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Ghanzi proposes new constituency

By Mothusi Galekhutle

GHANZI - Residents of Ghanzi have proposed the establishment of another constituency in the area, arguing that the move would enhance political representation.

Making submissions before Delimitation Commission in Ghanzi on Tuesday, they said, due to vastness of the district and bad roads as well as cultural dynamics, the establishment of a new constituency would be helpful.

The move, they said, would

enable a Member of Parliament to reach out and interact with constituents better, something which they said was well-suited with and complementary to democracy.

The constituents suggested that a portion of Ghanzi South and Ghanzi North should be merged to form a new constituency.

However, there were conflicting views on how to realign the affected constituencies' boundaries in the process of establishing a new one.

A number of constituents suggested that Ghanzi township

should be a standalone constituency and retain the name Ghanzi North or just Ghanzi township, while areas of the current Ghanzi North and South be merged to form a new constituency.

Some suggested that the new constituency should be made up of D'kar, Kuke, Qabo, Grootlagte,

West Hanahai, East Hanahai, Newxade and Kacgae and be named Ghanzi east.

There were those who suggested that the proposed constituency should be made up of areas predominantly on the central location of Ghanzi District and be named Ghanzi central.

In her remarks, Kgosi Annah Rankho of Ghanzi said the delimitation exercise would help to enhance the country's democracy and appealed to Batswana members to make meaningful contributions.

Kgosi Rankho also proposed the establishment of a new constituency. **BOPA**

Water situation improves in Ngamiland

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) has been commended for its efforts to improve the water situation in Ngamiland.

Commenting on the council chairperson's speech, councillors appreciated that the water supply situation in the region had improved, with a few villages still experiencing quality and supply challenges.

They also expressed gratitude that the corporation was working with the regional leadership and keeping them abreast of the challenges encountered.

Cllr Botshelo Mapa of Sepopa/Ikoga said the corporation continued to do a commendable job to ensure that communities had access to potable water.

He said Sepopa water treatment plant in the Okavango area was supplying most of the villages, albeit not at 100 per cent.

He noted that some areas on the other side of Sepopa were experiencing shortage of water and hoped the corporation would rectify the situation.

Cllr Morolong Mosimanyana of Nxaraga/Komana concurred and thanked management for their efforts.

He appreciated some water projects undertaken at Nxaraga and expressed hoped that once completed, residents would be able to connect water to their homesteads.

Cllr Oabile Chomobo of Shorobe/Sankoyo appreciated that the water situation had improved, but urged the corporation to urgently address the Shorobe water quality issue.

In his speech, the council chairperson, Mr Kebareeditse Ntsogotlho had stated that the water situation had generally improved across the district.

He noted that the Borolong water treatment plant, which treated surface water from Thamalakane River and contributed 34 per cent of Maun water supply, was now fully operational.

The plant, he said, had improved the water supply for Maun, especially for areas in Boseja and Disaneng wards, which were hard-hit, when Borolong water treatment plant was off due to the drying of Thamalakane River resulting in some areas experiencing low

pressures to no water supply interruption.

Mr Ntsogotlho also admitted that the current treatment capacity of Semolo, Nokaneng and Sepopa water treatment plants was insufficient to meet the demand.

He, however, said in an effort to address the situation, WUC, continued to bowse and ration water supply.

Councillors were also informed that the project to rehabilitate Semolo and Nokaneng water treatment plants was at procurement stage and upon completion, there would be improvement.

They also learnt that WUC, through the Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs, was in the process of upgrading and improving water supply, water distribution network and sanitation reticulation in Maun as witnessed by the current ongoing project.

The council chairman said contract one of Maun Water Supply and Sanitation Upgrade Phase 2 project was 66 per cent complete as at end of August 2022.

The project started in October 2019 and was expected to be completed in November 2022.

Another project, Mr Ntsogotlho mentioned was the contract 2 which focused on borehole equipping, borehole collector lines, water treatment plant and transmission lines from Nxaraga to Shashe Booster Station and Nxaraga village.

The project, which intended to increase water supply and reliability in Maun and its satellite villages, commenced on 25th February 2021 and is expected to be completed in February 2023.

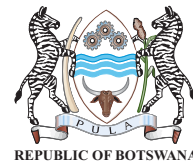
"It is also important to note that despite efforts by the corporation to supply water, it is also inundated with the high rise in power cables theft at Borolong River intake, Sexaxa and Shashe boreholes," he added.

He said there was also vandalism of water infrastructure by farmers and illegal sand miners, especially in Kareng, Makalamabedi, Shashe wellfield, Shaikarawe and Sepopa-Gumare transmission pipeline.

Mr Ntsogotlho noted that they had also realised that some of the vandalism of water infrastructure was caused by elephants in and around Phuduhudu, Etsha 1 and 6, which resulted in water shortages and high non-revenue water in the affected areas. **BOPA**



Ghanzi District Council chairperson, Mr Jeremiah Tibi (left), Delimitation Commission chairperson, Justice Mokwadi Gabanagae (second left), deputy district commissioner, Mr Mosipidi Mokgolele (second right) and Kgosi Rankho after a kgotla meeting in Ghanzi on Tuesday. Photo: Mothusi Galekhutle



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

STATEMENT BY KGOTLA AUTLWETSE, MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

1. In accordance with the provisions of Local Government Act of 2012, which outline the statutory functions of Councils and all governance issues administered by Councils, Government has approved my Ministry's request to restructure seven (7) Councils by upgrading fifteen (15) Subordinate Authorities to fully-fledged Councils and merge seven (7) Subordinate Authorities with District Headquarters.
2. As you recall, the Local Government structure was reorganized in 2008 in an effort to improve provision of services and build stronger units of governance by expanding the structural organization at local level to include additional Sub-Districts, Administrative Authorities and Service Centres.
3. As a result, there are 22 Subordinate Authorities comprising 18 Sub-Districts and four Administrative Authorities.
4. This exercise took cognizance of homogeneity, population size, geographical factors, potential for growth, availability of infrastructure and resources as well as other considerations such as size of the areas or settlements to be served and the distance from the subordinate Headquarters.
5. This development which is meant to achieve administrative expediency and enhance citizen's participation by transferring decision-making powers and resources to local governments, is aligned with Government's efforts to bring services closer to the people as espoused on the Draft Decentralization Policy.
6. The Sub-Districts which have been approved for upgrading under Phase 1 are as follows:
 - i) Goodhope
 - ii) Molepolole
 - iii) Mogoditshane
 - iv) Letlhakeng
 - v) Mahalapye
 - vi) Tutume
 - vii) Boteti
 - viii) Maun
 - ix) Okavango
 - x) Tsabong
 - xi) Hukuntsi
7. To this end, the necessary processes and procedures meant to facilitate implementation of this decision have started.
8. I will continue updating the nation on progress.

Cyber security critical for transformation

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - Data protection has become more essential than ever as Botswana transforms into a digital economy, says Mr Cecil Masiga.

The Ministry of Communications Knowledge and Technology deputy permanent secretary told the 6th annual African cybercrime conference in Gaborone yesterday that cyber security was vital for the envisaged economic diversification and growth.

Mr Masiga called for enhancement of the local cyber security industry, implementation of cyber security workforce development strategy and building capacity to prevent and deal with cyber crimes.

In addition, he said there was constant need to educate the public on cyber-crime and promote cyber security research and development.

He said cost of cyber-crimes was estimated to be around P300 million in 2018 and that current laws were inadequate to deal with cyber-crime and attacks.

eGovernment coordinator, Mr Pontsho Pusoetsile said the use of ICT as a tool for attaining a knowledge based society was implicit in both the National Strategic Master Plan and Vision 2036 aimed at transforming the country from upper middle class to a high income economy.

He said organisations therefore needed to upscale protective measures against cyber criminals, who were also improving their arsenal of attacks.

Mr Pusoetsile said cyber criminals targeted mostly personal information, which could be used for various nefarious activities.

The public should therefore keep abreast of the latest tools and technologies that criminals used to breach networks and devices, he advised.

Mr Pusoetsile disclosed that a number of organisations in Botswana had already taken initiatives to protect data in their possession.

The country had also come up with the Data Protection Act, which when fully implemented, would assist organisations to invest in relevant technological infrastructure for protecting data, he noted.

Further, Mr Pusoetsile said the legislation would help organisations to have a clear policy for guiding data collection, use and retention of personal information.

Quoting the African cyber report, he said by January 2018, Botswana had 1.48 million Internet users, 1.2 million social media users and 4.05 million mobile phone connections.

African Cyber Security chief executive officer, Mr Chris Johnson said a lot of money had been lost through cyber crime locally and globally.

Stressing the need for institutions to protect data, he said cyber security was the enabler of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. **BOPA**



Technocrats, experts and information technology consumers at the 6th African Cyber Crime conference in Gaborone yesterday. Mr Masiga said protection of personal data was crucial in the current economic environment. Photo: Gontle Merafhe

Gender commissioners undergo training

By Kefilwe Selotlegeng

PALAPYE - Members of the National Gender Commission have been urged to work hard to achieve their gender mainstreaming and gender based violence (GBV) mandate.

Speaking at a five-day commissioners training workshop in Palapye on Monday, a consultant, Ms Zanele Magege said their primary mandate was to advise government on gender issues, particularly on policy development.

She said men and boys, women and girls should be included in GBV education.

Ms Magege urged the commissioners to persevere in the face of challenges.

The commission's vice chairperson, Dr Morenaogaufi Rankopo said the training was aimed at creating a common understanding of gender equality and equity issues since the commissioners came from diverse backgrounds and sectors, with extensive individual and collective experiences.

He said it would equip the commissioners with knowledge

and skills to enable them to engage with leaders and citizens more confidently.

They would also learn about mainstreaming GBV with a view to advising government.

Another objective of the training was to enable participants to identify gaps and suggest critical areas/themes for prioritisation during their term of office.

At the end of the training, the commissioners should be able to understand how to effectively discharge their mandate; utilise social capital to reach out to communities, districts and nation, challenge and reset embedded

cultural beliefs, practices and barriers to accessing development opportunities by all citizens, he said.

Dr Rankopo called on the commissioners to challenge society to introspect and determine what steps to take to promote peaceful co-existence.

He said society needed to be more accountable for its actions and inactions with regard to promoting gender based equality. Dr Rankopo encouraged commissioners to find innovative ways of collaborating with stakeholders to ensure that no Motswana was left behind in development. **BOPA**

Pay rise for councillors

GABORONE - Government has approved adjustment of salaries, housing, ward, hospitality, telephone and sitting allowances for all councillors by five per cent with effect from April 1.

The approval is in accordance with Section 92 of the Local

Government Act of 2012, which provides that the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development may make regulations prescribing anything required for carrying out the purpose and intent of the Act, including salaries and allowances for councillors.

Shamukuni attends Angola inauguration

GABORONE - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to inform the public that due to health reasons, Acting President Mr Slumber Tsogwane, will no longer be able to travel to Luanda, Angola for the inauguration of Mr. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, as President of Angola.

The Acting President sustained a minor injury arising from a fall yesterday. In view of the foregoing, the public is informed that Mr Machana Shamukuni, Minister of Justice, will instead attend the ceremony scheduled for today in Luanda.

Mr Shamukuni and his delegation return home tomorrow.

Social media sow malice, disharmony

By Thandy Tebogo

LETLHAKANE - The spreading abuse of social media in Botswana has been blamed for sowing malice and disharmony in society.

Acting President Slumber Tsogwane lamented in Letlhakane Tuesday that social media, a welcome technological development, was being used by some to cause disharmony.

Mr Tsogwane, who was addressing the Botswana Council of Churches (BCC) triennial general assembly, urged his audience to retrieve some of the best practices, norms and values Botswana was known for.

"We must not only uproot moral decay and mend societal ills as I earlier alluded to, but we must come to a point of drawing the line on what defines us as a society," he said. Mr Tsogwane

stated that government valued the church's contribution in moulding people's characters to become responsible members of society.

He said BCC should enhance life and lay the ground for all people, especially the youth, to harness available opportunities.

Mr Tsogwane noted that President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi had gone on record to challenge the nation to embrace change that would result in prosperity for all.

Through the Reset Agenda, he said, Dr Masisi had presented Botswana with a gift that required self-introspection and self-assessment in relation to each of the agenda's five priorities.

He said the President had challenged everyone, the church included, to change their mindset.

"It is extremely important to change our mindset, if our goal to attain high income country status is to be achieved.

This comes with developing capacity for entrepreneurship, eliminating inferiority complex and implementing government and strategic reforms that put citizen economic inclusion at the centre of economic development initiatives," said Mr Tsogwane.

He said government recognised the role of the church in the national development space.

"We have no doubt about the degree of your national influence, as an institution among your communities and those of whom you touch with your lifelong devotion and service," he said.

The vice president urged BCC members to elect men and women who would make the organisation stronger.

For his part, BCC general secretary Reverend Gabriel Tsuaneng, said the plan was to broaden the organisation's footprint to enable it to participate

in the reconstruction of society.

The aim, he said, was to reconstruct society, especially the youth, whose lives were being destroyed by alcohol and drug abuse.

Reverend Tsuaneng revealed that the organisation planned to build a rehabilitation centre in Letlhakane because the area was experiencing quite a number of social ills.

Commenting, the area MP Mr Sethomo Lelatisitswe implored BCC to restore peace and harmony in the country.

The church leadership must take action through their teachings to alert the nation about some people's intentions of causing unrest in the country, he said.

The conference was held under the theme, The Missionary Journey: Unlocking the Potential of Self-sustaining Ministry. **BOPA**

Maun ward decries sluggish plot allocation

By Portia Ikgopoleng

MAUN - Moeti East residents in Maun have decried a sluggish process in allocation of residential plots in their ward.

Speaking at a kgotla meeting addressed by MP for Maun West, Mr Dumelang Saleshando on Tuesday, some residents said it had been over 10 years since they

had applied for plots but were still awaiting allocation.

