le bakapelo ba bantsi.

O supile fa balwetse bangwe ba sa ye go kopa thuso kwa kokelong go alafelwa malwetse ao mme a felele a jwelela.

Mme Molomo o ne a supa fa loarolwaborre le le babalesegileng le fokotsa kgonagalo ya go tswa ke mogare ka selekanyo sa 60 per cent, mme borre ba goga dinao go le dira.

O tlhalositse fa go tswa ngwaga oo fertileng go fitlha mo nakong eno go dirile fela borre ba le babedi.

Molomaganya ditirelo tsa bolwetsi jwa AIDS o ne a supa fa gape ba sa jesiwe diwelang ke dikgang tsa kgokgontso ya bong e e amang masika e gantsi e diragalelang basetsanyana ba ba kwa tlase ga dingwaga mmeomme bangwe ba felela ba bipa mpa ka mabele.

Are bana ba ba amegileng ba

felela ba senyegelwa ke bokamoso ka bangwe ba bone ba ima ba sale bannye.

O ne a supa fa batho ba le 3 475 ba le mo lenaneong la dipilisi tse di ritibatsang mogare tsa ARV mme bontsi ba a nwa dipilisi ka fa go tshwanetseng ka teng.

Aew se se itumedisang ke gore go simolola ka 2018 go fitlha mo nakong ya gompiano ga gona lesele lepe le le tsholwang ka mogare wa HIV mo kgaolong eo.

O ne a kgothatsa baruti go tswela ba tsibosa diphuthego tsa bone ka tsotlhe tse di amang botsogo le gone go ba gakolola go ikgapha mo go tswenweng ke malwetse a tlhakanelo dikobo le go itshireletsa ka nako tsotlhe ka nako ya tlhakanelo dikobo.

Sub Inspector Bareng Ditlhabang go tswa Middlepits o ne a tlhalosa fa dikotsi tsa tsela di tswetse ka go gapa matshelo a batho ba le bantsi mo lefatsheng, selo se a supileng fa se amana itsholelo ya lefatshe le malwapa ka go farologana mme a kopa bakgweetsi go fetola boitsholo

le gone go obamela matshwao a tsela ka nako tshotlhe.

O boletse fa komiti ya dipalamo le ipabalelo tseleng ya kgaolo eo e dira ka gotlhe go tlhomamisa gore e gasa melaetsa e e maleba go tsibogela seemo sa dikotsi.

Modulasetilo wa lekgotla la baruti mo kgaolong eo moruti Ruben Mosimenyane o boletse fa dikereke di tswa kgakala ba tshwaraganye le Puso, le ba BOCAIP go lwantsha bolwetse jwa AIDS le a mangwe, selo se a supileng fa se ntshitse maduo, a supa fa ba tlaa tswela ba gasa molaetsa wa go fetola boitshwano.

Sub Inspector Ditlhabang o ne a supa fa ngogola ba gatisitse dikotsi di le makgolo a mabedi le botlhano mme ngwaga ono go simolola Hirikgong go fitlha mo nakong eno ba gatisitse di le lekgolo masome a mararo le bosupa.

Baruti ka go farologana ba ne ba rapelela malwetse aa farologanyeng, Pula, matshwenyego le dikgwetlho tse di leng mo lefatsheng leno. **BOPA**

Tsiane setswerere sa lekgapho

Ka Booster Mogapi

TAKATOKWANE - Mme Marashia Tsiane are ngwao ya lekgapho e ka nyelela fa Batswana ba sa e emele ka dinao.

Mme Tsiane, yo o neng a gapa seetsele sa lekgapho mo dikgaisanong tsa National Arts Festival monongwaga, a re o ithutile tiro e mo go mmaagwe.

A re go goleng ga gagwe o ne a nna gaufi le mmaagwe go ithuta maele a botshelo mo go ene.

Mme Tsiane, yo o dingwaga di masome a supa le boraro, o tlhaloseditse *BOPA* fa a ne a gola a tshameka ka mmu mme seo sa dira gore a rate go bopa ka one, mme mmaagwe a lemoga se.

“Erile ke le ngwaga di le lesome le boferabobedi, kgatlhego yame ya lekgapho ya simolola go gola,” Mme Tsiane a supa.

A re e ne ya re mmaagwe a sena go tlhokafala, a seka a ema go kgapha bogolo jang ka nako ya go ipelela boipuso le mediro e mengwe mo motseng, lelwapa la gagwe le ne le kgaba ka mekgabisa ya lekgapho.

Mme Tsiane a re lekgapho ke go dirisa mmu le boloko go ntlafatsa lelwapa ka go dira mekgabisa ka mefuta ya yone, go ya ka fa motho a batlang ka teng.

A re ka 2013, o ne a utlwalela dikgaisano tsa ga Tautona, a di tsenelela mme a dira sentle mo go tsone.

“Go tsenelela dikgaisano ga se selo se se bonolo ka jaana o kopana le dithakga koo mme o tshwanetse le wena o eme ka dinao go bona gore o ntsha ga tshwene,” Mme Tsiane a tlhalosa.

A re ka 2018, o ne a tsaya maemo a boraro mme ka 2019 a tsaya a bobedi mo phadisanong ya lefatshe lotlhe.

Mme Tsiane a re bolwetse jwa COVID-19 bo ne jwa emisa dikgaisano mme a seka a ipona tsapa, a ipaakanya ka a ne a itse gore bo a feta, dikgaisano di tla tswelela.

A re ene ya re Phukwi ngwaga ono, a tsaya maemo a ntlha kwa dikgaisanong tsa kgaolo ya Molepolole, morago a ya Gaborone kwa a neng a tsaya maemo a ntlha, a gaisitse ditswerere tse dingwe tsa lekgapho lefatshe la Botswana lotlhe.

Mme Tsiane a re phenyo e, e mo tiisitse moko ebile e raya gore a tswelela a ithlokotse.

“Ke rata tiro e fela thata mme bogodi bo setse bo kelemile, pono e a tsamaya mme tiro e e tlhoka bonokopila,” Mme Tsiane a supa.

A re ka e ne e le ene mojaboswa jwa thuto ya ga mmaagwe, o tshwanetse a neele yo mongwe go tsweledisa, a tlatsa ka gore o na le ngwana wa ngwana wa mosimane yo o e kgatlhegelang ebile o mo kgothaditse gore a seka a iteba gore ke ngwana wa mosimane a tswelele ka go ithlokotsa. **BOPA**

‘Erile ke le ngwaga di le lesome le boferabobedi, kgatlhego yame ya lekgapho ya simolola go gola...’



Mme Tsiane a supa seetsele sa gagwe sa maemo a ntlha se a se gapileng mo dikgaisanong tsa lekgapho. A re lekgapho ke boswa jo a bo amuleng mo go mmaagwe. Senepe: Booster Mogapi

Bojalwa ja logonyana bo diphatsa

Ka Booster Mogapi

MONWANE - Bojalwa jwa Logonyana jo bo ratiwang bobe kwa motseng wa Monwane bo tlhalositswe bo le diphatsa mo botsogong jwa banwi ba jone.

Mo potsolotsong, kgosi ya Monwane mo kgaolong potlana ya Letlhakeng Kgosi Mokwaledi Masono a re ntswa a ise a tlhaloganye gore leina la Logonyana le tswa mo go eng, o dumela gore bo dirwa sengwe jaaka go tsenngwa motuka mongwe go bo dira bogale.

Kgosi Masono a re bogale jwa bojalwa jo bo supiwa ke ditebego tsa banwi ba jone ba ba tshabelelwang ke go kgoboga melomo e nna mehibidu fa bangwe ba bone ba latlhegelwa ke mmele.

A re majalwa a a itirelwang a borai ka gore ga go lekanyetswe bogale jwa one mme a kokonele banwi ba jone.

O ne a supa fa bangwe bomme ba ba bo nwang ba ikgatlholositse tlhokomelo ya bana mme seo se tsenye matshelo a bana mo diphatseng.

Kgosi Masono a re banana ba ba nwang Logonyana ba tshabelelwa ke go latlhegelwa ke mmele mme gape letlalo la bone le a fetoga.

“Se ke sesupo sa gore bojalwa joo ga bo a siamela botsogo jwa motho mme banwi ba tshwanetse go bo nwa ka kelelelo.”

A re banana ba motse oo ba tsofala e sale bana, selo se a reng o belaela se bakwa ke bojalwa jo.

Kgosi Masono o ne a kaya fa nnotagi e sa siamela botsogo jwa motho ope fela bogolo jang fa e

nowa go sena kelelelo.

