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Methodist church empowers women

By Kgotsotalang Botsang

SELEBI PHIKWE - Methodist Church of Southern

Africa-Molopo District has donated grocery and toiletry to the Francistown-based gender based violence (GBV) centre in

support of the latter's mission to protect women and children.

The church also donated garden tools and water tanks towards a

food project and further donated 33 pairs of shoes and learning materials to St Peters school's special education class.

Molopo District, made up of eight circuits; Gaborone, Lobatse, Botswana Central, Francistown, Ngamiland, Lehurutshe, Mafikeng and Lichtenburg held a four-day women's convention in Selebi Phikwe recently.

The district's president, Ms Diabile Morokane, said in an interview that the Methodist Church did not exist in isolation from the community, therefore social ills and other issues affecting the community also affected the church.

She said the women organisation of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa took a stance not to be silent about community issues and had, therefore, put programmes in place for poverty alleviation in line with the church's vision on transformation and social holiness.

On poverty and GBV, Ms Morokane said since 2020, the church had been on a drive to identify and empower women by training and capacitating them to be able to assist those affected by poverty and GBV.

She said the organisation had also been focusing on needy children where each district assisted by donating learning materials.

"We are a church that embraces women, preaches love and make a difference in people's lives," she said.

The Methodist church is also dedicated to creating a more inclusive and welcoming world for all members of the community including homosexuals and transgenders.

Member of the LGBT Task Team for the Methodist Church



Ms Morokane

of Southern Africa, Ms Tshepo Kgositau, commended the church for taking a stance to create an inclusive environment for members of the community.

She said everybody was created in the image of God hence the need to give all equal love and support not only in the church but also in the outside world.

"Our responsibility as women is to give love and build one another," she said.

A member of the Methodist Church and also the former Assistant Minister of Local Government and Rural Development Ms Botlogile Tshireletso commended the women organization for focusing on women empowerment and GBV.

She said it was humbling to see the church helping government address community problems and promoting equality and inclusiveness in the church.

She encouraged other organisations to follow suit by addressing GBV and all forms of discrimination. **BOPA**



Members of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa-Molopo District at a women convention in Selebi Phikwe over the weekend. The women's wing aims to empower women so that they can provide for their families, create an inclusive environment for all as well as address social ills within communities. Photo: Kgotsotalang Botsang

CoA sets Kauxwi man free

By Bonang Masolotat

GABORONE - A man, who was convicted of unlawful possession of six elephant tusks, Morerwa Mbasera, was on Friday freed from a six and half-year prison term imposed on him by Shakawe Magistrate Court on December 2018.

Mbasera, a Kauxwi native, was convicted of unlawful possession of six elephant tusks and a fine of P20 000 payable on same day or six and half years imprisonment in default of the payment.

Three and half years were wholly suspended for three years on condition that he alongside other co-accused would not commit the same offence.

Mbasera's failure to pay the fine saw him being imprisoned for the offence.

However, the Court of Appeal

(CoA) quashed both the conviction and sentence, thereby acquitting and discharging Mbasera.

A panel, which comprised Justices Leatile Dambe, Jennifer Dube and Tebogo Tau stated that there was no evidence to prove beyond reasonable doubt that Mbasera was in possession of the said elephant tusks.

"With no evidence linking the appellant with the elephant tusks, this conviction cannot be allowed to stand."

The panel concurred that it was misdirection on part of the magistrate to hold that it was highly unlikely that first accused Moronga Dikore would implicate Mbasera and another unless he knew of their involvement in the tusks.

The appeals court said Dikore made the allegations in the presence of witnesses who were invited by the police to watch the search.

Dikore had also said the tusks belonged to Mbasera and another, so he was holding them on their behalf, the evidence which the appeals court said was admissible against the maker and could not be used against Mbasera at the trial.

Furthermore, the court said during trial, Dikore said it was the police who asked him about Mbasera and he denied ever implicating Mbasera.

Mbasera, alongside other accused, were arraigned on a charge of unlawful possession of elephant tusks, contrary to Section 61 (1) of the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act (Cap 38:01) laws of Botswana.

The particulars of the offence were that the accused persons on September 21, 2016 at Kauxwi in the North West Administrative District acting in concert unlawfully had in their possession six elephant tusks valued at P60, 715 and weighing P45, 3 kilogrammes. **BOPA**



Jwaneng mayor, Ms Olga Ditsie performing the official ground-breaking for the town council's road maintenance projects worth over P6 million. Photo: Kehumile Moekejo

Ministry opens Gaborone flyovers

GABORONE - The Ministry of Transport and Public Works has opened to the public the three grade separated intersections (often referred to as flyovers) in Gaborone.

A statement from the ministry states that additional safety works have been put in place at the intersections (Game City, Rainbow school and Btv).