They also complained that Moeti East was also lagging behind in basic amenities be it school or clinic as compared to other wards in Maun.

Residents further told their MP that there was ample land behind Maun airport and therefore called the land board

to expedite allocating residential and business plots to make the area look attractive.

In response, Maun sub-landboard chairperson, Mr Tebogo Bethia explained that they had scheduled to allocate plots in Moeti East but they found many squatters occupying that land.

“We then halted plans to

allocate land and wrote notices to the squatters for them to vacate the area,” he told residents.

Mr Bethia also stated that the land board was currently in negotiations to claim farms in Moeti East to convert them into businesses and mini industrial areas.

For his part, Mr Saleshando advised residents to find an empty plot in their ward to build a pre-school which would be run by the Village Development Committee to generate income.

He acknowledged that developments were lagging behind in Moeti East, especially amenities like clinics and primary school. The MP also informed them that recently, government took a decision to allocate un-serviced land to address the delays.

However, he warned them that un-serviced land would also bring challenges and expenses.

On other issues, Mr Saleshando explained that since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, planned projects were halted because constituency funds were used in fighting the pandemic.

“However the constituency

funds disbursement was resumed this year in April but note that there are many pending projects. So I would suggest that these funds be channeled to education in order to revive academic performance in Ngamiland District because Ngamiland is always sitting at the bottom in academic performance,” he said.

He also told residents that plans were underway to give every primary school laptops and computers for lower classes because government had already planned to give upper classes.

“It is important for learners to be introduced to technology at a young age so that they are at par with learners in urban areas,” he added.

Kgosi Kerakilwe Nkape of Moeti East expressed concern about the lack of schools in his ward, which he said made children to walk long distances in the bush to access schools in other wards.

Kgosi Nkape also said meetings were convened in a Kgotla shelter because they did not have offices, something he said had since proven a challenge during rains. **BOPA**



Mr Saleshando (right) with Kgosi Nkape of Moeti East ward after a kgotla meeting on Tuesday. Photo: Portia Ikgopoleng

Kekgonegile calls for better landfill management

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Maun Administrative Authority has been advised to consider up-scaling scanning of litter at the landfill site in order to avoid environmental risks.

The call was made by Member of Parliament for Maun East, Mr Goretetse Kekgonegile during a visit to the Maun land fill to appreciate the damage caused by the recent fire outbreak.

Preliminary investigations showed that there was a truck that disposed waste, which was suspected to contain hot ash from some business outlets. It was reported that a portion of three hectares within the landfill site was affected by the fire and that included litter screen and hazardous waste cell shelter.

Mr Kekgonegile implored the council not to rely on security officers at the gate but rather engage experts to undertake the scanning exercise, adding that scanning of litter could help to understand waste generation

by type and source as well as waste collection and disposal in terms of infrastructure used, site, methods adopted and the risks associated with the current waste management. “Security officers do not have the technical know-how hence the relevant department needs to be capacitated to deal with the issue,” he added.

He noted that it seemed the council’s readiness at the landfill was not up to scratch, adding that heavy duty machines were needed. The council, he said was mandated amongst others with the responsibility of managing the landfill facility to ensure proper disposal of waste.

However, MP Kekgonegile appreciated that the fire was contained within a short period of time through concerted efforts by council and stakeholders. He thanked the private sector for coming forth to contain and extinguish the fire.

The council accomplished the delicate and complex exercise

through the assistance of Project Sanitize Maun, Civil Aviation Authority Botswana, Khoemacau Mine, private businesses and residents.

He said private sector partnership was key in development and encouraged the council to continue forging partnerships to drive development in the district.

Meanwhile, in a public notice issued by the council secretary, Mr Motlogelwa Thuso thanked the public for their unwavering support and assistance during the fire incident, starting August 30 until September 8, when the fire was successfully extinguished.

He also thanked all private companies for contributing resources towards successfully putting off the fire.

The landfill, he said, was restored for use.

Mr Thuso assured the public that the council would take all the precautionary measures to avoid occurrences of incidents of that nature. **BOPA**

Traditional healers condemn acts of abuse

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Traditional healers from Dingaka tsa Setso Association have expressed disappointment with their counterparts accused of engaging in dodgy practices.

This emerged recently during a dialogue held at Maun main kgotla where concerns were raised that some traditional healers abused and ill-treated patients, allegations that tarnish the practice.

Members of the community stated that some traditional healers claimed sex could be used to treat women while some complained that the way some healers go about treating patients was traumatic.

Females alleged that sometimes healers made advances on them and threatened them when they declined.

The accusations were not news to members of Dingaka tsa Setso Association who condemned the acts, which they said could tarnish their career. They advised members of the public to report to the association those engaged in such behavior.

They argued that healers doing such were not registered with the association and were in it to serve own interests.

“These people are weakening and undermining the field of traditional healing with their acts. We have qualifications and acquired knowledge about herbs and treatment,” said Ms Epadile Daniel.

Ms Daniel specialises in

assisting children and women, and attends to births.

She said real healers did not advertise their services but were marketed by clients who recommended them because of quality service.

A real healer, she said, was upfront with information that would help a patient to make informed choices.

She said those mistreating patients ought to be reported and held accountable.

Another traditional healer, Mr Motsholathebe Rabakoko concurred, saying it was fake healers whose conduct was questionable because true healers respected their work.

He encouraged members of the public to demand beforehand, registration certificates of healers they consulted.

He said some claimed to be healers just because they possessed common knowledge on herbs used to treat ailments.

Mr Rabakoko said traditional practitioners often underwent training after which a certificate of practice was issued.

He said some healers specialised just like in modern healing.

Mr Selopile Poonyane also a healer, expressed disappointment that traditional healing had been in existence for many years yet it was misunderstood hence people were being abused, while some mistook it for witchcraft.

He advised the public to steer away from bogus healers as they only wanted to frustrate the efforts of genuine ones. **BOPA**

Poor academic results in Ngami concern

By Kedirebofe Pelontle

GUMARE - Communities in the Ngami constituency have been urged to play a role to improve the area's academic results.

The call was made by MP for Ngami, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama at a stakeholder meeting organised by 'Make a Change' in Gumare recently.

Mr Hikuama said poor performance of schools in the Ngami district was a concern as such he found a need to tour the constituency addressing stakeholders in the education sector.

He acknowledge that there were similar challenges across education sector throughout the country, such as shortage of staff accommodation and classrooms, but there were some which were peculiar to the Ngami area, such as lack of commitment to education from both parents and children.

"There is need for an honest reflection for academic results to improve," he said, adding that attitude, mind set change and discipline were important for children to excel.

Mr Hikuama said some challenges included teachers overstaying in the area and a high number of temporary teachers who were given short contracts, leading to lack of continuity, thus negatively affecting academic results in the district.

He therefore appealed to stakeholders and community leadership to develop interest in improving academic results in their area.

Principal Education Officer from Gumare Sub Region, Ms Rita Mudongo said none of the primary schools in the sub region had reached the national target of 80 per cent between 2019 and 2021.

Ms Mudongo revealed that the 2019



Mr Hikuama (left), Nokaneng primary deputy school head, Mr Samson Molapisi (centre) and Mr Hlabano at a benchmarking workshop organised by Make a Change organisation in Gumare recently. Photo Kedirebofe Pelontle

Primary School Leaving Examinations (PSLE) was 63 per cent, 59 per cent in 2020 and 51 per cent in 2021, while junior secondary schools attained 26.10 per cent in 2019, 27.9 per cent in 2020 and 29.40 in 2021.

She cited having many temporary teachers at both primary and junior schools in the sub-region as one of the challenges, revealing that there were 228 permanent teachers and 115 temporary teachers at

primary school level and 173 permanent teachers and 67 temporary teachers at junior school level.

An Education Consultant, Mr Shandukani Hlabano, who shared experience from the North East district, said parents in that district closely monitored their children's school work and had good rapport with teachers.

Mr Hlabano said the other factors were the role played by alumnis and

the business community in education in their respective areas. The Chairperson of 'Make a Change', Mr Mompoti Kadie said the organisation was formed to help improve the quality of education in the Ngami area, saying that could be achieved through stakeholder collaboration and community leadership involvement.

He said the organisation had facilitated a benchmarking workshop between Ngami and North East as a first step. **BOPA**

Councillors call for minister's intervention

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - North West District councillors have resolved to seek intervention from the minister of Local Government and Rural Development on the pending issue of recognition of Ditshiping settlement.

They argued that the issue dated back to 2017 following the council resolution to request a special waiver to gazette the said settlement on compassionate grounds since the area had difficulty accessing services because of its location in the Okavango Delta.

If recognised as a village, they said Ditshiping would benefit other nearby settlements.

Councillors made the resolution as they were not satisfied with ministry's response which stated that they were still engaging stakeholders who were critical in provision of infrastructure and services.

The ministry further reported that the conclusive position by cabinet would be communicated to the district when available to close the matter.

However, councillors were not happy with the answer and took a consensus to invite the minister to their council to fully update them on progress on the matter.

The area councillor, Mr Luke Motlaleselo expressed disappointment on over the delay in addressing the issue saying it was almost five years without an answer from the ministry.

Councillor for Sedie ward, Mr Kaukapita Kaukapita also decried the delay and said government did not see the urgency of to resolve the matter despite council's efforts

to make follow ups.

Council chairperson, Mr Kebareeditse Ntsogotho, who is councillor for Khwai/Mababe concurred that the issue had been under discussion for so long adding that recently, he engaged the director of Rural Development on the matter who revealed that they had completed consultations from council level and submitted a report to the ministry for approval.

Councillors also complained about the pending Mababe land issue despite a response from the ministry of Lands and Water Affairs that a technical committee was established to facilitate a decision on the resolution after embarking on a consultation programme from the August 25 to September 3 this year.

The committee was led by the director of department of Lands accompanied by North West District Council chairman, Tawana Land Board chairperson, district commissioner and council secretary who travelled to Mababe for a joint meeting with village leadership and other structures on September 1 this year.

The response came after the area councillor, Mr Ntsogotho passed a motion requesting the ministry to address the Mababe residents about the village being in state land.

Mababe is situated in a concession area NG 41 classified as a state land and administrated by department of lands only. The issue dated back to 2016 in which the ministry gave residents options to acquire plots under state land, tribal land or opt to be relocated and they opted to be allocated plots under state land. **BOPA**

ADDENDUM NO:2

TENDER NO: SP/GPPS 001/2022-2023

A TWO YEAR (24) MONTHS SUPPLIES FRAME WORK CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF INKS AND RELATED CHEMICALS

Reference is made to the above tender which appeared in Government Gazette Vol.LX No 103 dated 19th August 2022 on page 4620. Prospective bidders are hereby notified that there is another addition of PPADB Codes it should read:

Code: 201-Printed Matter and Related Equipment, Sub-code:02 (Plates, cylinders and other media for use in printing)

OR

Code: 211-General Supplies, Sub-code: 01-(Chemicals)

The prospective bidders are also informed that the closing date of the above tender is moved from the 16th September 2022 to 29th September 2022 at the same time being 11:00hrs.

The department apologies for the inconvenience caused by the amendments and wish to advise that all other terms and conditions of the tender remain unchanged.

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BOBS unveils new website

By Marvin Motlhabane

GABORONE - The newly launched Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) website is will play a critical role in sharing information and feedback between the organisation and its valued customers and stakeholders.

Speaking at the launch on Tuesday, BOBS information technology manager, Mr Tebo Seema said the website had improved usability features and they hoped to expand their outreach.

Mr Seema said the website provided for improved communication between BOBS and its customers through its link that had access to make direct calls to their array of offices.

He said the website was also equipped with Google maps, which made it easy to access directions and range to all BOBS offices across the country.

Again, he said they had installed improved features for security, especially now that customers would be using credit cards to make purchases from the webstore incorporated on the website.

"We have adopted SSL technology for secured communication which means that the information shared by customers will be between them and BOBS.

To avoid trespassing, we have included a firewall that protects the websites from any malicious attacks by fraudsters," he said. Further, Mr Seema said the website would provide relevant information which detailed products that had been certified under a specific company, ensuring that the information would always be updated.

"In terms of ease of navigation through the website we have decided to adopt the use of simplified terms which will enable a customer to access their products without any constraints," he added. On one hand, BOBS' standards council chairperson, Dr Kereng Masupu said COVID-19 provided them with an opportunity to review how they were doing business hence the intent to exploit opportunities from the challenge.

"The website deployment which got approved by the council on September 1 this year automatically adjusts to the screen size being used. It will also detect when gadgets such as smartphone or iPad are used and display accordingly to ensure better visibility experience," Dr Masupu said. He said the new website incorporated a webstore which now enabled their customers to access products and services online. The products and services that could be accessed

across the new website, he said included selling of standards as well as registration of courses, among others.

Dr Masupu also said in order for one to use such service, they had to register and pay using

credit cards as well as payment platforms such as those provided by cellular phone companies such as Orange Money, My Zaka and Smega Money.

In addition, he said the homepage showed the new 'How

can we help you' by industry sector, which outlined the services BOBS provided to sectors such as consumers, importers, exporters and agriculture, among others.

Furthermore, he stated that the website design had changed the

look and feel by enhancing it to a modern look.

"This has been done through the use of mega menu which has been enhanced to make it easier for users to see what they wanted," Dr Masupu said. **BOPA**



BOBS Finance, Risk and Audit Committee chairperson, Mr Gaamangwe Lebele (left), the organisation's managing director, Mr Botsile Kebapetse (centre) and Dr Masupu at the launch of the revamped BOBS website in Gaborone on Tuesday. Dr Masupu urged the media to partner with BOBS in spreading the message of maximising website usage. Photo: Felicity Male

Diversifying tourism can grow GDP

By Keamogetse Letsholo

KASANE - Collaboration between government and other stakeholders towards diversifying the tourism sector in Chobe can, result in the area significantly contributing to Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Contributing to Botswana-EU National Productivity and Competitiveness Policy and Strategy development dialogue on Monday, Mr Frank Limbo of Chobe Heritage Safaris and Tours said being strategically located at a quadripoint and also a transit point, Chobe was the ideal market for goods.