A re sebe sa phiri ke banana ba ba nwang majalwa ao a maitirelo ba sale ba botlana, selo se a reng se bolaya bokamoso jwa bone.

Kgosi Masono o ne a kopa morafe wa gagwe go tsaya boikarabelo jwa botsogo jwa bone ka jaana ke bone ba yang go sokola ka bokete ka nako e bolwetse bo ba gatelelang.

A re modumo wa maitiso mo motseng o itaya bana ba sekole tsebe mme bangwe ba felela ba raelesega go ya maitisong, kwa go dirwang dilo tse ba sa tshwanelang go di bona.

O ne a tlatsa ka gore botlhoka tsebe jwa bana bo ile magoletsa mo motseng.

A re go ima ga bana ba basetsana ba ba dingwaga tse

Ba Mabule ba batla kgaolo e kgaoganngwa gabedi

Ka Aobakwe Molefhi

MABULE - Banni ba Mabule le metse e e mabapi ba re ba ka itumela thata fa kgaolo ya bone ya botlhophi ya Good Hope/ Mabule e ka kgaoganngwa.

Ba buile seo mo phuthengong ya lekoko le le romilweng ke Tautona go sekaseka melelwane ya dikgaolo tsa botlhophi kwa Mabule ka Mosupologo.

Ba re kgaolo ya bone e tona, mme ka jalo e ketefalela mopalamente a le mongwe fela.

Ba re fa ba sena go tlhopha motho, o tsamaela ruri, mme fa ba le lesego, o felela a ba tlhola gangwe fela mo ngwageng kana go feta, mathata ele bophara le bo tona jwa kgaolo.

Ba re seo se dira gore le tsone ditlamelo di seka tsa goroga ka nako.

Mongwe wa dibui, Rre Richard Molapisi o tlhalositse fa keletso ya bone ele ba Dikhukhung ele gore dikgaolo tsa mapalamente

di nne pedi ebong Gamolopo le Good Hope.

A re kgaolo ya Good Hope e ka akaretsa Good Hope le metse ee mabapi, fa ya Gamolopo yone eka dirwa ka dikgaolo tse di mo lotshitshing lwa noka ya Molopo, go ya go tsena kwa Sekhutlhane.

Rre Aron Tsatsi le ene o ne a tlhalosa fa nako e tsile ya gore kgaolo eo e kgaogannwe gabedi.

A re metse yotlhe ya Molapo go simolola ka Ramatlabama, e ka dira kgaolo ya bobedi.

A re seo se ka thusa gore bana ba bone ba simolole go itse gore ke Barolong ka jaana mo nakong eno ba santse ba ipotsa gore ke Barolong ba mofuta mang, ka Kgosi kgolo ya bone ke ya kwa Gangwaketse.

Dibui tse dingwe di kopile lekoko leo, le le eteletsweng pele ke Moatlhodi Mokwadi Gabanagae, go ela ngwao le puo tlhoko thata, ka di le botlhokwa.

Ba supile fa dilo ka bontsi di paledisiwa ke gore, go lebega

di kwa tlase le gone go godile, a kaya fa seo ele molato mo go ba ba dirang jalo mme a kopa batsadi go emela dikgang tseo ka dinao ka di senya bokamoso jwa bana ba bone.

Kgosi Masono o ne a kopa batsadi go emela dikgang tsa kgokgontso ya bomme le bana ka dinao ka e senya ledula la motse wa bone. **BOPA**

bogosi bo gogagogana le sepolotiki, mme seo se felele se dira gore batho ba seka ba thusiwa sentle.

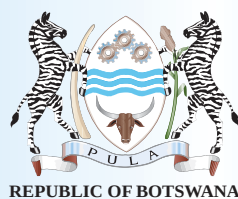
Ba kopile gape gore kgaolo ya Lorolwane le dipolase tsa Banyana di busediwe mo Morolong, ba supa fa banni ba koo ele ba metse ya bone, mme ebile ba tsaa ditlamelo ka bontsi kwa Mabule.

Banni ba ngongoregile gore tiro eo ga ea fiwa nako le thulaganyo ee maleba, ba re ba tlike mo bokopanong joo ba sa itse le gore dipalo tsa kgaolo di eme jang.

Ba boleetse lekoko gore ga ba dumele gore mo ngwageng tse di lesome tse di fetileng, dipalo tsa kgaolo di oketsegile fela ka dikete tse pedi le makgolo a mararo.

Ba tladitse ka gore palo batho ee sa tswang go feta, ene ese yone sentle, ka gore ga goa tsenwa mo malwapeng ka bontsi.

Phuthago eo ene e akaretsa le mekgatlho ee ikemetseng jaaka Peoboswa le Red Cross. **BOPA**



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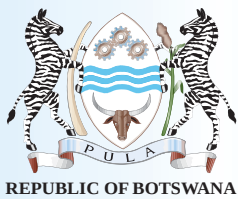
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Botswana National Flag was adopted in 1966 to replace the Union Jack after the country gained its independence.



The colours of the flag convey cultural and socio-political ideologies.

- The black band and its bordering white stripes symbolise belief in racial integration, equity, harmony and cooperation of the different races in Botswana.
- The light blue colour specifically represents water in its form of rain, a precious resource in Botswana and the heart of the agricultural sector.



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NATIONAL SYMBOL

● **Regulations of the National Flag**

When using the National Flag, it shall be treated with dignity and respect. It shall be handled in the manner prescribed below. The National Flag shall;

- a) Be flown and guarded in all Government buildings and Missions established by Botswana as a symbol of authority, freedom and patriotism.
- b) Be flown at full mast at National events attended by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Botswana.
- c) Flown at half-mast only on instruction from His Excellency the President of the Republic of Botswana.
- d) Flown on vehicles occupied by His Excellency the President, His Honor the Vice President, Cabinet Ministers, the Speaker of the National Assembly, Chairman of Ntlo ya Dikgosi and Ambassadors.
- e) Always hoisted at 0600hrs and lowered at 1800hrs daily and accorded due respect during the process. It should not remain flying unless suitably illuminated.
- f) Not to touch the ground.
- g) Not be depicted, displayed or flown upside down.
- h) Not displayed when its frayed or dirty.
- i) Not be defaced by placing slogans or any writing or design directly on it.
- j) Not be used to cover a statue, plaque or used on unveiling or similar ceremonies.
- k) Not be used in a demeaning manner such as a table cloth, under cloth, bath or floor mats.
- l) Always be reproduced in full color.
- m) Hang directly behind or on a pole to the right of the speaker.

● **DISPOSAL OF THE NATIONAL FLAG**

When no longer in a fit condition to be used, a Flag should be disposed in a dignified manner. Upon disposal, the Flag shall be folded in a triangular shape and burnt. While it burns officials shall stand in salutation behind the smoke until the Flag has burnt completely to ashes. No other method of disposal shall be used.

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

GORATA FANE OF PLOT 26114 Palapye/Lotsane hereby consults neighbours on change of land use from single family to multifamily residential. Please contact Palapye Council Physical Planning Office for any concerns or contact us on 76276709 / 76 634 061.

OWNER OF PLOT 3413 Tatisiding informs his neighbours of plot 3414 of his intention to construct a boundary wall. Any objections should be forwarded to NEDC on 243 1136

(LAST NAMOSHE) PLOT 134 Matshelagabedi intend to change use of plot from residential to commercial. For objection contact 72 241 181 / 71 132 878

I KEIKOBILE BARATANG the owner of residential plot No: 34110 in Molepolole would like to change land use from residential to multi-residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Kweneng District Council, Physical Planning office at 5920981 or in writing within 14 days of the publication notice.

I OPELO MAMININGO OF PLOT 9430 Letlapeng would like to construct boundary wall.Any objections contact Tlokweng Sub Council on 369 5000

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of a tittle Deed No. 1718 12015 dated **24th** day of **June 2015** made in favour of **ESTATE OF LATE JOHN MOTHETHO** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 10545 Gaborone.
SITUATE: Gaborone Township Extension 31.
MEASURING: 407m² four hundred and seven square meters.

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to **lodge the same in writing** with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020 GABORONE **within three (3) weeks** of the last publication of this notice hereof.