Mr Limbo said the Human Resource Development Centre as the advisor of workplace learning, should be taken onboard to ensure trainees were upto speed on issues pertaining to productivity.

Business Botswana Chobe Chapter - chairperson, Ms Jeanette Lindstrom concurred with Mr Limbo and said it was necessary to diversify tourism,

to ensure continuity throughout the year. She said with abundant water from the Zambezi River, industries could be set up in Chobe, to address unemployment within the district and beyond.

Ms Tracy Wallace of Silver Trials Travel and Tours said since the country was struggling with

competitiveness and productivity, there was need to encompass productivity modules in the school curriculum, to teach future employees early on that offering a service to clients was not a favour.

Mr Rodgers Sibanda of Wild Africa Safaris said while tourism was regarded as one of the big

contributors to GDP, he was concerned that shortcuts by some institutions offering tourism related subjects could negatively impact on good performance.

He suggested that institutions should include the industry, to ensure trainees engaged in practical work as opposed to putting emphasis on theory.

Ms Shiyani Tsetso of Chobe Game Lodge said for tourism to continue contributing significantly to the GDP there was need for other sectors such as airlines to up their game.

Ms Tsetso said it was necessary to review the minimum wage as there was correlation between the remuneration and productivity.

In her remarks Chobe acting district commissioner, Ms Gofaone Moremi assured stakeholders that the district leadership would work together to improve productivity. She said she was hopeful that the Presidential Reset Agenda would bring about the much needed change. **BOPA**



Collaboration between government and stakeholders on diversification the tourism sector can result in the industry contributing significantly to GDP.

Standard Chartered Botswana goes green

By Naomi Leepile

GABORONE - It is high time Botswana get involved in the cultivation and commercialisation of indigenous plants, says Standard Chartered Bank chief executive officer, Mr Mpho Masupe.

Speaking at the launch of the banks greening Botswana at Itumeleng Primary School on Tuesday, Mr Masupe said little was done to accentuate the importance of indigenous plants.

Mr Masupe urged Botswana to come up with ways to safeguard the ownership of indigenous plants, saying greening Botswana could only be done with indigenous trees.

He explained that his bank was commemorating 125 years of doing business in Botswana, and that to celebrate the occasion they have decided to plant 12 500 indigenous trees nationwide by June 2023.

Mr Masupe kick-started the commemoration by planting 125 trees at Itumeleng Primary School in Gaborone.

“We know that the Botswana government has signed up to the Paris Agreement and that Botswana is carefully tracking our commitment to have reduced our carbon emissions by 15 per cent by 2030.

This aligns closely to the bank’s bold stand of ensuring that our banking footprint reaches net zero by 2050,” said

Mr Masupe.

Mr Masupe also noted that to achieve the target, SCB recently launched the Main Mall Branch project. He said it was fully solar powered as well as the energy saving Express Banking Centre in Lobatse.

He said with the tree planting challenge, SCB wanted to ensure that its communities not only benefited from sustainability efforts, but that they also left a footprint that would live beyond the nation.

“The value of our indigenous trees cannot be overemphasised. Our aim is to green Botswana and we are looking to green specifically areas where Botswana meet in numbers such as clinics, dikgotla, schools and others,” he said. Mr Masupe also pleaded with the banks clients, local authorities and partners to assist in driving the challenge.

Dr Goitseone Malambane from BUAN plant production, who was also at the launch, said communities needed to cultivate indigenous plants at a commercial scale.

He also noted that indigenous plants were highly nutritious, of low maintenance and produced quality foods hence it was important to manage and restore them.

He pleaded with individuals to have a mind change about indigenous plants, and to cultivate and make products out of them. **BOPA**



Mr Masupe (left) during the launch of Greening Botswana project in Gaborone on Tuesday. He said the bank has decided to celebrate 125 years of its existence in Botswana by embarking on a tree planting project. Photo: Gothusang Lesego.

Another wait for Lepokole as project tender is cancelled

By Manowe Motsaathebe

LEPOKOLE - The people of Lepokole and four other villages in Bobirwa will have to wait longer before they could benefit from Thune water scheme.

The tenders for Thune water scheme project meant to supply water to Lepokole, Gobojango, Semolale, Mabolwe and Motlhabaneng were cancelled due to some technical issues, a letter from Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs’s projects management office to Bobirwa Sub-district Council’s senior assistant council secretary (SACS) states.

Read during Member of Parliament for Bobonong’s kgotla meeting at the village, Tuesday, the August 17 letter states that tenders for the two projects, one that will connect Motlhabaneng to Mathathane water pipeline and another that will connect the villages of Lepokole, Gobojango, Semolale and Mabolwe, have been cancelled owing to ‘some technical issues.’

The correspondence states that there will be re-tendering as a result. The re-tendering will be done this financial year. Bidders have been notified of the development, the letter further states.

The letter was a response from the office of SACS that sought clarification on the delays regarding connecting the villages to the Thune Dam water scheme.

In the initial tender, Lepokole was to be connected from Bobonong, about 27 kilometers away.

The reading of the letter followed complaints by the village chief, Kgosi Mompoloki Lemponye and village development committee (VDC) chairperson, Ms Matshidiso Phuthego regarding the long wait for the water project.

The two leaders had expressed that shortage of water in the village adversely affected their lives. This is despite efforts by Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) to bowse water to the village.

“Initially we had saline water which was not good for our health, now we get some few drops of potable water that is enjoyed by one side of the village,” said Ms Phuthego.

She also said despite struggling with water, the utilities corporation’s water reticulation in the village was worrisome.

She also said some taps within the village were yet to cough out some water ever since connection.

At the school, Ms Phuthego said, pupils could not use water based toilets and were therefore restricted to the pit latrines.

“There had been consultations regarding ploughing fields which would be affected by the water pipeline from Bobonong, owners of the fields have been compensated. Now, we wonder why the delay!” Kgosi Lemponye said.

Kgosi Lemponye said he had been aware that the project implementation was postponed due to COVID-19, but wondered how it could be cancelled when his people were thirsty.

However, bowsing water to the village had been a daunting task to WUC whose vehicles experienced breakdowns owing to the poor state of the road. The corporation resorted to filling the water tanks few kilometers from Bobonong and pump to the village about 24km away.

WUC official Mr Godfrey Mazhawidza conceded that the water situation affected the clinic and primary school due to topography.

He said only when water had reached all parts of the village that the two government institutions could start to get some drops.

The WUC official said while awaiting the water project, his office will endeavor to clear water shortage concern from the village.

Mr Mazhawidza also said his corporation would engage private companies to connect water into homes, a move he hoped would be quicker.

“We hope that after applying it would take you about 15 days to be connected,” said Mr Mazawidza. **BOPA**

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Sexual violence cases against children concern

By **Thamani Shabani**

MASUNGA - The increase in the number of sexual violence cases against children is a cause for concern in the North East District.

Speaking at the launch of E Seng Mo Ngwaneng campaign in Masunga on Tuesday, Principal Welfare Officer, Mr Michael Israel lamented the alarming increase in cases of sexual violence in the district, saying the situation required immediate intervention.

He said the district had recorded 26 rape cases, 63 cases of defilement and three of incest.

He also expressed concern about the emergence of sodomy cases in the district, saying though they

registered only one, it was probable that there were several unreported ones.

Mr Israel explained that Tshesebe was leading in the number of reported cases, followed by Makaleng, Masunga, Matshelagabedi and Tati Siding.

He explained that cases of child negligence were also on the rise in the district, with four cases having been reported so far.

Mr Israel further told the gathering about the challenge of orphans' food baskets, which never reach the intended beneficiaries, something which he said affected their education because they go to school hungry.

"This calls for neighbourhood

watch because this is serious given the fact that government is using a lot of money to take care of these children," he added.

Mr Israel called for support for the E Seng Mo Ngwaneng programme, which is spearheaded by First Lady, Ms Neo Masisi.

Another speaker, Ms Gaolatlhe Ngayaya of the Botswana Police Service's Gender and Child Protection unit, said they had opened a child-friendly centre in Francistown, which she appealed to residents of the North East District to utilise. Ms Ngayaya said cases of child abuse remained a concern, despite numerous attempts to address such and called on Batswana to stop the scourge.

She explained that the centre was run by professionals, amongst them, investigators, social workers and was headed by a senior police officer. She however said the police could not fight such crimes alone, but needed the help of the community.

Ms Ngayaya also registered a worry about the growing number of cases of sexual abuse from church denominations.

For their part, most of the residents, amongst them traditional leaders, promised to give the campaign the necessary support.

The campaign, which is a collaborative effort between Government and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF),

followed growing concern over increasing incidents of violence against children, which were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The campaign seeks to promote reporting of violence against children and advocate for cases of violence against children to be expedited at all levels; to engage the public, to mobilise action on preventing and responding to violence against children; communities being sensitised to identify and reject social and moral norms linked to violence against children.

It also focuses on strengthening the capacity of frontline workers such as police and social workers to respond to any form of violence against children.

As part of the campaign, child-friendly police centres will be set up in selected districts in a phased manner, to encourage abused children and their families to report. **BOPA**

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Man appears for murder

By **Khumile Moekejo**

KANYE - A 47-year old man of Moranyane ward in Kanye was on Tuesday arraigned before Kanye Magistrate Keneilwe Ntwayapelo on a single count of murder.

The facts of the matter are that Otladisa Ntwayakgosi unlawfully killed Dipuo Seboko at Dinaledi ward in Kanye on September 10.

The prosecutor, Sub-inspector Mabutho Mabutho told the court that investigations into the matter were still fresh, requesting for a further 14-days remand of the accused.

"I request that the accused be remanded in custody for 14 days because the investigating officer has not yet visited the crime scene and is yet to record witness statements. Therefore, looking at the seriousness of the matter, I request that he be remanded until the investigating officer is available to update the court," he pleaded.

Even though he argued that the investigating officer had to go to Gaborone for post-mortem of the same body, the magistrate advised that the application for remand required the presence of the investigating officer or his affidavit.

He said the court could not grant the 14-day remand since the application was not properly submitted.

"The court cannot grant the maximum 14 days that you are requesting since the application is not done properly with the investigating officer as the witness," he said.

The court ordered that the accused person, who is conducting his own defence be remanded until September 15, on which date the investigating officer is expected to update the court. **BOPA**.



XIONG'AN - The connecting line between Haiyue Street and Beijing-Xiong'an expressway, in Xiong'an New Area, north China's Hebei Province. The main urban road network is expected to support large-scale construction in the area. Photo: Xinhua

G20 to introduce assessment tool

JAKARTA - Representatives of G20 countries agreed on Tuesday to introduce an assessment instrument to measure how far each country's policies have accommodated the needs of people with disabilities.

The agreement was concluded at the Sixth G20 Employment Working Group (EWG) meeting in Bali, which mainly discussed inclusive job opportunities.

"We aim to ensure that workers with disabilities could have the same opportunities as other workers. Thus, we agree to formulate an instrument that can evaluate whether the policies in every country have been friendly with the disabled people and how far their realisations of affirmative actions for the people with disabilities," Secretary General of Indonesia's Manpower Ministry Anwar Sanusi said in a statement released after the G20 EWG meeting.

The G20 EWG, he said, also raised other development issues, including the development of capacity of human resources and social protection in the working environment.

"Inclusive job creation is one of the issues raised by Indonesia's G20 Presidency at the EWG meeting that will later be discussed further at the Labour and Employment Ministers Meeting," Sanusi said. *Xinhua*

Solar-powered lights project starts in Abuja

ABUJA - A China-aided project started its second phase Tuesday to install solar-powered traffic light control signals at 98 intersections in Abuja, the Nigerian capital, involving at least 80 skilled workers and five local managers.

To better manage traffic in Abuja, traffic lights had been installed at 74 intersections in the first phase of the project in 2015.

A great symbol of China-Nigeria friendship, the project symbolises 'a concrete embodiment of the implementation' of the nine programmes of China-Africa

cooperation, Cui Jianchun, Chinese ambassador to Nigeria, said at the flag-off ceremony.

"This project will bring a lot of relief to the transportation system of Abuja, and will equally impact positively on the social life of local residents," the diplomat said.

Adesola Olusade, permanent secretary of Nigeria's Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Administration, said the construction comes at a time when the FCT was in dire need of having its major road intersections signalled for ease of traffic flow

and orderliness.

"The era of energy supply through solar is fast overtaking the age-long energy supply through the national grid, which is mostly unreliable.

The solar-powered traffic light system in the FCT is just desirable at this moment," Olusade added.

One of the fastest-growing cities in the world with an equally fast-growing population, Abuja is facing pressure on city infrastructure, including that dedicated to traffic management.

"Today's event, therefore, could not have come at a better time as

we seek to ensure ease of traffic and orderliness on our roads through the provision of traffic control signals at major road intersections," said Muhammad Musa Bello, minister of the FCT, who pledged to ensure an enabling environment for a hitch-free and successful delivery of the project.

The China Railway Engineering Group responsible for the construction work will discover new talents and hone the skills of local technicians in fields such as steel, concrete and electricity, said Jiang Kaifeng, the

Americans pay high price for rising inflation

CHICAGO - Case Wener is a support engineer at a local business in the north shore of Chicago.

His family used to eat out frequently and take more trips, but high inflation has changed their way of life.

"We're on a moderated income, so we do have to cut our spending. We don't go out as much. Now the trips are more local," Wener told *Xinhua*.

"The other controlled expenditures include utilities. It had us change our habits for water, gas and electricity."

A part-time student at a local community college and a part-time mechanic at a landscape company, Daniel Mcgue, 23, is used to take Uber taxis and drive his own car.

"But because of the inflation, I tend to use public transportation, ride my bike, or get a ride from a friend or family member more frequently," he said.

Latest data from the Labour Department show that US inflation jumped to a new four-decade peak in June, as the consumer price index soared 9.1 per cent compared with a year earlier, the highest since

November 1981.

Though the index eased to 8.3 per cent in August, it is still close to a multi-decade high.

As for income, the latest data from the University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers show that though more than half of consumers surveyed in August expect their incomes to grow over the next year, only 18 per cent expect their income growth to exceed inflation.

"Inflation hurts. It causes pain, people get unemployed, prices go up," Khairy Tourk, professor of economics at the Stuart School of Business, Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, told *Xinhua*.

With prices of foods, energy and rent going up, it is the people that are going to be hit severely, Tourk said.

"The pain will be felt throughout the society except for the upper 20 per cent," he added.

"What we will see is a shrinking of the middle class."

Both Federal and local governments have tried to curb inflation, Tourk said, naming the forgiveness of student debt, the US\$1.9-trillion fiscal

policy to stimulate economy, and rent controls by some local governments.

But 'most of these policies will not have really much effect because inflation is going to be with us for many years to come.'

Tourk attributes the root cause of inflation to a too rapidly-growing money supply and the

Federal Reserve's favorable policy for Wall Street.

"It's always easy to use the printing money machine to increase spending. We are paying a high price for these policies," Tourk said.

A poll of economists by *Reuters* in late August put the chance of a US recession within

a year at 45 per cent, and a Bloomberg survey conducted in July put the probability of a downturn at 47.5 per cent.

Tourk is not optimistic about the future, saying the chances of the United States falling into a recession are not small, and the question is how severe the recession would be. *Xinhua*



NEW YORK - A trader at the New York Stock Exchange in the US on Tuesday. Wall Street's three major averages plummeted as a hotter-than-expected US inflation report stoked fears that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is likely to deliver more outsized rate hikes. Photo: Xinhua



Tlhaelo ya madi ke mmaba

Ka Masego Tabengwa

MASUKWANE - Go tlhabela madi go kgoreletsa puso go diragatsa ditlhabololo tsothe tse di eleditsweng kgotsa di solofetswe mo metseng.

Mafoko a, a builwe ke mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Tati Bophirima, Rre Simon Moabi fa a ne tsibogela matshwenyego le dikopo tsa banni ba Masukwane, Pole le Kalakamati mo diphuthengong tsa kgotla tse a neng a di buisa kwa metseng eo ka Mosupologo.

Rre Moagi o tlahoseditse banni fa puso e tshwere phage ka mangana, ka fa e santse e ikaeletse go diragatsa ditlhabololo dingwe, go tlhagoga malwetse mme e bo e tlamega go faposetsa madi kwa ntsweng kgalanong le one.

Le fa go ntse jalo o ne a tshelisa fa ofisi ya gagwe e tlaa rebolela metse eo ka bongwe ka bongwe madi a a ka tshwarang P 370 000 go tswa mo letleng la madi a a abelwang dikgaolo, a supa fa metse eo e tlaa a dirisa go aga maobo a kgotla kwa Masukwane le Pole go aga ntlo ya LA2 kwa Kalakamati.

Mopalamente Moabi o ne a rotloetsa setshaba go tsofola mowa wa boipelego go itirela ditlhabololo dingwe mo metseng kgotsa ba dirisa dikitso tsa bone go leka go ntshafatsa dikago dingwe mo metseng ya bone.

O ne a tshelisa banni ba metse eo, fa a tlaa fetsetsa dikopo dingwe tsa bone kwa go lebaneng, a re ba nne ka tsholofelo ka jaana fa seemo sa madi se ka letla, ditlhabololo dingwe tse di saletsweng kwa morago di tlaa dirwa.

A re puso e sekegela tsebe dikeditso tsa Batswana.

Mo go tse dingwe, Rre Moabi o ne a gakolola batsadi go kgalemela bana fa ba belaela dikgato tsa bone, a re le ntsa go nna go supiwa Batswakwa ka menwana mabapi le borukutlhi, bana ba mono le bone ba na le seabe.

A re go mo maruding a batsadi go botsolotsa bana kwa ba tsayang madi teng, fa ba ka lemoga ba tlatsa dithoto mo matlong mme ba sa bereke.

Rre Moabi o ne a supa fa puso e rotloetsa Batswana go tlhoafalela temo, a re ke ka moo e neng ya tsaya tshwetso ya go thibela dithoto dingwe go tsena mono go tswa kwa ntle, gore Batswana e nne bone ba di lemang le go di rekisa mono.

A re go tlhoafalela temo ga bone, go ka dira gore ba kgone go ntsha dijo tse di lekaneng go jesa tshaba ya lefatshe leno mme go bo go fokotsa le gone go ikaega ka dithoto tse di tswang kwa mafatsheng a sele.

Banni ba Masukwane, Pole, le Kalakamati ba ne ba itela ka dilo di akaretsa go sekasekwa ga go oketsa dikatso tsa dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo tsa metse.

Ba ne gape ba kopa gore dikomiti tsa batsadi le barutabana di atswiwe ka le tsone di dira namane e tona ya tiro, ba bo ba kopa puso go oketsa

lemme la la Ipelegeng le go oketsa palo ya babereri ba lenaneo leo.

Mangwe a matshwenyego a banni e nnile boroko jwa badiralapuso, ba kaya fa bangwe ba tlhakanela matlo fa bangwe ba theogela ba tswa kwa ntle ga metse eo.

Mme Nani Malipiti wa Masukwane o kopile gore madi a bagodi a okediwa, a re go ka thusa go fokotsa dipalo tsa bagolo mo Ipelegeng.

E ntse e le kwa Masukwane, modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo, Rre Thabang Moipolai o ne a leboga bodiredi le barutabana ba sekole se sebotlana sa motse oo, a re mo dingwageng tse pedi tse di fetileng ka go tlhomagana, ba ne ba ntsha maduo a a itumedisang.

Rre Moipolai o ne a leboga puso ka go boloka matshelo a tshaba ya lefatshe leno ka mekento ya COVID-19, a bo a lebogela go bo motse wa bone o filwe lepodisi la maemo a sergeant.

Kwa Pole gone modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo, Rre Dolly Ndodana o ne a kopa gore ba agelwe letamo le le golwane, le le ka tshwarang metsi ka boleenyana.

Rre Ndodana o boletse gape fa go tlhoka mapodisi mo motseng wa bone go tshwenya.

A re ba ikaegile ka ba Mosojane le Masukwane mme go ba baya ka fa mosing ka jaana dirukutlhi di

senya ka tshosologo ba itse fa go sena mapodisi mo motseng.

Kwa Kalakamati gone, Kgosi Jenamiso Tshupoeng o ne a lekodisa mopalamente ka kgang ya molelwane magareng ga bone le Sekakangwe, a re ba ne ba tshelisiwa fa go ajwa ga ditsha kwa sekiding seo mmogo le go gololwa ga maduo a palo batho mo metseng ya bone go tlaa nama go sa dirwa go santse go emetswe tharabololo ya kgang eo.

Ka jalo, Kgosi Tshupoeng a re ba makadiwa ke go bo bosheng go nnile le peo ya ditsha koo, e bile maduo a palo-batho a golotswe mme ba ise ba itsesiwe sepe ka kgang eo.

Modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo ya Kalakamati, Mme Temana Ramokate ene o ne a ikuela ka go tlhoka matlo a boroko jwa baithuti kwa sekoleng se segolwane sa Maenjane, se se kwa Sekakangwe, a tlhalosa fa go sokodisa baithuti ba ba tswang kwa Mbalambi le Kalakamati.

A re o dumela fa bana ba ka ntsha maduo a a botoka fa ba ne ba tsena sekole gaufi.

Mme Ramokate o ne gape a kopa gore kokelwana ya bone e godisiwe go nna kokelo, a bo a kopa le koloi ya balwetse.

E ntse e le kwa Kalakamati, Rre Gift Otumile, o ne a supa badirepuso ka monwana, a re ga

ba ke ba ipha nako ya go ba etela go ba tlhathelela ka ditirelo tsa maphata a bone.

A re ba bonala fela fa ba tla diphuthengong tsa mopalamente kgotsa matona a puso. **BOPA**

Go tlhoka kgosi go ba jesetsa mo kgobedung

Ka Booster Mogapi

DITSHEGWANE - Kgosi Selele Kelebang wa Ditshegwane a re go tlhoka kgosi yo mogolwane kwa motseng oo go ba jesetsa mo kgobedung.

Kgosi Kelebang o buile jaana mo phuthengong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke mopalamente wa bone, Rre Tshoganetso Leuwe ka Labobedi kwa Ditshegwane.

Fa e sale Kgosi Steven Morwaanare a tlhokafala dingwaga tse nne tse di fetileng, ga go ise go tlhlongwe kgosi yo mosh.

Kgosi Kelebang a re seemo se, se a ba kokonela ka fa mong wa bogosi a seyo, dilo ga di ke di tsamaya sentle.

O kopile mopalamente go ba thusa go rarabolola kgang e, ka motse o tshwanetse wa nna le moeteledipele yo o kayang gore o eltsa morafe wa gagwe o ya kae.

A re le fa a tswelsetse ka go thusa morafe kwa kgotleng, nako e tsile gore mong wa setilo a tsee boikarabelo jwa gagwe.

Kgosi Kelebang a re dingwaga tse ba di ntseng ba letile gore go tlhlongwe kgosi di dintsi mme nako e gorogile gore motse o nne le kgosi.

Mo go tse dingwe kgosi o ne a leboga ba Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) ka go ba abela dikhomputara di le tharo mme seo se ba dirile motlotlo f.

A re e ne ya re a itela ba mo reetsa mme ba se ka ba diega go ba thusa, a supa fa le bone ba tlaa dirisa maranyane a segompieno.

Kgosi Kelebang o ne a lela ka tiego ya go baakanngwa ga ntlwana ya boiteketo kwa diofising tsa kgotla, e a reng e tsere lebaka mme a kopa gore puso e tsibogela go ba thusa ka ba a sokola.

Mopalamente wa Takatokwane, Rre Leuwe o supile fa a ne a tsile go ba lekodisa ka melao e mesha e palamente ya mariga e e fetisitseng.

Rre Leuwe a re palamente e fetisitse melao e le lesome le boferabobedi mme go tlaa bo go emetswe Tautona, Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi gore a e bee monwana gore e tsene mo tirisong.

A re mongwe wa melao e ba e fetisitseng ke wa bobegadikgang gore ba dire tiro ya bone ka tshosologo, ntle le poifo epe mme ba dira jalo ka tlotlo le kelelelo.

Mopalamente a re bobegadikgang bo bothokwa mo pusong ya batho ka batho mme bo



Rre Leuwe

tshwanetse jwa dira tiro ya jone ntle le dikgoreletsi dipe.

Rre Leuwe o ne a bua gape ka molao wa dipeeletso tsa madi a badirelapuso gore ba ka kgona go adima bontlha bongwe jwa madi a bone gore ba dire ditiro tsa bone le go ithusa mo go tse dingwe tsa botshelo mme ba buse madi ao go ya ka ditumalano tse di dirilweng.

A re molao oo, o tlaa thusa badirelapuso go itlodisa dinokana ka nako ya fa ba aparetswe ke mathata jaaka bolwetse jo bo tlhokang madi a mantsi le tse dingwe tse di amang matshelo a bone.

E rile a araba kgang ya ga Kgosi Kelebang ya lethoko la kgosi yo mogolwane, mopalamente a supa fa morafe e le one o ka dirang ditumalano tsa gore ba tlhophang mang.

A re kgang e tona ke go dumelana ka leina mme le fetele kwa bogosing jo botona, jone bo tlaa tsaya tshwetso ka lone.

Rre Leuwe o kopile khansela go tsibogela go baakanya ntlwana ya boiteketo ya diofisi tsa kgotla ka jaana go tsere lebaka gore ba thusiwe.

Mokhanselara wa kgaolo, Rre Tsabahlule Kgothang a re o maswabi gore go bo go santse go buiwa ka ntlwana ya kgotla ntsa go dumelanwe gore e tlaa baakanngwa ka nako.

A re ba tlaa nna ka tsholofelo ya gore e tlaa re phelelong ba bone thuso.

Rre Kgothang a re ba solofeditse gore koloi ya kgotla e tlaa ba boela morago ga gore e tsewe ke ba ofisi ya Letlhakeng.

O lebogetse mopalamente go lekodisa morafe wa Ditshegwane ka melao e mesha le go ba lekola, ka seo se ba thusa go bua tse di ba amang le go bona tharabololo ya mathata a motse. **BOPA**



Badiri ba banka ya First National, Mme Boga Chilinde-Masebu (molemeng), Mme Borethe Mogwe (fa gare) le Rre Maemo Baleseng kwa tshimolodisong ya kgaisanyo ya karata ya Visa Cash to Card Campaign mo Gaborone bosheng. Mme Chilinde-Masebu o tlhalositse fa maikaelelo a kgaisanyo e le go rotloetsa badirisi ba banka go dirisa dikarata tsa bone fa ba dira dituelo. A re go dira jalo go tlaa ba fa sebaka sa go ikgapela mosepele wa go ya go lebelela motshameko wa sejana sa lefatshe kwa Qatar le go ikgapela bontlha bongwe jwa P1million. Senepe: Godfrey Mpuse

Busetsang mapalamente a Mahalapye - Boko

Ka Lorato Gaofise

MAHALAPYE - Banni ba Mahalapye ba kopilwe go busetsa borre David Tshere le Yandani Boko gape kwa palamenteng ka ditlhopho tse di tlang.

Moeteledipele wa Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), Advocate Duma Boko o kopile jaana fa a buisa phuthego ya phatlalatsa kwa Mahalapye ka Tshipi.

Rre Boko o ne a tlhalosetsa phuthego eo gore ya gagwe tiro e ne e le go tlotloma le lefatshe a tlhomamisa gore ba mmogo, ba kitlane e bile ba a gakololana, gore puso e e tlang e nne ya bone.