DATED AT ON THIS DAY OF 2022.
.....
APPLICANT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of lost Title Deed No 523/ 2000 dated **15th Day of March 2000** made in favor of the late **TOTENG LESEDI** in respect of the:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being LOT 21208, Gaborone
SITUATE: Gaborone Extension 15
MEASURING: 835m² (Eight hundred and thirty five square meters)

HELD UNDER: Deed No. 523/2000 dated **15th March 2000**
Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge same with the Registrar of Deeds for Botswana at Gaborone within three (3) weeks from the last publication of this notice.
DATED at Gaborone this 27th day of September 2022
SEKGELE LESEDI, P.O. Box 505, Gaborone. **Plot 21208 Extension 15 Gaborone**

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED OF TRANSFER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we intend to apply for a certified copy of the Deed of Transfer No: **295/2018** dated **19TH February 2018** made in favour of **ALBERTA CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 61813, Gaborone;
SITUATE: In Gaborone West Extension 40;
MEASURING: 363m² (Three Hundred and Sixty Three Square Metres);
HELD: Deed of Transfer No: **295/2018** dated **19TH February 2018** made in favour of **ALBERTA CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED;**
Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge same in writing to the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within three(3) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS **7th DAY OF OCTOBER 2022**
SENAMELA SEKGA ATTORNEYS, APPLICANT’S ATTORNEYS, PLOT 2859, EXTENSION 10, CHURCH RD, P O BOX 1551, GABORONE

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s Reference: **ESHGB 000281/21**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Obotseng Rapula Keabetswe** Who died at Botshabelo Ward, Tloweng, Tlokweng District, Botswana on the 7th day of July 2021.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED at on this day of2022
The Executor
Taolo Silas
Plot No. 1036, Monneng Ward
TLOKWENG

TEL: 71667694

The Executor
Ponatshego Thari
Plot No. 1836, Boseja Ward
MOCHUDI

Tel : 71692510

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED OF TRANSFER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we intend to apply for a certified copy of the Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No: **1903/2011** dated **6TH October 2011** made in favour of **COASTAL DEVELOPMENT (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 54355, Gaborone;
SITUATE: In Gaborone West Extension 9 (CBD);
MEASURING: 8000m² (Eight Thousand Square Metres);
HELD: Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No: **1903/2011** dated **6TH October 2011** made in favour of **COASTAL DEVELOPMENT (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED.**
Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge same in writing to the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within three(3) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS **7th DAY OF OCTOBER 2022**
SENAMELA SEKGA ATTORNEYS, APPLICANT’S ATTORNEYS, PLOT 2859, EXTENSION 10, CHURCH RD, P O BOX 1551, GABORONE

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master’s Reference: ESHGB 000019-22
IN THE ESTATE of the late **VIPUL CHANDRA BHOGILAL PATEL** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 22nd September 2021.
THE FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will be open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of (Twenty-one) 21 days from the date of publication hereof.
Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the 21 days stated above
DATED AT GABORONE thisday2022

The Executor
Kirtiben Vipul Chandra Patel
P O Box 20575
GABORONE TEL: 76010551/3163125

CPP BOTSWANA (Pty) Ltd CONSULTING ENGINEER & PLANNERS

We have a vacancy in our Botswana office for the following position;

MATERIALS ENGINEER

Qualifications: Prospective applicants must have a minimum of Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) or Bachelor of Engineering (B. Eng) degree in Civil Engineering or Engineering geology.

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Interested applicants should submit detailed curriculum vitae, including, references, certified copies of applicant’s qualifications and any other achievements. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified. Application should be addressed to:

The Managing Director
CPP Botswana (Pty) Ltd,
Private Bag BR 121, Broadhurst, Gaborone
Fax: 3912890
Email: cppmail@cpp.co.bw/cpp.info@cpp.co.bw

The closing date for applications is **31st October 2022.**

HEAD CONFECTIONER WANTED

We are looking for a Head Confectioner to manage our bakery operations, the applicant must have the following:

- Diploma in Bakery Management
- A minimum of 20 years’ experience
- A minimum of 8 years in a senior position
- Be able to work independently in making of breads, Pies and assorted confectionary items.

Send applications to:

P.O. Box 404326
Gaborone

Or email: info@moghul.co.bw

Applications close
15th October 2022

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NBFIRA ... Working Towards Financial Stability

I GEORGINAH KEETILE of a plot situated at Kopong would like to change the land use of my plot from residence to civic and community for compatibility of land use. For any enquiries please contact Kweneng District Council, physical planning on this telephone +267 591 5122 for any objections during working hours.

VACANCIES

EYE EXPRESS GROUP urgently requires an optometrist registered with BHPC, having minimum 3 years of working experience within or outside Botswana. The candidate should have a minimum qualification of a degree. Send CV, certificates and references to P O Box 45045, Riverwalk, Gaborone.

2 CLICKERS / SHOETECHNICIANS AND machine operators wanted at Kings Leather works Letlhakane Boteti contact 71 570 665 / 71800412

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CHANGE OF LAND USE

On behalf of my client **Sanjay Bahgi** cell number 71 634 702 plot number 5626 located in Broadhurst Industrial Lejara road would like to change Land use from Mix use to Commercial

Any objection to this proposal should be **lodged within(14) fourteen days** from the date of publication of this notice and all queries should be done **in writing to Gaborone City Council**.

Botswana telephone numbers are +267 365 7496 / 71 634 702

VACANCY
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

A Children's Activity Camps company **CAMP BOTSWANA** requires a Director of Photography.

Job Summary
-Script Writing, Storyboards, Videography & Editing

Qualifications & Experience
-Degree in Media/Film
-5 years' experience

Send CV, Certificates to:
Camp Botswana P.O Box AE 420
AEH Gaborone
Plot 21554 Phakalane
Cell 77 728 644

Closing Date: 14 days after Publication.

LOST DEED OF GRANT

NOTICE is hereby given in terms of Regulation 46 (4) Cap 33:02 that the undersigned intends applying in terms of Regulation 46 (1) Cap 33:02 for a certified copy of **DEED OF GRANT NO. 163/71 DATED 24TH SEPTEMBER 1971** and made in favour of **ARTHUR LEHLOHONOLO MERAPE** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 2739 Gaborone;
SITUATE: in Gaborone Township Extension No. 9;
MEASURING: 14,800 (Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred) English Square Feet;
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Grant No. 163/71 dated 24th September 1971 and made in favour of Arthur Lehlohonolo Merafe;

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy, are hereby requested to lodge the same 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 THIS 22ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022

Osei-Ofei Swabi & Co.
Attorneys for the Applicant
First Floor, Unit 18, Kgale Mews,
Gaborone International Finance Park,
P O Box 403506,
GABORONE

VACANCY FOR TEACHERS

LEGAE ACADEMY

Legae Academy, an Independent International Senior Secondary School has openings in January 2023 for the following positions:

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The principal
P O Box 750, Mogoditshane, Botswana
Tel: (267)3924333, (267)3919179
E-mail: principal@legaeacademy.co.bw
www.legaeacademy.co.bw

Only those short-listed will be contacted for interview.

DEADLINE: 31/10/2022



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SA companies to participate in French food exhibition

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa will send representatives of 26 companies to Sial Paris 2022, the world's leading food innovation exhibition in France, South Africa's department of trade, industry and competition (DTIC) said Monday.

The exhibition will take place from October 15 to 19.

The DTIC said the South African companies would leave for France today and they would interact with more than 7 000 exhibitors from all over the world, including buyers, distributors, agents and exporters.

The DTIC said it was helping the South African companies to take part in the event to enable them to showcase their products and services to penetrate markets in various parts of the world.

"We are traveling to France with the hope of finding a distributor, agent or big companies such as retail or hotel chains that can be interested in importing our products to France and other countries in Europe and beyond.

We are optimistic that we will succeed as we are already doing some social media marketing as part of creating awareness about our company and products targeting the buyers that will be attending the exhibition," said CEO of Miente Manufacturing Wendy Mpendulo.

Mpendulo said her Pretoria-

based company, Miente Manufacturing, a snack-making company, currently exports its products to eSwatini.

Dabisile Danisa, managing director of the Durban-based condiments and sauces-producing company, expressed optimism about the show. She said they hope to get deals or leads which would result in them exporting their products to France, Europe and other parts of the world.

Debra Ncube, managing director of House of Natural Butter based in Cape Town, said she has scheduled some meetings with three distributors.

Her company produces peanut, macadamia and almond butter. "Our main objective for traveling to France is to strike deals during or after the exhibition that will enable us to penetrate the European market.

We are confident that our high-value agro-processing products will attract the attention of the distributors, particularly the macadamia butter," Ncube said.

The South African government supports companies after rigorous vetting to take part in international exhibitions including the China International Import Expo, which is the world's first dedicated import exhibition and will take place in Shanghai from November 5 to 10. *Xinhua*



JOHANNESBURG - South Africa will send representatives of 26 companies to Sial Paris 2022, the world's leading food innovation exhibition in France. Photo: Xinhua

UK brings forward debt-cutting plan to end of October

LONDON - The United Kingdom treasury decided on Monday to bring forward the date of its debt-cutting plan, alongside forecasts for public finances to October 31.

Announcement of the government's medium-term fiscal plan, together with an economic and fiscal forecast by the independent fiscal watchdog Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR), had originally been scheduled for November 23, but

government faced huge pressure to act faster to reassure markets.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Kwasi Kwarteng in September unveiled his ambitious plan to cut taxes and boost economic growth, but it has raised severe concern over the country's fiscal health and dented confidence in its economic future.

Following the plan, the British pound tumbled and government borrowing costs soared.

OBR forecasts were not

published alongside the September fiscal statement, and the government was accused of avoiding scrutiny.

"Given the size of this package, it is all the more remarkable and concerning that it was announced without an update" from the OBR, Thomas Pope, deputy chief economist of the think tank Institute for Government, said.

In the wake of market turmoil, the Bank of England (BoE) has announced temporary purchases of long-dated UK government bonds in an emergency move to restore orderly market conditions.

Auctions started in late September and will take place on each weekday until October 14.

In this final week of operations, the central bank has announced additional measures to "support an orderly end of its purchase scheme."

The BoE said on Monday it was prepared to increase the maximum size of the remaining five auctions and it will launch a facility to ease liquidity pressures facing the UK's pension funds.

Xinhua



Kwarteng



JOHANNESBURG - Mpendulo says her snack-making company exports to eSwatini. They hope to expand their market through the Sial Paris 2022. Photo: Xinhua

Namibia introduces revised accommodation rates for locals, SADC residents

WINDHOEK - Namibia Wildlife Resorts (NWR), a Namibian state-owned enterprise mandated to run the tourism facilities within the country, has introduced a SADC and domestic reward plan that offers lower prices for accommodation to locals and those from the bloc's members.

The revised rates are valid for new bookings from November 1, to October 31, 2023.

And they granted everyone the opportunity to visit resorts and explore what Namibia had to offer, NWR spokesperson Nelson Ashipala said Monday.

"Resort prices have often forced visitors not to fully experience the flora and fauna that is in Namibia. Being the only company allowed to operate in parks, ensuring affordable prices is not only an obligation but a must, as it gives a great chance to view wildlife

in their natural habitat and create great experiences," said Ashipala.

"With the release of the latest SADC and domestic rates, citizens can now travel to some of Namibia's best resorts at a fee as low as about US\$37 per person upon presentation of a Namleisure discount card, including dinner and breakfast."

Ashipala said for the high-end resorts under the Eco category, such as Sossus Dune Lodge and Dolomite, the fees start from 1 440 Namibia dollars per person with the Namleisure card.

Namibia over the past couple of months has launched initiatives like the tourism digital marketing campaign to rebuild consumer confidence and advance travel recovery post-COVID and continued to experience a growing trend in tourism arrivals from late 2021 to the second quarter of 2022. *Xinhua*



MUBENDE - Medical workers disinfecting a demarcated Ebola treatment centre at the Mubende Regional Hospital in Uganda recently. Uganda's Ministry of Health said the number of deaths since Ebola was reported in the country on September 20 stands at 17. Photo: Xinhua

Ebola deaths rise to 17 in Uganda

KAMPALA - Uganda's Ministry of Health on Monday says Ebola deaths in the country have risen to 17.

Emmanuel Ainebyoona, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Health, said the number of deaths since the virus was first reported in the country on September 20 now stands at 17.

Ainebyoona said as of October

9, the cumulative number of confirmed cases was 48 after four new confirmed cases were registered in the last 48 hours.

Of the 48 confirmed cases, nine are health workers.

The cumulative number of recoveries is 14 people.

Earlier Monday, Ainebyoona confirmed that a team of senior World Health Organisation

(WHO) officials was in the country to discuss support for the Ebola response.

According to the WHO, the senior officials will also attend the High-Level Emergency Ministerial Meeting on Cross Border Collaboration for Preparedness and Response to Ebola Virus Disease scheduled for today. *Xinhua*

Rwanda reports increase in mental health disorders

KIGALI - Cases of mental health disorders have increased in Rwanda since the beginning of this year, the Ministry of Health has said Monday.

At least 7 817 patients consulted for depression at Ndera Neuro-Psychiatric Teaching Hospital from January to August, higher than 1 743 that were recorded last year, the ministry said.

The majority of the new cases were middle-aged people. The data showed that 54 per cent of registered patients were male, 46 per cent female while children below 19 years of age accounted for 20 per cent of the total number of patients.

"The Ministry of Health is committed to implementing all relevant interventions to reduce incidence of all mental health disorders, including depression."

Other top mental illnesses registered in Rwanda included schizophrenia with 35 581 cases so far reported this year, epilepsy with 13 337 cases and those reporting acute and transient psychotic disorders totalling 10 977.

According to health officials, schizophrenia makes one interpret reality abnormally while acute and transient psychotic disorders are triggered by psychological stress.

Overall, 96 357 patients with mental disorders were recorded in the first eight months of this

year, representing a 29.6 per cent increase compared to last year, according to the data.

This year's global theme for World Mental Health Day is Make Mental Health and Well-being for all a Global Priority.

The WHO representative in Rwanda Brian Chirombo said in a message that the global health agency was supporting the Rwandan government in collaboration with other

partners, to update the mental health strategic plan that sets new targets for expanding mental health care services to be achieved by 2024.

"The strategy will seek to increase access to quality mental health services by decentralizing and integrating it into primary health care, ensuring services are appropriately budgeted and resourced across sectors," he said. *Xinhua*



VANCOUVER - A volunteer serving free Thanksgiving meals in Canada on Monday. About 3 000 free meals were served by a local charitable organisation on the day. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on various dates in the United States, Canada and Grenada. The day is meant to celebrate the harvest season and other blessings of the year. Photo: Xinhua

UN calls for investment in mental health services

NAIROBI - The World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF on Monday called for more investment in mental health services in Africa where the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the gaps that exist in mental health care.

The two UN agencies, in a joint statement issued in Nairobi, to mark World Mental Health Day confirmed commitment to joint action to make mental health a priority.

Mohamed Fall, UNICEF regional director for eastern and southern Africa, said the impact of violence or humanitarian crises was not limited to economic impact, noting that the invisible wounds suffered by communities must also be at the heart of the interventions.

"The psychological distress in which hundreds of thousands of children and parents live across the continent has a dramatic impact on individuals and by extension on the well-being and development of societies," Fall said.

The UN agencies said children and adolescents were particularly vulnerable, adding that Africa had one of the highest numbers of children and adolescents globally.

They said the last 12 months had seen families and communities under growing strain as a result of the impact of climate shocks, global inflation and economic hardship.

Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia are facing extreme droughts,

while in the Sahel area, armed groups have stepped up exactions on communities, leading to massive displacement, the UN agencies said.

WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti said mental health was integral to wholesome health and well-being.

"The greatest challenge to adequate mental health service provision in Africa is the chronically low investments by governments. It's time for a radical change," Dr Moeti said.

The UN agencies said the serious gaps that existed in mental health care in the region were a result of historic under-investment in mental health promotion, prevention and care.

The two agencies in 2020 agreed on a 10-year partnership on mental health, which seeks to address some of the main challenges to mental health and limitations in access to support.

Joint initiatives are underway in Nigeria, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, with both agencies working with governments to scale up mental health and psychosocial support services across sectors, according to the UN agencies.

According to the UN, responses to mental health need to encompass support beyond the area of specialised mental health services, including child and family services, education, protection, violence prevention, community support, housing and social protection. *Xinhua*

High energy costs hit Italian companies

ROME - Sentiment among Italian businesses worsened in the third quarter, the Bank of Italy's latest survey has revealed Monday.

Declining confidence among businesses is due to expectations of high inflation, which has damaged the country's economic outlook in recent months and is set to continue well into the future, the survey said.

The central bank surveyed Italian companies in the industrial and service sectors with at least 50 employees, between August 25 and September 15.

According to the data, the overall economic situation worsened in the third quarter, and there was 'pessimism' about the outlook for companies over the last three months of the year.

This reflected 'uncertainty attributable to economic and

political factors and the upward trend in commodity prices,' meaning surging energy prices due to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. A third of the companies surveyed said difficulties related to rising energy costs had worsened in the previous three months, sparking a downward revision in their investment plans for the remainder of the year. Meanwhile, companies' expectations for consumer inflation also worsened, the Bank of Italy said.