O kopile banni ba Mahalapye go tlhophisa UDC, a gatelela gore Batswana ba tlhoka go namolwa mo lehumeng.

Phathi ya UDC, a re e tsaya Batswana ka tlhoafalo, ka e lemoga fa ba tlhoka go fetola matshelo a bone.

Rre Boko o supile fa maitlamo a UDC e le go amogedisa bagodi P1 500, baithuti ba dikole tsa ithutelo ditiro P2 500, badirelapuso ba dituelo tse di kwa tlase madi a a seng kwa tlase ga P3 000, go abela moithuti mongwe le mongwe tablet le go thamelana banana ditiro.

Morago ga go tlogela ditiro ka bogodi le go direla puso dingwagangwaga, a re bangwe ba badirela puso ba pele ba tshela mo lehumeng fa bangwe ba setse ba bereka Ipelegeng.

Moeteledipele wa diphathi tsa kganetso, gape e le Mopalamente wa Selebi Phikwe Bophirima, Rre Dithapelo Keorapetse o solofeditse fa phathi ya UDC e tsile go fitlhelela maitlamo otlhe a yone fa Batswana ba ka ba fa sebaka sa go busa.

Rre Keorapetse a re santlha, UDC e tsile go netefatsa gore e thiba diphatlha tsotlhe tse madi a

mantsi a ntseng a dutla ka tsone gore a kgone go dirisiwa sentle mo thabololong ya lefatshe le matshelo a setshaba.

Mangwe a madi a re a senyega ka go tlhoka go phuthwa sentle ga lekgetho le go tlhoka go dirisiwa sentle ga madi a a tshelwang mo go tlhabololeng le paakanyo ya dikago, ka go felela go dirisiwa madi a a fetang a a neng a abetswe ditiro tseo kwa tshimologong.

“Umbrella for Democratic Change e ya go thiba diphatlha tsotlhe tse go tweng madi magwe a tsena ka motlhobodika ngwaga le ngwaga.

Re ya go netefatsa gore madi ao a boela mo letloleng la puso, ga a latlhege ka tshenyetso setshaba,” ga tlhalosa Rre Keorapetse.

Fa a ntsha la gagwe, Rre Tshere o lebogetse Adv. Boko go mo ema nokeng, gammogo le banni ba Mahalapye go bo ba ne ba mo tlhophisa go nna mopalamente mo ditlhophong tse di fetileng, mme a ba kopa go mo tlhophisa gape mo go tse di tlang.

Mo godimo ga moo, Rre Tshere o ne a kopa baeteledipele ba UDC le maloko go nna madibela tlhopho ya phathi ya bone.

Mo go tse dingwe, Rre Tshere o supile matshwenyego ka go phatlaladiwa ga dikomiti tsotlhe tsa palamente pele ga tse disha di tlhophiwa.

A re go dira jalo ga go a siama.

A re palamente e tswetswe, jaanong nako e dikomiti di kabong di bereka jaanong di emisitswe, ntswa dikomiti tsa palamente tse di ntseng di le teng, di kabo di ne tsa tlogelwa gore di name di tshwere go fitlhela tse disha di tlhophiwa.

Phuthego e, e ne e tsenwe gape ke mapalamente a Palapye, Nkange le Mahalapye Botlhaba, e bong, Rre Onneetse Ramogapi, Dr Never Tshabang le Rre Yandani Boko, ka go latelana. **BOPA**



Advocate Boko (molemeng) le Rre Tshere kwa phuthegong ya phatlalatsa kwa Mahalapye bosheng. Adv. Boko o kopile banni ba Mahalapye go buseletsa Rre Tshere le Rre Yandani Boko kwa palamenteng ka 2024. Senepe: Lorato Gaofise

Maduo a dikole ga a jese di welang

Ka Onkarabile Moeng

MAHALAPYE - Mopalamente wa Mahalapye Bophirima, Rre David Tshere o supile fa a sa itumedisiwe ke maduo a baithuti mo dikoleng tsa kgaolo ya gagwe.

O tlhalositse jaana mo leetong la go lekola dikole tsa kgaolo le a le simolotseng kwa dikoleng tsa Ngakaagae le Frederick Maherero ka Mosupologo tse a tlhalositseng fa maduo a tsone a se mantle gotlhelele.

Maikaelelo a go etela dikole ke go rotloetsa baithuti le barutabana jaaka go atumelwa ditlathlombo tsa bofelo tsa ngwaga.

O tlhalositse fa a kile a etela dikole tse dingwe ngwaga o o fetileng mme ka pitlagano ya nako a ne a sa kgona go di lekola tsotlhe,

a supa fa tse a neng a di etetse maduo a tsone a tokafetse.

A re gore maduo a tokafale ke gore go rotloediwe barutabana, ka gore fa go sa nna jalo go ya go itshupa mo maduona a baithuti.

A re baithuti le bone ba na le seabe, ka gore fa ba sa rotloediwe ga ba na go dira sentle.

Mopalamente a re o dirile maitlamo a go akgola sekole, morutabana le bathuti ba ba dirileng sentle, ka moo a solofela gore maduo a tlaa tlokaafala.

O tlhalositse fa ba beile seelo sa 90 per cent gore dikole tsotlhe mo kgaolong di mo fitlhelele.

O ne a supa fa a itse gore go na le tlhalelo ya didirisiwa mo dikoleng.

A re tsholofelo ke gore maduo one a tokafale le ntswa dikgwethlo di le teng ka gore dikole tse dingwe

di kgona go iteka di ntse di na le mathata.

“Go a kgonagala gore le fitlhelele maitlamo a lona, ke le eleletsa masego le matlhogonolo mo ditlathlombong tsa bofelo, a re itekeng,” Rre Tshere a kopa.

Ngwaga o o fetileng sekole se sebotlana sa Tshikinyega se ne se di gaisitse tsotlhe mo kgaolong.

Fa ba ntsha la bone, barutabana ba sekole sa Ngakaagae ba supile batsadi ka monwana ba re ga ba tsenye letsogo mo tirong ya bana.

Kwa Frederick Maherero ba akgotse mogopolo wa dietsela, ba supa fa o tlaa kgothatsa barutabana ga mmogo le baithuti.

Ba kopile gore seemo sa tlhalelo ya dibuka se baakannwe ka go fa baithuti ba lekwalo la botlhano go ema ka la bosupa dibuka. **BOPA**

Go gopola ba ba ikgapetseng botshelo go botlhokwa

Ka Gaone Fati

MAHALAPYE - Go gopola ba ba ikgapetseng botshelo le ba ba falotseng go ikgapela botshelo go botlhokwa ka go tiisa maikutlo a ba ba latlhegetsweng.

Moruti Mokgweetsi Kgapo wa kereke ya United Congragational Church of Southern Africa kwa Mahalapye o buile jaana bosheng fa a kgothatsa ka letsatsi la segopotso sa ba ba tlhokafetseng ka go ikgapela botshelo le go thibela ba ba nang le dikakanyo tseo go di diragatsa.

Moruti Kgapo o tlhalositse fa bontsi jwa batho ba ba ikgapelang matshelo e se gore ba dira ba rata, a re ba abo ba le ka fa tlase ga kgatelelo ya maikutlo.

O gakolotse setshaba gore fa motho a kotlometse maikutlo, o tshwanetse a tsaya kgato go batla ba ba ka thusang.

A re setshaba se tshabele kwa Modimong gore matshelo a bone a fetoge ba bo ba tshela lebaka le le lee.

Moruti o kgothatitse setshaba go nna le tsholofelo, gore ba nne le kagiso mo moweng.

Mme Dimpho Koolebogile, yo e leng mooki wa botsogo jwa tlhologanya, a re maikaelelo a letsatsi leo ke go abelana le setshaba molaetsa mogolo wa monongwaga, ka go botlhokwa go tlhalosetsa batho ka kgang e.

Mme Koolebogile o tlhalositse fa ba tsile go gopola le go tlotla ba-tswa setlhabelo ba ba neng ba falola ka gore batho bao ba iphitlhetsa ba na le kgatelelo ya maikutlo ba sena kagiso.

O supile fa ba gopola malwapa a ba-tswa setlhabelo ka gore go ikgapela botshelo go ama mongwe le mongwe, ka jalo malwapa a tlhoka go neelwa tsholofelo.

Mme Koolebogile a re maikaelelo a bone ke go lemotsha setshaba botlhokwa jwa botshelo.

O gakolotse gore batho ba ba nang le dikakanyo tsa go ikgapela botshelo ba isiwe kwa go tshwanetseng teng gore ba thusiwe.

O boletse fa ba ikaelela go lemotsha setshaba gore dithuso di teng, go na le makalana, baruti le kwa ba ka bonang thuso teng jaaka dikokelo.

Rre Tumisang Masheleng yo e leng ngaka mo kokelong ya

Mahalapye, o tlhalositse fa go ikgapela botshelo go bakwa ke go tlhoka tiro, go latlhegelwa ke mokapelo kana go tlhalwa ke yo o tshelang le ene, malwetse a a se nang tharabololo, go sa thusege mme o imelwa ke mathata a botshelo le go kojwa mo tirong ka tshoganetso o bo o sala o sena tsholofelo gammogo le go sa itekanela sentle mo tlhologanyong.

Rre Masheleng a re batho ba tshwanetse ba ela tlhoko gore ba ba tshelang le bone ba fetola ka fa ba dirang dilo ka teng.

A re batho ba tshwanetse go botsana matsogo, mme fa ba lemoga diphetogo, ba kope thuso mo go ba booki.

O gakolotse gore batho ba isiwe kwa go ba boipelelo go sidilwa maikutlo le go ya kokelong go amogela dithuto tsa botsogo gore ba kgone go itekanela mo tlhologanyong go hema go ikgapela matshelo.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, mongwe yo o falotseng mo go ikgapeleng botshelo, o tlhalositse fa go ikgapela botshelo e se selo se se motlhofo.

A re fa motho a tsaya tshwetso

eo, o a bo a sa leke go utlusa ope botlhoko mme a leka go tswa mo mathateng a a senang tharabololo ya one e bile a mo imetse.

O tlhalositse fa motho yo o nang le dikakanyo tsa go ikgapela botshelo a supa ka ditsela tse di farologanyeng mme a kopa setshaba go nna kelotlhoko mo go ba ba tshelang le bone gore ba somarele matshelo a bone.

O tlhalositse fa a ne a leka go ikgapela botshelo gabedi mme a falola ka a ne a isiwa kwa bongakeng ka bofelo.

O gakolotse setshaba go ema nokeng batho ba ba gateletsweng ke maikutlo a bo a ba ruta le gore ba ka ba lemoga jang gore ba boloke matshelo.

A re batsadi ba ele tlhoko ka fa ba tshelang le bana ka teng le ka fa ba ba buisang ka teng go itsa kgatelelo ya maikutlo.

O boletse fa go ineela mo Modimong le go amogela gore o bokoa mo tlhologanyong, go thusa gore motho a fole ka bofelo.

Pego go tswa kwa kokelong ya Mahalapye e supile fa go tswa ka 2020 go fitlha 2022 go na le batho ba le masome mararo le

borataro ba ba falotseng mo go ikgapeleng botshelo kwa kgaolong ya Mahalapye.

Pego e supile fa ka ngwaga wa 2020 ba ne ba kgona go somarela matshelo a le lesome le botlhano, ka 2021 a le some, ka 2022 a le lesome le bongwe mme bontsi e le borre.

Se se supa tsholofelo le gore go na le tharabololo.

Pego go tswa kwa mapodising a Mahalapye e supa fa batho ba le 12 ba ne ba ikgapela matshelo go tswa ka ngwaga wa 2020 go fitlha 2022.

Ka ngwaga wa 2020 ba ne ba latlhegelwa ke matshelo a batho ba le batlhano, ka 2021 ba le bararo fa 2022 ba nnile bane mme go supa fa botlho e le borre ba ba ikgapetseng botshelo ka ditsela tse di farologanyeng

Segopotso se, se ne se ipelwa ka molaetsa o o reng: Go Tlisa Tsholofelo Ka Go Tsaya Kgato. Go ne ga tshujwa kerese ya tsholofelo, e le sesupo sa go ema nokeng ba ba neng ba kgona go falola, le go gopola ba ba latlhegetsweng ke botshelo ka go bo ikgapela. **BOPA**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of lost Title Deed No: MA 1016 / 2013 dated 20th day of December 2013 Made in favor of Proguard Security Systems (Pty) Ltd in respect of the Lot
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SITUATE: In the Bakwena Tribal Territory
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HELD UNDER: Deed No. MA 1016 / 2013 Dated 20th December 2013
All persons having objections to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same with the Registrar of Deeds for Botswana at Gaborone within three (3) weeks from the last publication of this notice.
Dated at Gaborone on this 06 day of September 2022

APPLICANT

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000217-19

IN THE ESTATE of the late MOEMEDI RANYERE who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **15 June 2018.**

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 2022.

The Executor
Semakaleng Ranyere
P o box 301722
TLOKWENG
TELL: 72739158 / 76204281

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Notarial Deed of Cession No: MA 273/2002** dated 15th day of **August 2002** passed in favour of **INNOCENTIA DINEO MANOWE** registered over the following property:

CERTAIN: Piece of Land being Tribal Territory;
SITUATE: in the Batlokwa Territory;
MEASURING: 1205m² (One Thousand Two Hundred and Five Square Metres)

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Rabashwa Attorneys, applicant Attorneys plot 23714 Gaborone
P O Box 6AAH, Gaborone

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **RICHARD LYONS ATTORNEYS** intends applying for a certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TG 41/204 dated **19th August 2004** registered in favour of **THE DUNES (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** registered over the following property:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Farm No. 4-IJ
SITUATE: in the KGALAGADI Administrative District
MEASURING: 3865.5789 HA (Three Eight Six Five point Seven Eight nine Hectares)

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy, is hereby requested to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within 21 days from the last publication of this notice.
DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 29th DAY OF AUGUST 2022.

RICHARD LYONS ATTORNEYS

Plot 2662, Kgori Close
(Opp. Gaborone Sun)
P O Box 160 GABORONE

APPLICATION FOR LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 505/93 dated 22nd June 1993 made in favour of Peter Simako Mmusi in respect of the following property:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 51501, Gaborone;
SITUATE: at Kgale Hill Extension 2;
MEASURING: 1236m² (One Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Six Square Metres);

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The Executor

Michael Percy Makgale
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MEASURING: 800 M² (EIGHT HUNDRED SQUARE METRES)
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HELD UNDER: FT TL13/2020 DATED **14TH JANUARY 2020**
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 VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 26 OF 2022**

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EXPERIENCE: At least ten (10) years' post qualification work experience in modelling and forecasting, financial, socio-economic and macro-economic policy analysis and research. Two (2) years of which should have been served as Principal Research Officer II (Modelling and Forecasting) on D3 salary scale.

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Brief summary of career with duties (Curriculum Vitae) including date of first appointment, present post and date of appointment thereto.

Certified copies of Certificates, Omang and two (2) recent work related references.

Applications should be addressed to:

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance

Private Bag 008, GABORONE

Hand delivered to Office No. 319, 3rd floor Link Block Building

IMPORTANT: All applications from serving public servants should be routed through Permanent Secretaries or Heads of Department for Public Servants. Applications not so routed will not be considered.

CLOSING DATE: 22th September 2022

For further information please contact Human Resource Unit at 3633651/3950135/3950921/3970397/3633631.

N.B: This advert amends Vacancy Circular No. 26 of 2022 that was published on the 14th June 2022. Applicants who do not meet the requirements of the posts will not be responded to.

Over 20 countries participate at Egypt agric. exposition

CAIRO - Over 150 companies from more than 20 countries are displaying their agricultural products and machinery at an international agricultural expo which was held in Egypt's capital Cairo from September 11-14.

The 34th edition of Sahara Expo, or the International Agricultural Exhibition for Africa and the Middle East, attracts more than 250 brands of various agriculture-related products such as tractors, weed cutting machines, irrigation systems, as well as seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and other agrochemicals.

Agriculture has been a key field in Egypt since ancient times, said Hany Khafagy, general manager of Informa Markets, the expo organising company, noting that the sector contributes 15 per cent of Egypt's gross domestic product and employs 25 per cent of the country's workforce.

Egypt exports more than 350 kinds of agricultural products to over 150 countries across the world, and is among the world's top exporters of citrus, dates and other crops.

"The expo provides a big opportunity for local and foreign companies to meet and do business together. It's a good chance to learn about new products, whether from Europe or China, without having to travel abroad," said Ahmed Fouad, a marketing official with Tractors and Engineering, a company at the expo that features tractors and cutting tools.

Among the overseas exhibitors are companies from China, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Italy, France, India and Jordan. One of the Chinese exhibitors is agrochemical company Rainbow, whose products include herbicides, insecticides,

fungicides, bio-pesticides and plant growth regulators, with a presence in more than 80 countries worldwide.

Zhang Kailin, Rainbow's general manager for North Africa and the Middle East region, saw the expo as a good opportunity to promote the company and its products in the region.

He said that the distinguished relations between China and Egypt provide 'big support' for the company that just opened its office in Egypt last year.

"The Egyptian people are very friendly. We visited agencies and farms and had friendly talks with all the people we met. Good relations between China and Egypt will give us big support to do business here," Zhang told *Xinhua*.

Jacek Grad, head of the foreign trade office of Polish Investment and Trade Agency, said the expo offers 'the best platform to meet potential partners in Egypt and to grow our network in the agricultural sector,' adding that there's a growing interest among Egyptians in Polish agricultural technologies. Visitors coming to the expo include agricultural producers, businessmen, consultants, engineers, researchers, students and farmers. Khafagy said they expected about 25 000 visitors this year. *Xinhua*

Over 15m suffer long COVID - WHO

COPENHAGEN - At least 17 million people in the World Health Organization (WHO) European Region experienced the post-COVID-19 condition, or long COVID, in the first two years of the pandemic, said a statement from the United Nations health agency on Tuesday.

"Governments and health partners must collaborate to find solutions based on research and evidence," said Hans Kluge, WHO regional director for Europe, in the statement.

With millions of people likely to be affected by the aftereffects of contracting COVID during the pandemic 'for years to come,' WHO urged countries in the region to 'take post COVID-19 condition seriously by urgently

investing in research, recovery, and rehabilitation.' The findings, which cover the years 2020 and 2021, come from a recent international 'new modeling' study done for WHO Europe by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington's School of Medicine in the United States. It shows a 'staggering 307-per cent increase in new long COVID cases identified between 2020 and 2021, driven by the rapid increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases from late 2020 and throughout 2021.'

According to the press release, the modeling also indicates that females are twice as likely as males to have long COVID.

Furthermore, among severe



CAIRO - People visiting a booth of agricultural machinery at the Sahara Expo, the International Agricultural Exhibition for Africa and the Middle East, in Egypt, on Sunday. Over 150 companies from more than 20 countries participated at the agricultural expo which ended yesterday.

Photo: Xinhua

Zambia mulls increasing financial inclusion for rural dwellers

LUSAKA - The Zambian government said Tuesday it was working on raising the level of financial inclusion to enable people in rural areas to benefit from the growing financial sector.

Trevor Kaunda, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and National Planning in Charge of Monitoring and Evaluation, said the plan was to increase financial inclusion in rural areas from the current 50 per cent to 75 per cent.

In remarks delivered during a meeting to scrutinise the use of general points for the provision of financial services organized by the Bank of Zambia (BoZ), the

country's central bank, the official said the initiative was aimed at fostering financial inclusion by making available government facilities in rural areas, which financial service providers could leverage on in providing financial services.

The government, he said, was also working on increasing the percentage of districts with at least one financial access point from the current 82 per cent to 100 per cent by the end of this year. Denny Kalyalya, the BoZ governor, expressed concern that financial inclusion in rural areas has continued to be low with 32 out of the country's 116 districts

lacking financial access points.

While acknowledging that financial inclusion rose to 69.4 per cent in 2020 from 59.3 per cent in 2015, the central bank chief said financial inclusion in rural areas has continued to be low at 56.9 per cent.

The central bank chief said the bank, working with the ministry responsible for finance and national planning, had commenced the initiative to help accelerate rural financial inclusion by promoting the use of already existing public infrastructure in rural areas for the provision of financial services. *Xinhua*

China coffee market opportunity for Ethiopia producers

ADDIS ABABA - The emerging Chinese coffee market has offered 'big opportunities' for export-driven coffee producers in Ethiopia and elsewhere around the globe, Israel Degfa, the CEO

of Kerchanshe Trading Private Limited Company, told *Xinhua* in an interview.

Figures from the Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority (ECTA) showed that China imported 5

879.34 metric tonnes of Ethiopian coffee valued at US\$30.4 million during the 2021/2022 fiscal year that ended on July 7, up by 31 per cent from the same period of the previous year.

"Honestly, it (the Chinese coffee market) is a new opportunity for world coffee consumption," Israel said. "We are looking at the Chinese market focused. The potential is there," he said.

"In China, every year, our exports are making double and double, a 100 per cent growth," Israel said, adding that his company, Ethiopia's largest coffee producer and exporter, planned to expand its exports to China.

China has become the eighth largest importer of Ethiopian coffee during the first ten months of the 2021/2022 fiscal year, according to ECTA.

Israel, who is from a coffee farmer's family, said that coffee quality and flavours were the results of dedicated scientific endeavors and processes, saying his company operates vigorously to ensure quality and comes up with ever-improved coffee

varieties to meet the expectation of international buyers.

Kerchanshe is producing and exporting different varieties of coffee by operating more than 63 washing stations, 56 000 out-growers, and also 1 500 hectares of land dedicated to research and development of improved varieties of coffee.

"Our company is focused and working, in the last eight years, in agri-business, mainly coffee and other fruits as well," Israel said.

According to Israel, his company will significantly increase its coffee export value in the 2022/2023 fiscal year that started on July 8.

Ethiopia, Africa's biggest coffee producer, exported 300 000 metric tonnes of coffee during the last 12 months, eventually generating US\$1.4 billion in revenue, according to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Compared with an average coffee export yearly earnings, the country generated additional revenue of US\$500 million during the just concluded fiscal year with a growing export volume to the global coffee market. *Xinhua*

UN General Assembly president calls for solutions

UNITED NATIONS - The president of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly, Csaba Korosi, on Tuesday called for solutions through solidarity, sustainability, and science. Korosi declared open the 77th session and presided over its first plenary. In his opening remarks, Korosi said the only way to achieve better outcomes is to transform.

"The contours of the transformation we need are already known. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Sendai Framework (for disaster risk reduction), the Paris Agreement (on climate change), and Our Common Agenda (proposed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres), all point us in the right direction. What remains to be seen is whether we will deliver," he said.

The world is looking to the United Nations for answers.

As the world body's chief deliberative body, the General Assembly bears a special responsibility, he said.

"Having begun my tenure as president, I aim to harness the great talents of this community

of member states in forging the systemic solutions needed to transform our world. In accepting this privilege, I vowed to serve as an agent of multilateralism, multiculturalism, and multilingualism," said the president.

"I pledge that impartiality would be the hallmark of our operation. My team and I will do our best to push for 'Solutions Through Solidarity, Sustainability and Science,' the motto I've chosen for this presidency."

He vowed to stand firm on the principles of the UN Charter, which brought member states together 77 years ago and hold them together today.

"Encoded in international law, they (the principles of the UN Charter) provide us with a solid foundation from which to build. From here, I wish to pursue integrated approaches and enhance the role of science in our decision-shaping. I will work to foster measurable progress in the sustainability transformation and cultivate solidarity we need to achieve breakthroughs or to avert

further crises and disasters," he said.

He promised to engage closely with the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, and other relevant UN bodies to further the critical revitalisation process, and pursue the ongoing key reforms led by Guterres to make the General Assembly and the United Nations as a whole fit-for-purpose.

He also promised to work with civil society, academics, the private sector, researchers and practitioners to land solutions that are rooted in facts, verified information, and science.

"We must also reach out actively to young people, engaging them in what we do so that when they sit in these seats, they could come up with better plans and better ideas than we did. My door will also be open to faith-based organisations, many ideas of them do overlap with those of the United Nations. I am also reaching out to the private sector and key financial institutions. I intend to work closely with them, listen to their concerns and their ideas and search for

implementable solutions together with them," he said.

The United Nations was created out of the ashes of war and destruction, with the intention of being a well of solutions, said Korosi.

"Responding to humanity's most pressing challenges demands that we work together and that we reinvigorate inclusive, networked and effective multilateralism, and focus on what unites us. It is our mission to come together when there are disagreements, and to build bridges when there are deep divides," he said.

"This (General Assembly) hall was created as a place to build trust, to bring about peace and security, development, and human rights. We owe it to our 8 billion constituents, the people we are here to serve, to succeed in our aims," he said.

The 77th session of the General Assembly starts amid myriad global challenges, such as widening geopolitical divides and protracted uncertainties, said Korosi.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc across the globe. Acute food insecurity, soaring energy prices, and global supply-chain disruptions mean even less food for those already being short of that. Record-

high inflation threatens to rock societies, he said.

Conflicts are creating humanitarian upheavals not seen since World War II and testing the strength of institutions. As the planet heats up and natural resources grow scarce, more conflicts would arise, he warned.

"We must do our utmost to uphold and protect the values and principles of the United Nations Charter. There can be no cherry-picking, certainly not in these most tumultuous and uncertain times," he said, stressing the importance of conflict prevention.

"In recent weeks, we have (seen) record-setting temperatures, raging fires, and devastating floods. It looks as if mother nature is fighting back. But few of her weapons are as destructive as the ones that we have created ourselves. Never in the past 40 years has the risk of using nuclear weapons been greater than it is today," he warned.

"This ominous reality calls on all of us to unite around the issue of disarmament.

This also holds true for small arms and light weapons, the proliferation of which is a great obstacle to our development and progress around the world. We must work to stop their illicit trade," said Korosi. *Xinhua*



NEW YORK - Korosi speaking at the first plenary of the 77th session of the General Assembly in the US on Tuesday. *Xinhua*

IOM seeks over US\$50m for Somalis as famine looms

MOGADISHU - The United Nations migration agency, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), said Tuesday it requires more than US\$50 million to reach 2.5 million people affected by the drought by the end of 2023.

IOM's deputy director general Amy Pope, who ended a four-day visit to Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, and Baidoa said the crisis in Somalia was deepening, noting that with the fifth failed rainy season imminent, humanitarian actors required greater resources to help communities in need survive, rebuild and foster resilience.

Pope said in a statement issued in Mogadishu, that the situation in Somalia which was facing severe drought demands the world's urgent attention, solidarity, and

support. "The communities I met are being devastated by climatic change, despite Somalia being one of the least contributors to global emissions. Millions do not have sufficient water or food. Hundreds of thousands of people could die," she said.

According to Pope, time is running out for Somalia where rural communities are facing the dire consequences of a climate emergency as they grapple with decades of instability, disease, and economic crises.

Without a rapid increase in assistance, the Somalia Food Security and Nutrition analysis which was launched last week projects that famine will be a reality in parts of the country by October. The drought has forced

more than 1 million people to leave their homes in search of water, food, and humanitarian services, according to the UN.

According to IOM, over 80 per cent of the displaced are women, children and the elderly who are bearing the brunt of the crisis, and most people have settled in towns and cities where support services are already greatly overstretched, and sanitation is poor.

The last famine in Somalia was declared in 2011, which led to the death of an estimated 250 000 people.