Italy's National Institute of Statistics reported last week that inflation in September had reached a record 8.9 per cent. Bank of Italy said businesses expected the overall inflation rate to remain above six per cent for the next year, and around five per cent for at least two years. *Xinhua*

TECHNO opens opportunities for students

NAIROBI - Filled to capacity, the elegantly furnished auditorium of the University of Nairobi (UONBI) provided an opportunity for Mary Anne Maina, an arts major, to participate in the TECNO fans meet-up event, learn more about flagship products of Chinese Transsion Group and how it can advance her academic interests.

A long-term fan of TECNO smartphones, Maina, 19, said she was glad to learn that the UONBI, Kenya's largest university, had forged close ties with the Chinese firm to help students widen their intellectual and career horizons.

The vivacious youth was among hundreds of students who graced the TECNO fan meet-up event Friday to learn about Transsion's cutting-edge products, internship, training, and employment opportunities.

"I was glad to learn that TECNO's parent company is keen to aid our quest for well-paying jobs by offering internships, training, and mentorships," Maina told *Xinhua* during an interview on the sidelines of TECNO fans meet-up event.

In attendance, at the TECNO fans club of the UONBI and meet-up events were students, faculty members, and industry executives who were treated to acrobatic shows and motivational speeches.

In addition, there were displays of sleek TECNO smartphones that were heavily discounted specifically for the students, the majority of whom confessed their strong affinity with the brand due to its user-friendly features and

affordable cost.

The TECNO fans club is embedded in the thriving partnership between Transsion Holdings and the UONBI, which revolves around identifying, and nurturing the skills and talent of students, helping them secure a future of hope and opportunity.

TECNO'S Regional Director Ray Fang said that besides rallying behind Kenya's digitization process, the company is committed to transforming the lives of local youth through skills transfer, mentorship, and employment.

"Partnering with the University of Nairobi is a passionate project we have been working on. We want to be part of this great institution and help students grow their careers and have first-hand experience working with a multinational organization," said Fang.

He said that students who join the TECNO fan club stood a higher chance of benefiting from internship opportunities besides exposure to the firm's cutting-edge technologies and first-hand experience with its wide range of products.

Lincoln Cyprian, a 21-year-old statistics major who participated at the TECNO fans meet-up event, said he looked forward to industrial placement at the firm, to gain exposure to the intricacies of the modern and highly digitized workplace.

The youngster said that an attachment at TECNO's stores or care centers would help him improve his digital literacy and interpersonal skills, ensuring he executed future jobs with precision. As part of its corporate social responsibility, TECNO has rolled out a Graduate Trainee Program that identifies talented, proactive university students, develops their skills, and prepares them for highly sought jobs, said Joseph Ndambuki, a senior human resources specialist with TECNO Kenya.

Ndambuki said that graduate trainees are linked up with senior managers as they receive training and mentorship to enable them to execute critical tasks, and develop soft skills like teamwork, empathy, and resilience.

He added that Transition Holdings is committed to bridging the skills gap in Kenya, narrowing the gender divide in technology-related jobs, and inspiring the youth to strive for the greater good.

Kenya's university students have a strong affinity to the Transsion Holdings flagship smartphones, TECNO and Infinix, which they

use to undertake studies and online jobs, said Felistas Ngina, a 21-year-old science major at the UONBI.

Alerted by a mutual friend about the TECNO fans' meet-up event, Ngina said she intended to learn about the latest devices and how to secure an attachment or entry-level job at the company.

She praised TECNO for offering gainful employment to digitally savvy Kenyan youth while vowing to participate in job fairs organised by the company at her campus in the near future.

A legally binding collaborative agreement between TECNO and the UONBI that is in the works aims to promote students' academic, entrepreneurial, social, and technical skills.

Johnson Ireri Kinyua, the dean of Students at the UONBI, said that the signing of the collaborative agreement, slated later in the year, will mark a critical milestone in academia-industry partnership to foster digital transformation, skills

transfer, and job creation in the country.

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KUALA LUMPUR - Many Malays on Monday watched a televised speech by Ismail Sabri in Malaysia in which he announced the dissolution of the country's parliament. The dissolution paves way for national elections which must be held in the next 60 days. Photo: Xinhua

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PM dissolves parliament, calls for early national elections

KUALA LUMPUR - Malaysian Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob announced the dissolution of the country's parliament on Monday, paving the way for national elections which must be held in the next 60 days.

In a televised speech, Ismail Sabri said he had received the consent of the country's King Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah in accordance with the country's constitution.

Ismail Sabri said the past years have seen several unprecedented developments after the national elections in 2018, including political uncertainties with the changes of several prime ministers and the COVID-19 pandemic, which together have harmed the

country's socio-economic and political situation.

"With this announcement, the mandate will be returned to the people. The people's mandate is a powerful antidote for the country to restore political stability and create a government which is firm, stable and respected after the elections," he said.

The date of polling day is yet to be announced by the Election Commission of Malaysia. Normally, a general election should be held no later than two months after the dissolution of the parliament.

Voters will elect the 222-member Dewan Rakyat, or the House of Representatives.

The possibility of national elections have been hotly discussed over recent months with United Malays National Organization (UMNO), the biggest party in the ruling coalition, calling for elections to end the political uncertainty which has seen two prime ministers appointed since 2020 following the resignation of former prime minister Mahathir Mohamad in February of that year.

Muhyiddin Yassin was sworn in as the prime minister on March 1, 2020 but later resigned following the withdrawal of support by members of parliament from his own coalition. Ismail Sabri was then appointed as the prime minister on Aug. 21, 2021. *Xinhua*

UN urges Iraqis to engage in dialogue

BAGHDAD - The United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) on Monday warned of further instability and called on Iraqi political parties to engage in dialogue to end the political deadlock that hampered the formation of a new government one year after the October 10 parliamentary elections in 2021.

"Today, Iraq is running out of time. The protracted crisis is breeding further instability, and recent events are a testament to that. In addition, it threatens people's livelihoods," UNAMI said in a statement.

The statement urged all parties

to engage in dialogue without preconditions.

The Coordination Framework, an umbrella group of Shiite parliamentary parties, said in a statement that it supported UNAMI's call for dialogue without preconditions with all political parties.

Also on Monday, Muhsen al-Mandalawi, first deputy of the parliament speaker, said in a statement that some 170 lawmakers submitted a request to hold a session on Wednesday dedicated to electing the next president of the country.

He said that "the presidency

of parliament (speaker and his two deputies) will discuss the request and take a decision on it," according to the statement.

The Iraqi parliament resumed its session on September 28 after about two months of suspension following thousands of supporters of Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr started an open sit-in in the Iraqi parliament building.

Political tensions in Iraq have escalated in the past months between Sadrist Movement, the biggest winner in the October parliamentary elections in 2021, and his rivals in the Shiite parliamentary parties within the

CF alliance.

Al-Sadr demanded in the past weeks to dissolve parliament and hold early elections, but his demands were rejected by the CF parties which became the largest bloc after al-Sadr ordered his followers to withdraw from the parliament in June.

Over the past months, persistent disputes between the Shiite parties have hampered the formation of a new Iraqi government, leaving them unable to elect a new president with a two-thirds majority of the 329-seat parliament under the Iraqi constitution. *Xinhua*



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Foundation wins acclaim for engagements in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA - The China Foundation for Rural Development (CFRD) has won acclaim for its far-reaching engagements in Ethiopia as the organisation, formerly China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation, celebrated its third anniversary of establishing the Ethiopian Office Monday.

The CFRD, which started implementing various programmes in Ethiopia back in 2015 and officially registered as an international charitable organisation in the East African country in July 2019, works to deepen the people-to-people ties between Ethiopia and China.

Jima Dilbo, director general of Ethiopia's Authority for Civil Society Organisation, during the occasion commended CFRD for its seven years of charitable services in the East African country through various projects such as school feeding, school bag distribution, food item support, water and hygiene programme, and women's economic empowerment.

"All its (CFRD) projects align with our government's priorities and our peoples' needs, and the impact is far-reaching," Dilbo said. "We have seen more and more urging requests from less fortunate communities, which need our attention and support in every way. We are blessed to have organisations like CFRD taking proactive action to respond to the calling."

He called on more charitable organisations from China to come to Ethiopia to help and share their experience in the fight against poverty as well as on ways of overall modernisation.