The current drought has already claimed the lives of at least 730 children, but the true figure could be much higher, as 7.8 million people are facing extreme food shortages, the IOM said. *Xinhua*

World heading in wrong direction on climate emergency-UN

GENEVA - Climate science has shown clearly that the world is going 'in the wrong direction' in fighting climate change, and that without much more ambitious action, the physical and socioeconomic impacts will be increasingly devastating, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) warned in a report published Tuesday.

According to United in Science, a multi-agency report coordinated by the WMO, urgent action is needed to mitigate emissions and adapt to the changing climate, because countries collectively are falling short of meeting their new or updated pledges with current policies.

The report assesses the most recent scientific findings related to climate change, its impacts and responses. It shows that greenhouse gas concentrations continue to rise to record highs, as fossil fuel emission rates are now above pre-COVID levels after a temporary drop due to lockdowns.

The ambition of emissions reduction pledges for 2030 needs to be seven times higher to be in line with the 1.5 degrees Celsius reduction goal of the Paris Agreement.

As the past seven years were the warmest on record and global warming increases, 'tipping points' in the climate system cannot be ruled out, the report warns.

That would cause increasing socio-economic impacts to cities, which are home to billions of people and are responsible for up to 70 per cent of human-caused emissions.

"Floods, droughts, heatwaves,

extreme storms and wildfires are going from bad to worse, breaking records with alarming frequency. There is nothing natural about the new scale of these disasters. They are the price of humanity's fossil fuel addiction," United Nations (UN) Secretary General Antonio Guterres said in a video message attached to the report.

"This year's United in Science report shows climate impacts heading into the uncharted territory of destruction. Yet each year we double down on this fossil fuel addiction, even as the symptoms get rapidly worse," he said.

According to the UN Environment Program, one of the contributors to the report, new national mitigation pledges for 2030 show some progress toward lowering greenhouse gas emissions but are insufficient.

The ambition of these new pledges would need to be four times higher to get on track to limit global warming to two degrees Celsius and seven times higher to get on track to 1.5 degrees Celsius, as has been stipulated in the Paris Agreement.

"Climate science is increasingly able to show that many of the extreme weather events that we are experiencing have become more likely and more intense due to human-induced climate change. We have seen this repeatedly this year, with tragic effect," WMO Secretary General Petteri Taalas said, adding "it is more important than ever that we scale up action on early warning systems to build resilience to current and future climate risks in vulnerable communities". *Xinhua*

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NEW YORK - Perthes during a Security Council meeting on Sudan at the UN headquarters on Tuesday. The envoy has vowed to help end the political crisis in Sudan.

Photo: Xinhua

Envoy vows to end Sudan political crisis

NEW YORK - The top UN envoy for Sudan on Tuesday saw an opportunity to help end the political crisis in Sudan.

With regard to the political process, some important decisions have been taken by the military, and some promising developments have happened among civilians, said Volker Perthes, the UN secretary general's special representative and head of the UN Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS).

On July 4, the chairperson of Sudan's ruling Transitional Sovereign Council, Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, announced the military's intention to withdraw from politics.

While large parts of the public doubted that the military leadership meant what it said, the announcement did generate momentum among civilian forces.

Several initiatives aimed at reaching a common civilian vision have emerged in response, he told the UN Security Council in a briefing.

The Trilateral Mechanism, consisting of UNITAMS, the African Union and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, has engaged with all initiatives.

Almost all initiatives have expressed that they want the Trilateral Mechanism to play a role, either in bringing the different initiatives together, coming up with bridging proposals, or eventually facilitating or mediating an agreement with the military, he said.

"I am actually encouraged by the degree of commonality in the current debate in Sudan.

There are important differences, no doubt, about the institutional division of powers, particularly, the role of the military.

But the gaps have narrowed.

And there is wide-ranging consensus now, among other things, on the need for a civilian head of state, an independent

prime minister, a cabinet of experts and technocrats, not of party leaders.

There is also consensus that the issue of transitional justice needs to be high on the list of priorities," said Perthes.

"So there is an opportunity to end the crisis, which military and civilian forces need to grasp."

While any political agreement needs to be Sudanese-owned, the Trilateral Mechanism stands ready to convene the parties around one text so as to bridge remaining differences, he said.

Nearly a year after the military takeover of October 25, 2021, Sudan still lacks a fully functional and legitimate government.

The decision of the military to withdraw from politics and the recent initiatives by civilian forces offer a window of opportunity for both the military and political forces to reach an agreement on the way forward, he said.

"Time is of the essence, however," he cautioned.

"The longer the political paralysis exists, the more difficult it will become to return to the transition, which UNITAMS is mandated to assist. I urge all actors to seize this opportunity and reach an agreement on a solution that enjoys legitimacy in the eyes of Sudanese women and men."

Since his last briefing to the Security Council in May, Sudan has seen continued deterioration of the socio-economic situation. Security incidents affecting civilians have increased across the country.

Humanitarian needs are growing exponentially, according to Perthes.

The overall situation will continue to worsen unless a political solution is found to restore a credible, fully functioning civilian-led government, a government that can re-establish the authority of the state across the country and create the conditions for a resumption of international cooperation, including debt relief,

he said.

The human rights situation has not improved either during the reporting cycle.

The political crisis in Khartoum also contributes to instability in the rest of the country.

Particularly worrisome is the surge of violence in Darfur and the Blue Nile, said Perthes.

National and local authorities and civil society leaders have made attempts at brokering reconciliation agreements in Darfur and the Blue Nile.

But the sustainability of these agreements remains uncertain in the absence of effective state authority, he said.

The lack of implementation of the Juba Peace Agreement continues to contribute to instability.

Protocols to address the drivers of the conflict in Darfur, including wealth sharing, justice, land issues, and the return of internally displaced persons remain unfulfilled. *Xinhua*

Ruto pledges to advance economic vitality

NAIROBI - Kenya's new President William Ruto says advancing economic vitality, transforming the civil service, and promoting regional integration, trade, peace and stability will be key priorities of his administration.

Ruto, who delivered an official address soon after his swearing-in as the fifth president of Kenya in Nairobi Tuesday, said he would devote his initial days in office to tackling unemployment and inflationary pressure facing the citizens.

"We anchored our campaign on the platform of the economy premised on job creation and the well-being of the people and we will be working vigorously on measures to bring down the cost of living," said Ruto.

He acknowledged the strain the high cost of food and fuel was exerting on household budgets, adding that his administration had already made plans to supply farmers with subsidised fertiliser and seeds in the October planting season in a bid to boost production of key staples.

Ruto noted that a prolonged drought had also slowed down economic growth and worsened food insecurity in the country, adding that his government will mobilise resources to promote climate resilience for communities living in the rangelands.

He said that his administration would leverage friendly taxation, provision of technical skills, and affordable credit in a bid to boost the growth of youth-led enterprises.

Abolishing burdensome regulations and the provision of state grants would also be on the cards to spur the growth of local

start-ups, boost economic vitality at the grassroots and create additional jobs for the youth.

He said the establishment of the Ministry of Cooperatives, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) Development would ensure that local start-ups had secure property rights, access to finance and a predictable regulatory environment.

Ruto disclosed that his government would roll out 250 000 housing units annually to help create jobs for youth and business opportunities for local manufacturers of building materials.

Exploiting the full potential of local leather, textile and agro-processing industries will not only boost Kenya's export volumes but also tackle youth unemployment, said Ruto.

He pledged that his administration would come up with robust measures to expand the tax bracket, manage debt, promote a savings culture and encourage domestic borrowing.

Kenya will intensify its peace mediating role in the regional hotspots besides rallying behind multilateral efforts to promote stability, climate response and inclusive development in Africa, said Ruto.

Ruto was sworn in at a ceremony attended by a host of African presidents, representatives of regional blocs, diplomats and local political elite including global dignitaries.

The former deputy president took over power from Uhuru Kenyatta, his predecessor who ruled Kenya for nearly one decade and is expected to spearhead peace and reconciliation initiatives across the region while in retirement. *Xinhua*

World leaders commit to advance UN SDGs

COPENHAGEN - Policymakers must put water at the heart of action plans and everyone has a role to play says Joakim Harlin, director of the Freshwater Ecosystems Unit of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Speaking in his opening address at the summit held during the ongoing World Water Congress and Exhibition on Tuesday, he said business as usual was not an option if they were to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and climate targets.

The International Water Association (IWA) convened a high-level summit that brought together prominent figures from the water industry with

government and municipal politicians to discuss water's role in advancing climate action and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations (UN).

The summit, which featured ministerial contributions from India, South Africa and other countries, was held under the theme: Water as a key to action on climate and the Sustainable Development Goals and addressed the three major topics of finance, governance and partnerships. "The IWA Summit has provided an ideal opportunity to focus on water in advance of COP27 (the UN Climate Change Conference scheduled for November 6-18) and of the

March 2023 UN review of the Water Action Decade," Tom Mollenkopf, IWA president, was quoted in the press release as saying.

The summit concluded with three major calls to action: the urgent need for resilient water solutions; the critical need for freshwater ecosystems to be 'factored in as part of the solution,' and the pursuit of joint efforts and partnerships to accelerate action and make a difference. The IWA World Water Congress and Exhibition, an international gathering of over 10 000 top water professionals and businesses, is being held from between September 11 to 15. *Xinhua*

India launches national list of essential medicines

NEW DELHI - India Tuesday released 384 medicines under the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM), officials have said. The list was released by the federal Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya. "NLEM plays an important role in ensuring accessibility of affordable quality medicines at all levels of healthcare.

This will give boost to cost-effective, quality medicines and contribute towards reduction in out of pocket expenditure on healthcare for the citizens," Mandaviya said.

According to the federal health ministry, the medicines had been categorised into 27 therapeutic categories.

The ministry said: "384 drugs have been included in this list with the addition of 34 drugs, while 26 from the previous list have been dropped."

Mandaviya said the essential medicines were those that satisfied the priority health care needs, based on efficacy, safety, quality and total cost of the treatment.

"It also helps in optimum

utilisation of healthcare resources and budget, drug procurement policies, health insurance, improving prescribing habits, medical education and training for Under Graduate/Post Graduate and

drafting pharmaceutical policies," he said.

Officials said NLEM, which was a dynamic document, was revised on a regular basis in accordance with the changing public health

priorities and advancement in pharmaceutical knowledge.

First formulated in 1996, NLEM was revised in 2003, 2011 and 2015, respectively, the ministry said. *Xinhua*

Climate change poses threat to human security

ISLAMABAD - Global climate change is acting as a real threat to human security and effective measures should be taken to cope with it, Speaker of Pakistani National Assembly Raja Ashraf says Tuesday.

Addressing a two-day seminar jointly organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the National Assembly of Pakistan, Ashraf said legislators of various parliaments in the world should play their part in the effective mitigation of the climate crisis.

Titled the Third Inter-Parliamentary Union Regional Seminar on Achieving Sustainable Development Goals for Parliaments of Asia-Pacific, the seminar aimed to improve coordination amongst Asia-Pacific countries for devising ways and means of achieving sustainable prosperity.

Speaking at the event with local parliamentarians and foreign delegates in attendance, Ashraf said his country was facing severe effects of climate change despite its negligible contributions to global warming.

"Pakistan is ranked eighth amongst the countries most vulnerable to climate change despite contributing less than one per cent to global emissions, and the recent flood in Pakistan caused irreparable loss of precious lives and destruction to basic infrastructure including roads, houses, schools, and basic health units," he added.

He said his country was making its best efforts to rescue and rehabilitate the affected people, but the world should also play its role in supporting Pakistan in the hour of need. Speaking at the event, President of the IPU Duarte Pacheco urged the international community, especially the developed countries, to help Pakistan recover from the catastrophe of the floods.

He said it was important for the developed world to show solidarity with the people and families of Pakistan who suffered due to the catastrophic flood and support the country to meet financial needs during the process of rescue, relief, and rebuilding in the flood-hit areas. *Xinhua*



NEW YORK - UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at the commemoration ceremony of the 61st anniversary of the death of former Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold at the UN headquarters on Tuesday. Hammarskjold, the second UN secretary-general, died on September 18, 1961, in a plane crash en route to cease-fire negotiations in Africa. The circumstances of the plane crash are subject to UN investigation. He was the youngest person to have held the post of UN secretary-general. He was 47 when he was appointed and he died tragically at the age of 56. Photo: Xinhua

South Sudan pushes for lifting sanctions on oil, gas sector

JUBA - South Sudan's oil and gas sector is being crippled by years of sanctions imposed by the Security Council following the outbreak of armed conflict in the country in 2013, experts have said on Tuesday.

Puot Chol, Minister of Petroleum, said the sanctions were curtailing the country's efforts to fully develop and exploit the vast oil and gas sector.

"Concerning sanctions, the future of this country does not belong to those of us who are on this stage, the future of this country belongs to those children who are playing football on the streets and their future cannot be punished because of our own mistakes," Kang told investors attending the 5th oil and power conference in Juba Tuesday.

"I have been telling those who sanction us over and over again that when you continue to sanction us and you are not helping us on how to solve our internal crisis, you will not be helping the situation," he added.

He disclosed that Juba was currently producing 170 000 barrels per day in its northern oil fields and is aiming to return to the prewar level of 350 000 bpd within the next few years.

Kang said they were looking forward to attracting reliable investors to help meet challenges such as high water cuts, lack of heating facilities and the continued depletion of reservoir pressure which were affecting smooth production in the oil fields.

NJ Ayuk, executive chairperson of the African Energy Chamber, said sanctions were hindering foreign investment in South

Sudan's oil and gas projects and also preventing the country from harnessing its natural resources.

"The sanctions are making it needlessly difficult for South Sudan to use oil and gas to foster economic growth, create jobs and business opportunities, build capacity and particularly important develop gas-to-power programs capable of minimizing the country's extensive energy poverty," Ayuk said.

South Sudan has 3.5 billion barrels of proven oil reserves. Riek

Machar, First Vice President of South Sudan, said the transitional unity government had prioritised using oil revenues to develop infrastructures such as roads and electricity.