The official further called on CFRD to take the lead in empowering Ethiopian local non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to link to development platforms such as the Global Development Initiative, Global Development and South-South Cooperation Fund, as well as the Belt and Road Initiative.

Yang Yihang, minister counselor for Economic and Commercial Affairs at the Chinese Embassy in Ethiopia, said CFRD's engagements in Ethiopia had brought fruitful results, and had contributed a lot to the economic and social development of Ethiopia.

He further emphasised that with firm support from all sides, China-Ethiopia cooperation in the field of poverty alleviation would have greater achievements in the near future.

Since 2015, the CFRD has been undertaking various programs in Ethiopia, including the Panda Pack, Smiling Children, water cellar, water purification, and women employment training. Data from CFRD show that by September 2022, the CFRD

Ethiopia Office has benefited more than 250 000 Ethiopian people across all walks of life, with a particular emphasis on the most vulnerable people.

Zheng Wenkai, president of CFRD said the organisation focused on six Sustainable Development Goals, mainly poverty eradication, zero hunger, good health and well-being, quality education, clean water and sanitation, as well as decent work and economic growth.

People-to-people exchanges are extensive," Zheng said, reiterating the CFRD's keen intent to further deepen partnership so as to support more Ethiopian lives. CFRD's Ethiopia Office is one of the organization's three overseas offices together with Myanmar and Nepal.

Wu Peng, director of the International Development Department of CFRD, said the CFRD's philosophy in its engagements overseas was 'love without borders and people-to-people connectivity.' Wu added that the CFRD, in its engagements in Ethiopia over the past seven years, has received 'enormous recognition and appreciation from local governments, communities and beneficiaries.'

During the occasion, one of the donor partners, China's Shenzhen Solar Run Energy Co. Limited, said it has distributed some 3 000 solar lamps to local families across Ethiopia. *Xinhua*

WELLINGTON - The New Zealand government has released for consultation a proposal to reduce agricultural emissions, helping give the country a competitive advantage in green conscious global marketplace",

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has said yesterday.

The proposal will also put New Zealand on track to meet Zero Carbon Act 2030 methane reduction target.

The government has included



ALGIERS - Algeria's Prime Minister Ayman Benabderrahmane (right) and France Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne at the Algerian-French Economic Forum in Algiers on Monday. The forum kicked off with the participation of businessmen and investors from both countries. Photo: Xinhua

'Sudan closer to settlement for political crisis'

KHARTOUM - A tripartite mechanism tasked with facilitating intra-Sudanese dialogue announced on Monday that they are getting closer to a satisfactory settlement for Sudan's political impasse.

Mohamed Dagalo, deputy chairperson of Sudan's Transitional Sovereign Council, met on Monday with representatives of the tripartite mechanism, which is composed of the United Nations, African Union and the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development.

"We see that we are getting closer and closer to a satisfactory settlement for all parties to the political process," Mohamed Belaish, spokesperson of the tripartite mechanism, said after the meeting, without disclosing any details of the settlement.

He described the meeting with Dagalo as 'positive and constructive,' in which they reviewed the political developments and the ongoing dialogue among the country's political parties. Also on Monday, Sudan's Transitional Sovereign Council chairperson, Abdel-Fattah Al-Burhan said the political scene would witness a breakthrough in the coming days.

He reiterated the commitment

of the military to exit the political scene and devote itself to performing its duties in maintaining the unity, security and stability of the country, and to leave room for civilians to form a civilian government.

Sudan has been suffering a political crisis since Al-Burhan, also the general commander of the Sudanese Armed Forces, declared a state of emergency on October 25, 2021 and dissolved the Sovereign Council and the government. Since then, the capital Khartoum and other cities have been witnessing continued protests demanding a return to civilian rule. *Xinhua*

New Zealand to reduce agricultural emissions



AUCKLAND - New Zealand has released a proposal, which aims to give farmers control over their farming system, providing the ability to reduce costs through revenue raised from the system being recycled back to farmers, which will fund further research, tools and technology and incentives to reduce emissions. Photo: Xinhua

"This is an important step forward in New Zealand's transition to a low emissions future and delivers on our promise to price agriculture emissions from 2025," Ardern said. The proposal aims to give New Zealand farmers control over their farming system, providing the ability to reduce costs through revenue raised from the system being recycled back to farmers, which will fund further research, tools and technology and incentives to reduce emissions, said the prime minister.

"New Zealand is taking on the challenge of becoming one of the first nations in the world to price agricultural greenhouse gas emissions," said Honorary Professor Troy Baisden of the University of Auckland School of Environment.

Robyn Dynes, a senior scientist at AgResearch, said this approach will provide clear incentives to reduce emissions, with some of the revenue generated from the pricing system directed back into research to identify and develop greenhouse gas mitigations. *Xinhua*

Haiti in dire straits

NEW YORK - Cholera outbreak and gang violence are putting Haiti in a dire situation says Stephane Dujarric, chief spokesperson for the UN secretary-general on Monday.

"Because of the security situation, we don't have the access that we need," Dujarric said at a regular briefing, describing how gang activities block aid from reaching victims of the outbreak.

"The situation is quite dire." That is why UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres sent a letter to the Security Council on Sunday seeking a specialised armed force to help quell the violence and open access for humanitarians to reach cholera victims, the spokesperson said.

Guterres hopes that there will be quick mobilisation on behalf of the people of Haiti from UN member states, including members of the Security Council.

"What we need is a force that will help the Haitian authorities deal with the security situation," he said.

"We're seeing now the port continuously blocked, which hampers our ability to bring aid out of the port, to rotate and to get large quantities of humanitarian aid out."

He said the Haitian government, making it clear that it remains opposed to a return of peacekeepers, proposes bilateral support to complement the mandate of the existing UN political mission. It focuses on political stability, good governance and the development of the Haitian National Police.

As of Sunday, there were 32 confirmed cholera cases, 224 suspected and 16 confirmed deaths, Dujarric said.

"Despite access and logistical challenges, we and

our humanitarian partners are supporting the Ministry of Health on the cholera response," he said.

"More than 43 health facilities around Port-au-Prince and the centre region have been identified and will be used to treat cholera patients. Twelve health facilities are currently receiving patients for treatment."

Dujarric said water and sanitation teams were working on training and chlorination interventions and one million people were targeted daily with text messages in creole.

He said the Port-au-Prince national prison reported two confirmed cholera cases, nine deaths and 39 suspected cases as of Sunday.

The UN system provided the prison authority with an ad hoc protocol to prevent and minimise, as much as possible, the outbreak and its implications.

"UN agencies in the country are accompanying the Haitian government in efforts to investigate and respond to this outbreak through the rapid provision of medical and sanitation supplies as well as through technical advice for case management and infection prevention as well as control measures," the spokesman said.

"National authorities are mounting an urgent response, investigating the situation to identify the source."

The UN emergency relief coordinator released on Friday a grant of US\$7 million from the Emergency Response Fund to try to address the cholera response, he said.

The 2022 Humanitarian Response Plan for Haiti, however, remains severely underfunded, at about 20 per cent. *Xinhua*



NEW YORK - Thousands of newly arrived asylum seekers in New York are facing multifaceted challenges in taking roots amid an ongoing humanitarian crisis. Photo: Xinhua

Asylum seekers face difficulties in settling down

NEW YORK - The thousands of newly arrived asylum seekers in New York City, the most populous city in the United States, are facing multifaceted challenges in taking roots amid an ongoing humanitarian crisis.

Antonio Ovando, who arrived in New York City less than a week ago, was expecting some people from the city to bring some clothes on Sunday when he joined his family members and fellow asylum seekers around the entrance of a hotel in Staten Island. Ovando told *Xinhua* that he arrived in Texas at the end of September and then was advised to come to New York assuming they could get material support there.

"We have no clothes and no shoes. And we ran out of money," Ovando said. Ovando stays with

his wife and two young children in Comfort Inn on Staten Island, which is far from the downtown area and was recently converted into a shelter centre for asylum seekers.

New York City has contracted over 40 hotels across the city to accommodate over 17 000 asylum seekers since April.

It was reported that some asylum seekers from the Comfort Inn knocked on the doors of local residents and asked for help.

Ovando and other migrants finally picked up some clothes, which were dropped off by some New Yorkers at the hotel. More importantly, asylum seekers do not have work permits and have to wait for months, which adds to their anxiety and hardship.

Ovando, who worked as an accountant in Nicaragua, said

he needed to find a job though he was thankful for help from others.

Jose, who came from Venezuela with his wife and son, said: "Getting a job is the most difficult thing for us who are here from far away."