The Juba-Bor Road being constructed by Africa Resource Corporation is meant to link South Sudan to neighboring Sudan while the Juba-Terekeka-Rumbek Road being constructed by Chinese firm Shandong Hi-Speed Ltd will connect to the Central Africa Republic. *Xinhua*

Nigeria to increase cashew production

ABUJA - Nigeria plans to raise its annual production capacity of cashew nuts by at least 240 000 metric tonnes to meet a new target of 500 000 metric tonnes per annum, the government has said Tuesday.

Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment Adeniyi Adebayo said the new target would ensure the processing of not less than 50 per cent of its total production annually, which currently stands at 260 000 metric tonnes.

With the new plan in place, Adebayo said there were huge investment opportunities in the sub-sector, adding that there was the need for value addition in the cashew value chain to grow the economy of Africa's most populous country.

The official said Nigeria aims to achieve the plan in the next few years, urging investors to tap

into the sub-sector with a view to exploring the benefits it provides.

According to the minister, the government had already put in place incentives to encourage investments in the sub-sector to thrive.

"This is, therefore, a call for actors, both local and international players, to take advantage of these incentives to invest as Nigeria remains the ultimate investment destination for investors in the cashew sub-sector," Adebayo said.

The Nigerian official stressed the only way to enhance the contributions of cashew to the national economy was by transforming raw cashew nuts, adding that this would ensure sustainable development of the sector, create new markets for new products, create employment and generate wealth for the citizenry. *Xinhua*



WENCHANG - A modified version of the Long March-7 carrier rocket carrying a new satellite, Zhongxing-1E, blasting off from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in south China's Hainan Province on Tuesday. Zhongxing-1E has entered the planned orbit successfully. Photo: Xinhua



People's Festival September 30

By Baleseng Batlotleng

RAMOTSWA - Come Independence Day, all roads will be leading to Nkai Farm in Palapye for the much sort after People's Festival.

The People's Festival became an instant hit with local night crawlers, following the reopening of the music industry.

It is the brainchild of local music promoter, Gilbert Seagile of Gilbert Promotions.

The must-attend music festival will once again be headlined by Limpopo-born songstress, Ndivhudzannyi Ralivhona, fondly known as Makhadzi to her hordes of fans.

The partnership between Makhadzi and Gilbert Promotions had in the past delivered mouthwatering events such as the inaugural People's Festival at the Molapo Piazza early this year.

The successful event was followed by two sequels in Francistown and Maun before Makhadzi announced her One Woman show, which kick-started at the Royal Aria stadium in Tlokweng.

The award-winning Limpopo-born songstress blew Botswana away on her first appearance at the People's Festival in March and now the Ma-Yellow bone hitmaker will take Palapye and the surrounding villages by storm.

Undoubtedly, Botswana has shown Makhadzi a warm heart and she has not disappointed in the process either.

Hot on the heels of the People's Festival, Makhadzi will travel back to Limpopo for the first ever One Woman show on her home soil.

After touring internationally and solidifying her presence on the global stage, Makhadzi will take it back to where it started for her with another electrifying performance billed for Makhuvu Stadium in Thohoyandou.

Addressing the media on the details of the independence festival in Gaborone on Tuesday, Seagile said Makhadzi was billed to perform at the Kumndandi Ekhasa Music Festival in Thamaga earlier the same day to allow her to travel to Nkai Farm late afternoon for her final performance of the day.

Seagile said in Palapye, the young Chinese social media sensation Choncho would also be the star attraction.

The talented lad socialite is set to meet Makhadzi on stage.

The Palapye Festival has added South Africa's Amapiano artistes Paige and Sdala B, Vee, Slizer, Khoisan, Eskimos, Ezra Nethen of Danko fame and Mingo Touch, among others.

In Thamaga, Makhadzi is expected to perform alongside the likes of Master KG and Prince Benza in what has been dubbed the

biggest music show ever hosted in the dusty Central District village.

Local acts for the show include Franco and Afro Musica as well as Vee, among others.

As part of corporate social responsibility, Gilbert Promotions handed over tickets to Pilikwe United to put up on sale and benefit 10 per cent from sales proceedings.

Pilikwe United official, Fobby Radipotsane said the team was excited to have a new relationship with the music promoter and hoped for a better future. **BOPA**



Boogie Sid (left) and Kapaletswe at a Son of the Soil media briefing in Gaborone on Tuesday. Kapaletswe said they had brought in Beat Box Productions for a three-year partnership to coordinate the 15th edition in February. Photo: Oogopoleng Kgomoethata

Son of the Soil back in 2023

By Tshepi More

GABORONE - The 15th annual cultural Son of the Soil (SOTS) will be back next year.

The SOTS was last held in 2020 at Staywell Gardens in Gaborone just before the COVID-19 pandemic hit the world.

Established in 2015, Son of the Soil has over the years become the foundation of cultural tourism events, with the mushrooming of many cultural showcases around the country.

Briefing the media on Wednesday, the chairperson of Bana ba Mmala, which Trust owns SOTS, David Kapaletswe said they had partnered with Beat Box Productions, a locally owned events company to ensure the successful coordination of the show.

"With a partner in place, SOTS patrons will have an enhanced event with proper planning," said Kapaletswe.

He noted that all copyrights and intellectual property remained with Bana Ba Mmala Trust, adding that while they had engaged an events management company, they would also have an advisory council, which would work closely with the events management company.

Beat Box Productions will coordinate, plan and manage SOTS for the next three years.

A fast-growing entity in the field of events coordination, musical

production, promotions and multimedia management, Beat Box Productions aims to take SOTS to the next level.

"We are honoured for the opportunity to work with Bana ba Mmala Trust," Beat Box Productions director Sydney 'Boogie Sid' Nzala has said.

The production company has coordinated some big events such as Gaborone Africa Youth Games 2014, Kabelano Charity Spectacular 2015, Interbank Games Music Festival from 2012 to 2018, Orange 555 Monyaka Tour 2013 and many others.

Beat Box Productions also worked with SOTS on the 14th edition in 2020.

Boogie Sid said in the last edition of SOTS, they were engaged in the logistics side and groundwork of the event, adding that in 2019 they were involved in the SOTS' jazz event at Serokolwane farm.

"It is a big challenge, SOTS is an iconic brand and mother of all cultural events in our country," Boogie Sid said, adding that his young enthusiastic team would be digitalising the event in terms of promotion through content.

"We believe in the youth and that they are the people who will take our culture to the next level," he said, noting that digitalising the event would give the youth a chance to engage through social media on the event.

Boogie Sid further said they would re-brand some of the activities around the event.

"We are going to re-brand the concept of the kgotla, which has always been in existence in the activities of SOTS," said Boogie Sid.

In the conversations around the kgotla, he said they would engage experts, custodians of culture to speak on certain cultural topics to the youth.

"Culture is the fabric of every nation, therefore it is important to continuously revitalise it and talk about its preservation and promotion," said Boogie Sid.

He, however, highlighted that it was important for the corporate sponsors to come on board to constantly keep the cultural event relevant so that activities such as metswaiso chillas, dikhwaere, setapa and food would remain part of the event.

Bana Ba Mmala is a non-profit organisation whose proceeds from fundraising activities including SOTS cultural festival are used for cultural research.

Some of the funded research was the documenting of the Setswana games as well as modern ones and olden Setswana poetry, the packaging of tribal histories into three paragraphs versions as well as the documentation of the Setswana attire and packaging of Botswana dances, among others. **BOPA**



Seagile said the Peoples Festival will feature Makhadzi.



Molale is one of the cyclist who will compete in the Road National Championships in Otse on Sunday.

Botswana Under 20 boys in fair group - coach

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - The national Under 20 football team is expected to progress from Group A in the 2022 COSAFA Under-20 championship to be held in eSwatini next month.

The team will face Zambia, eSwatini and Mauritius. The tournament will also be used to qualify teams for the 2023 Total Energies AFCON U-20 tournament in Egypt. The top two teams in the tournament will automatically qualify.

National U-20 coach, Innocent Ranku, said in an interview that the draw was fair considering the countries they were pitted against.

He noted that Zambia was the only country ranked above

Botswana and that he knew their style of play, adding they used the same approach in all their national teams. He said Mauritius was a closed book to them, but Botswana was confident of victory against them.

Ranku also said most of the U-20 Zambian players were already playing in their elite league and that they would have to dig deep when they faced them.

As for eSwatini, Ranku said they had played a friendly against them and he had a plan for them.

The coach said preparing for the tournament was a challenge because most of his players were not playing in the elite league and that others did not have enough game time in their respective leagues.

He said another challenge was that they used the same players with the Under 23 team who were preparing for the Olympic qualifiers.

"I cannot say I have players at the moment and the competition is just around the corner. I do not know what is going to happen," he said.

He said his goal was to reach the semi-finals and ultimately finish in a respectable position in the competition. Ranku said with good preparations, he was confident that they could make history and qualify for U-20 AFCON.

Group B is made up of Mozambique, Angola, Seychelles and Lesotho while Group C comprises of Namibia, South Africa, Comoros and Malawi. **BOPA**

Bayern down Barcelona in UEFA Champions League

BERLIN - Bayern Munich made it two wins from two in this season's UEFA Champions League after goals from Lucas Hernandez

and Leroy Sane, edging a wasteful Barcelona 2-0 in Group C on Tuesday.

Barcelona started powerfully on the road and created the first opportunity as Pedri tested Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer with a low shot from eight meters in the ninth minute.

Former Bayern striker Robert Lewandowski then had a great chance to break the deadlock, but the unmarked Pole pulled over the target with 18 minutes gone.

Lewandowski remained in the thick of things and kept Neuer busy as the Bayern keeper had to save a dangerous header on target three minutes later.

The visitors were the more energetic team as Raphinha unleashed a promising long-range effort at the half-hour mark.

Bayern needed some time to gain a foothold into the clash, with the next chance not coming until the 31st minute, when Marcel Sabitzer lacked accuracy in front of the goal.

Barcelona came out with all guns blazing after the restart and

should have opened the scoring, but Raphinha's hammer went just wide.

However, the opener was scored at the other end and against the run of the play, as Joshua Kimmich's long ball found Hernandez, who headed home to mark the opener in the 50th minute.

Bayern's goal shocked the visitors, and the home side made it 2-0 four minutes later, after Sane benefitted from Jamal Musiala's good build-up work and through-ball to beat Barcelona custodian Marc-Andre ter Stegen.

The Blaugrana sparked into life again at the hour mark when Lewandowski rattled the woodwork from six meters. It remained Barcelona's last opportunity as Bayern stood firm to secure all three points on home soil.

"The result doesn't tell the full story. Our first-half performance merited much more than a goalless draw at halftime. We had opportunities to take the lead," said Barcelona midfielder Pedri. **Xinhua**

Leading cyclists to battle in Road National Championships

By Tshepi More

GABORONE - The country's leading cyclists are expected to battle it out at the Road National Championships in Otse on Sunday.

Elite and Under 23 riders in the likes of Mark van Zyl, Lloyd Molale, Gontse Lethokwe, Abeng Maletse, Nonofu Maswabi, Moseki and Matlhogonolo Bothole will compete for the national titles.

It remains to be seen whether 28-year-old Lethokwe of Team Swift will re-claim the national road title or if Maletse who was crowned second to Lethokwe in the recent BCA MTB XCO national championships would rise to the occasion.

The 2022 MTB XCO national champion will tussle with teammates; Molale and Maletse as well as his team from Jwaneng Cycling Club.

Van Zyl's talent could bring a difference in this year's nationals.

He said he would take the race as it comes and use it as a learning curve as the route and area were new to him.

"It will be a first for me riding in the area. I noticed there are a few nice punchy climbs which will

make the race interesting.

The elevation suits me perfectly, it is a rolling terrain full of ups and downs," he said.

For his part, Lethokwe said he would work with his teammates to record victory.

"I will be helping my teammates this time but if things change along the way I will have to improvise. The route distance is far stretched.

140km is a long race, and with potholes, high elevation and changes in road surfaces it will be difficult to determine how the race will go, but we are ready," he said.

Molale concurred with him and added that the route was rather challenging but worthy to host the nationals.

"It has one of the highest climbs Botswana has to offer and it is perfect. I have a team to work with and we are looking forward to taking on the victory in terms of displaying teamwork," he said.

The elite female rider, Maswabi, said she was determined to win despite the uphill and windy route.

"I aim to improve my time and finish under 2hrs 30min, and I need to be on the breakaway bunch to achieve that," Maswabi said.

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Hernandez



van Zyl

Systems receive sponsorship

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - Botswana Insurance Company (BIC) has announced a P1 750 000 sponsorship to premier league side, Security Systems FC.

Speaking during the sponsorship launch in Gaborone on Tuesday, BIC Group chief executive officer, Newton Jazire,

said this would be a five-year deal. Jazire said Security Systems displayed a brave and exciting play in the previous season.

"As BIC, we were excited by the way Security Systems exhibited their craft and we trust that they will continue to improve and bring silverware in the coming season," he said.

Jazire urged other companies

to be involved in football development.

He said partnerships were critical in growing the national sporting arena to monumental heights. Jazire called on Batswana to be part of the mission by attending matches. "Fill up the stadiums both on green and sandy fields," he said, adding Batswana needed to show up in large

numbers to bring life to football. Security Systems' managing director, Gabriel Nkgetse, expressed gratitude towards BIC, saying the sponsorship showed that BIC was passionate about sport development.

Nkgetse promised that the team would work harder in the coming season to prove that it indeed deserved such support.

For his part, the team chairperson, Lenamile Letsogile, said football in Botswana was yet to reach its epic level and teams were struggling to meet their daily demands.

Letsogile said the gesture from BIC would go a long way in motivating not only players, but supporters to go an extra mile. **BOPA**



Jazire (left) and Nkgetse during the sponsorship launch in Gaborone on Tuesday. Jazire said, through the P1 750 000 sponsorship to Security Systems FC, BIC showed commitment to boost football development. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

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