"We don't know how long we will stay here and we're just following instructions," said Ovando. As the vast majority of asylum seekers only speak Spanish, there is a language problem in everyday life and school.

Moreover, the newly arrived asylum seekers may find themselves unwelcome in the local community. Shortly after the arrival of asylum seekers at the Comfort Inn, elected officials from Staten Island held a press conference voicing their opposition to placing migrants in the Comfort Inn, which is located in Travis-Chelsea neighborhood.

"Travis is not the place for these asylum seekers. It's sad to say, but it's just not going to work here," said Gene Guerra, president of the Travis Civic Association. John Michael, a member of Travis Civic Association, posted a comment recently on the social media suggesting that community members hold a rally and protest against using the Comfort Inn and other hotels in the neighbourhood as migrant shelters.

Meanwhile, New York City is building a humanitarian emergency response and relief centre for asylum seekers on Randall's Island in Manhattan borough. Dubbed as a 'tent city' the transitory relief centre is designed to accommodate 500 newly arrived asylum seekers, but the island's relative isolation, as local media reported, would not help migrants interact with the local community.

Last week, New York City Mayor Eric Adams declared a state of emergency in response to a record-breaking influx of asylum seekers into the city, mostly from the southern border of the United States. *Xinhua*

Severe weather conditions to hit Australia



RICHMOND - Australia's Bureau of Meteorology on Monday released a severe weather long-range forecast, warning of flooding, heatwaves, thunderstorms and tropical cyclones to come from October to April. Photo: Xinhua

SYDNEY - Australia's Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) on Monday released a severe weather long-range forecast, warning of flooding, heatwaves, thunderstorms and tropical cyclones to come from October to April. The BOM said the coming severe weather season could see increased risks of widespread flooding for eastern and northern Australia, while coastal flooding could occur on the New South Wales (NSW) and Queensland coasts. "In southern areas heatwaves may last longer, be warmer overnight and be more humid -- all of which can increase the risk to human health," said the BOM.

Severe thunderstorms are more common during the warmer months, particularly in northern NSW, southern Queensland, inland Western Australia and across the tropical north.

The bureau noted that thunderstorm asthma can be triggered after high grass growth in southern Australia from October to December lifts pollen levels. *Xinhua*



Contestants eye Miss Curvy Africa

By Idah Basimane

GABORONE - Plus size beauties, over the weekend, strut their stuff on the ramp to be selected in the Miss Africa Plus size Botswana pageant's Top 12.

The pageant themed: My Identity Attire saw 30 women battling it out for the finale scheduled for Francistown on November 5.

The queen who will be crowned in the final will represent Botswana at Miss Curvy Africa billed for Uganda on November 25.

The queen will have three chances because local organisers hold three licences, Miss Africa Plus Size Botswana, Miss Curvy Africa and Miss Plus World.

Miss Africa Plus Size pageant

is in the same level with Miss Curvy Africa, so if Botswana queen wins Miss Curvy Africa she will not represent the country at the Miss Africa Plus Size set for South Africa, March next year, but instead her runner up will represent the country.

The weekend event brought together curvaceous women.

The pageant yearns to plant confidence in plus size women, who for years were not embracing their size.

The weekend provided contestants with a modeling experience that mirrored what was expected of them, including beauty with self-esteem.

The contestants paraded in their own outfits, then donned Basadi

ba tlhwatlhwa range known for believing in modesty dressing for contemporary women and in Goitse Mantswe of Majonos Creations.

The pageant originated in South Africa and the Botswana National Director Kemelotsotlhe Muzila in an interview said she was given the Miss Africa Plus Size license in 2020.

"Though other African countries such as Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda just to mention a few, are ahead of us, we are confident about making strides in the pageant. Despite launching the pageant this year, we are glad that we are on our way to crowning the first queen," she said.

Muzila, who hails from Mahalapye, said the pageant was important as the plus size women suffered a lot stigma.

She noted that the pageant also recognised people living with disabilities.

"The public must support and

not discriminate us," she said.

One of the Directors of Africa Miss Plus Size Botswana, Nametso Goilatshwene, said it was rare for people with disabilities to be given opportunities in events such as fashion shows.

"But today we shine the light, by recognising people living with disabilities and their talents and allowing them to speak in this event," said Goilatshwene.

She said the event was for participants to give new identity to their bodies, adding they did not need validation from anyone.

"We are not going to bow to whatever comments or any judgment that might dictate how we are supposed to look in order to be appreciated."

Goilatshwene said most of the plus size women had their own insecurities besides being Plus Size due to how they were viewed.

She said some had been criticized for their deep voices,

some being shamed for their skin, and as such, she said the event was not only recognising plus size body but bidding farewell to insecurities.

Chief Judge Kootshephile Motseonageng alias Berry heart of Berry Heart Creations said they were looking at stage presence, confidence, eye contact with judges and audience, modelling techniques, creativity and process.

On behalf of people living with disability, Keemenao Muzila, who is blind said he was happy because the physically challenged hardly get promoted and recognised, despite their potential.

He said they have the potential and ability such as the able bodied and have their own way of perceiving things.

The event was sponsored by Debswana, Ettiquete with Sammy Matlhagela, Havillah Beauty of Botswana by Kelly Mokoti, Kid Boy and Berry Heart Creations. **BOPA**

Music traditions stoke artistic passion in China's ice city

HARBIN - Amateur musicians playing violins, saxophones and even Chinese zithers alongside professionals in public squares and balconies of Central Street in Harbin, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, has become a unique attraction among tourists.

"Harbin is famed for its winter sceneries, but I'm amazed by the variety of music events in this city," said Xie Yanwen, a tourist from east China's Jiangsu Province.

The tradition of music is deeply rooted in the history of Harbin, known as China's 'ice city.'

In the Harbin Music Museum, traditional Chinese instruments like the erhu and the gehu are played alongside the violin and the piano, illustrating the stories of Chinese and Western musicians.

For thousands of years, local ethnic minorities such as Hezhen and Oroqen have cultivated a rich collection of folk songs and dances.

In the 20th century, the development of the Chinese Eastern Railway brought Western music to Harbin.

Since then, a large number of European singers, performers and conductors have moved to Harbin, making it one of the earliest cities in China to embrace Western classical music.

Many of China's leading classical musicians have been trained in Harbin or were taught by teachers trained in Harbin.

"The convergence of Chinese and Western music shaped the

unique character of Harbin, attracting art connoisseurs from all over the world," said Miao Di, curator of the Harbin Music Museum.

Harbin has been a nursery for artists and artistic marvels thanks to its rich musical heritage and culture.

Renowned Chinese theatre performers, composers and singers have promoted the city's incredible art to the entire country and the world.

As the longest-running musical event in China, the China-Harbin Summer Concert has been held for 35 years.

Masterpieces such as *On the Island of the Sun* and *I Love the Snow in the North* were sung from here for the rest of the world.

"Harbin has a musical heritage that blends the East and the West. We want to revitalize this tradition and take it to a higher level," said Sha Xiaodong, deputy director of Harbin Cultural Broadcasting and Tourism Bureau.

In recent years, Harbin has fostered the integration of fine art and public culture, providing residents with more opportunities to pursue their musical aspirations. In March 2016, the brand-new Harbin Grand Theatre opened to the public.

The grand venue, resembling a silver ribbon in the sky with soothing aesthetics, put on nearly 200 performances in a single year. **Xinhua**



Contestants, who qualified for Top 12 of MISS Africa Plus Size, during the fashion show in Gaborone on Saturday. The grand finale will be held in Francistown on November 5. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

Sereetsi's *Petere* continues to top radio charts

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - Sereetsi & The Natives latest hit single, *Petere* continues to top the charts in all radio stations since its release in August.

Guitarist and contemporary folk singer, Tomeletso Sereetsi said the song had been steadily rising on both Gabz fm and RB2 Top 40 charts.

The official music video premiere was August 10 and Sereetsi said it was highly welcomed on Facebook with 199 000 views to-date and 18 000 on Youtube.

The song depicts a man leaving his girlfriend in a house to marry another on the same day.

This, Sereetsi said endeavoured

to address the betrayal in relationships that had become too common nowadays.

"It talks about a man called Petere who deceitfully leaves a partner he cohabits with in the morning to go marry another woman. I wanted society to confront itself on this issue and hopefully find ways to address it," he explained.

Sereetsi also said the song sparked public discussions around the social issues it raised.

He said its release had kept them engaged, citing two big jazz festivals and corporate gigs.

Projects on the pipeline, he said, included the release of a full album next year.

"That's our promise and we intend to keep it," stated Sereetsi.

The band is planning the first big outdoor music festival in Gaborone, December 3. **BOPA**



Sereetsi

Nhabe region retains committee

By Portia Ikgopoleng

MAUN - Nhabe Regional Football Association re-elected the previous committee at an annual general meeting (AGM) in Maun on Saturday.

Norman Sebele retained the chairperson seat amassing 39 votes against Kgato Motai's five votes while Josephat Jackalas beat Balebi Setlolo for vice chairperson with 28 vote against 17.

Maipelo Malatlhe and Kelebogile Sashozi were unopposed, so they retained secretary and treasurer positions respectively.

Malebogo Bojosi and Matshelo Setsile were elected additional members with 30 and 28 votes respectively against Paris Tshenyego with 18 votes.

The sole newly elected member, Tebogo Mogaetsho beat

Tlhokomelang Ngaka 28 against 17 votes for the vice secretary position.

Speaking at the AGM, Botswana Football Association (BFA) CEO, Mfolo Mfolo, stated that regions were the lifeline of football because the success of national teams was dependent on football being played at a regional level.

He highlighted that football had regressed due to COVID-19 outbreak and the suspension of school sport.

Mfolo stated that coach education was lacking which was

why BFA introduced classes A, B and C for the local league while they awaited CAF to license coaches for international games.

The CEO said they were in the process of developing a policy for Division two League which would be for players aged under 17 only.

He said BFA planned to train administrative instructors in every region, to qualify them for position of general secretary anywhere in the world.

Mfolo implored Nhabe region to work hard at sport development and grow women football so that

children from Nhabe region would form part of national teams.

In his remarks, Sebele stated that Nhabe region had grown tremendously over the years due to the commitment displayed by teams.

"We are known to be a peaceful region in football and let's maintain that good reputation but I challenge all of us to move from our comfort zone and be proactive in our individual roles," stated Sebele

He said the 2021/22 leagues went well in all the three

streams of Nhabe region being Maun, Gumare and Shakawe but expressed dissatisfaction over some administrators who relinquished all the work to coaches to register teams and players.

He said some coaches had taken up the work of administrators by running teams and ordering management around instead of it being the other way around.

This, he said was maladministration hence called every team to have a clear vision that would drive them to be a successful entity. **BOPA**

Rakgare wants return of school sport

By Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

FRANCISTOWN - Ministry of Youth, Sport, Gender and Culture is working round the clock to ensure school sports activities resume early next year.

Minister Tumiso Rakgare said this during a tour of Jackalas II mini stadium recently.

He said school activities involved other ministries and stakeholders, something that he said posed a challenge.

"Unions represent teachers' welfare issue and teachers are in charge of sporting activities at schools," he said.

He said government harboured the ambition to engage retired sports professionals to work alongside teachers to unearth talent.

Elite athletes, according to Rakgare, had requisite skills and knowledge.

Talks to engage such personnel in future were at an early stage.

That withstanding, Rakgare expressed concern that lack of sporting activities at schools had gone on for well over two years.

"This is of great concern because children do not go to school for academics only but they also have the right to play and it is a right the ministry must provide," he said, adding other than promoting the wellbeing of pupils, sporting activities were a source of employment.

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Nhabe Regional Football Association committee after being re-elected during an annual general meeting in Maun Saturday.
Photo: Portia Ikgopoleng

Barca, Atletico Madrid in must win clashes

MADRID - Barcelona and Atletico Madrid face must-win Champions League matches tonight.

Barca are at home to Inter Milan, who beat them 1-0 in Italy a week ago and the Catalans are still upset about a late penalty decision that did not go their way when VAR failed to

see a handball in the Inter area.

The defeat left Xavi Hernandez's side with three points from a possible nine and another loss to Inter would effectively end their chances of reaching the last 16.

Refereeing controversies aside, Xavi will be worried by a dip in form in the past three

matches as a string of injuries had limited his options.

Jules Kounde, Hector Bellerin, Franck Kessie, Ronald Araujo and Memphis Depay will all miss out on Wednesday, while other players, such as Robert Lewandowski, Pedri, Gavi, Raphinha and Ousmane Dembele, have played in every

league match so far this season and their energy levels dipped on Sunday as they clung on to win 1-0 at home to Celta Vigo.

Xavi is likely to continue with Alejandro Balde at right-back, while Gerard Pique and Eric Garcia continue as his only fit options in central defense.

British sprinter gets 22 months ban for doping

LONDON - British sprinter, Chijindu Ujah, has been banned for 22 months from August 6, 2021 until June 5, 2023 for doping rule violation, the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) announced on Monday.

Earlier this year, Britain's men's 4x100m relay team was stripped of its silver medal at the Tokyo Olympics after Ujah was confirmed to have violated anti-doping regulations.

World Athletics was then requested to consider any further action within its own jurisdiction.

After extended enquiries, the AIU, which was founded by World Athletics to combat doping in the sport, concluded that 'the sprinter's anti-doping rule violation was not intentional as a result of his ingestion of a contaminated supplement and the applicable

two-year period of ineligibility was reduced by two months on account of how promptly he admitted the violation'.

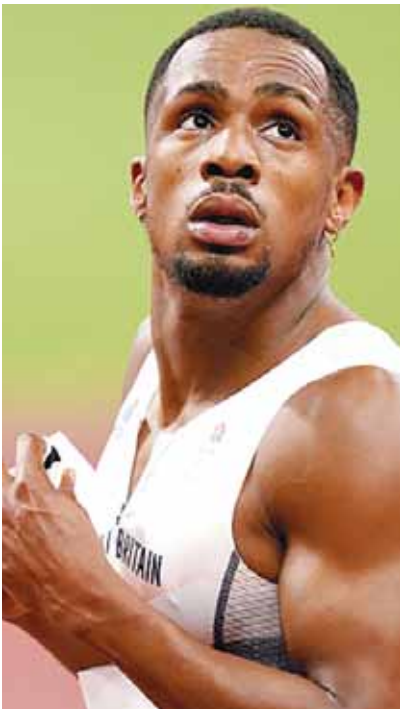
In an interview with British media, Ujah claimed a basic amino acid supplement purchased from Amazon for 10 pounds during lockdown had caused his positive test in Tokyo.

"During the pandemic I relied a lot on Amazon, rather than using the people and resources around me.

It was just convenient, with next-day delivery, and I didn't think anything was wrong with it," Ujah told the Guardian.

After Britain's result in the men's 4x100m relay at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games was disqualified, the silver medal was reallocated to Canada and China was awarded the bronze.

Xinhua



Ujah

Atletico Madrid are in a similar position to Barca after losing their last two away matches in the tournament, with the last of those defeats a 2-0 loss away to Club Brugge.

The Belgian side travel to the Metropolitano Stadium as surprise leaders of Group B with nine points from a possible nine, and can assure their place in the next phase if they can take a point.

There was good news for Atletico on Monday when Antoine Griezmann re-signed until 2026 after Atletico and Barca reached agreement to make his loan deal permanent, and he will start on Wednesday night.

Sergio Reguilon, Felipe and Marcos Llorente are all out through injury and Stefan Savic and Jose Gimenez will play in defense, while Alvaro Morata partners Griezmann.

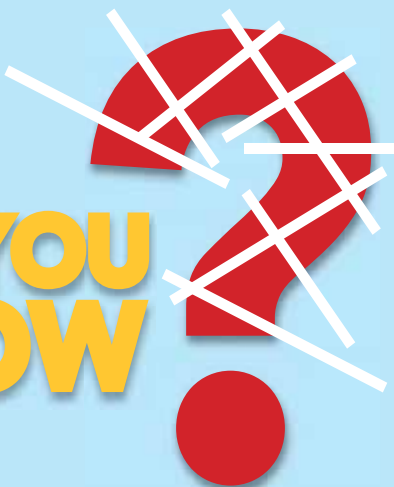
Atletico coach Diego Simeone will be looking for Joao Felix to return to form in this match, and with over 70 000 fans expected in the Metropolitano, now would be a good moment for the talented but erratic Portuguese to take a step forward. **Xinhua**

Botswana loses to Zambia



MBABANE - Botswana Under 20's Nonofu Mosweunyane (right) in action against Emmanuel Chibale Mukosha of Zambia during the TotalEnergies AFCON U-20 Egypt 2023 COSAFA qualifier at Mavuso Stadium in eSwatini yesterday. Zambia won 1-0. Photo: Courtesy of COSAFA

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