The ministry has cautioned the

public to exercise patience whilst using the intersections and to take heed of all safety features, including obeying road signs and markings that have been put in place. **BOPA**

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Members of the public are hereby notified that there will be a public auction sale by Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) of valuable assets at Lobatse as indicated below:

STATION	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	VIEWING DATES	AUCTION DATE
Lobatse	BURS Regional Office, Pitikwe, Plot Number 6414, Gaopalelwe Tholwane Road.	27 April 2023 – 28 April 2023	02 May 2023

The following terms and conditions shall apply;

- The goods may be viewed two working days before the set auction date. There will be no viewing of assets on the auction date.
- The auction will start at 8.30am.
- All the assets will be sold with a reserve price and only bids equivalent or above the reserve price will be considered.
- Prospective bidders shall pay a refundable deposit of P5,000.00 (five thousand pula) cash for intended purchase of P15, 000.00 and above.
- Prospective bidders for items/goods of reserved price less than P15,000.00 shall pay a refundable deposit of P500.00 (five hundred pula) cash.
- A bidder who paid a refundable deposit of P 5000,00 shall be allowed to bid for lots under the reserve price of P15,000.00 as well.
- Goods will be sold to citizens of Botswana & wholly citizen owned companies only (certified proof required).
- Only those potential bidders who have paid the required deposit and have been issued with the official receipt will be allowed into the auction yard.
- Each bidder will be issued with a bidding card based on the refundable deposit paid. Bidders shall not be allowed to sell their bidding cards to anybody.
- Refundable deposits may be paid from the 17th April 2023 to 28th April 2023 during working hours between 0800 hours and 1530 hours. No deposits shall be collected on the auction day. 11. Refundable deposits should be paid at Lobatse BURS Regional Office ONLY.
- Deposits shall be returned to unsuccessful bidders immediately after the auction.
- The bidder whose name appears on the official deposit receipt shall be the only one allowed to claim back the deposit.
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3	1	RED TRACTOR MASSEY FERGUSON 290	LOBATSE	85,000.00
4	1	SILVER TOYOTA FORTUNER	LOBATSE	80,000.00
5	1	SILVER TOYOTA FORTUNER	LOBATSE	75,000.00
6	1	WHITE NISSAN NP300	LOBATSE	45,000.00
7	1	WHITE NISSAN NP300	LOBATSE	45,000.00
8	1	WHITE NISSAN NP300	LOBATSE	45,000.00
9	1	WHITE NISSAN NP300	LOBATSE	25,000.00
10	1	WHITE NISSAN 2.4	LOBATSE	35,000.00
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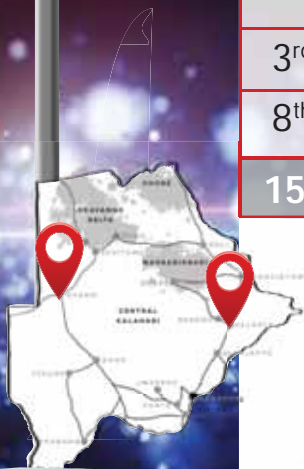
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ROADSHOW SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	VENUE
SOUTH		
17 th April	Gantsi	Sefalana Mall
19 th April	Kang	Choppies Complex
21 st April	Tsabong	Shoppers Complex
24 th April	Jwaneng	Old Mall
25 th - 26 th April	Kanye	RAC
27 th April	Lobatse	New Mall
28 th - 29 th April	Molepolole	Kgari Sechele Senior
1 st - 2 nd May	Mahalapye	Bus Rank
3 rd - 4 th May	Serowe	Bus Rank
5 th - 6 th May	Letlhakane	RAC
NORTH		
17 th - 18 th April	Palapye	Behind Chicken Licken
19 th - 20 th April	Selebi Phikwe	Sefalana Mall
21 st April	Bobonong	Choppies Complex
22 nd April	Mmadinare	Mmadinare Senior
24 th - 25 th April	Francistown	Galo Mall
26 th April	Masunga	Choppies Complex
27 th April	Tutume	Tutume Mall
28 th April	Nata	Engen
1 st May	Kasane	Library
3 rd - 5 th May	Maun	Bus Rank
8 th May	Shakawe	Fours
15 th May	Gaborone	Railpark



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I'm going nowhere - Kruger

By Esther Mmolai

NXARAGA - A farmer operating an irrigation project on the banks of the Thamalakane River has dismissed reports that he intends to abandon the project and relocate to South Africa.

Mr Koos Kruger cultivates maize, sugar beans, cow peas, tomatoes, oranges, bananas and lucerne on a 200 hectare piece of land. He said the project had not collapsed, but he was scaling down because of the drying up of Thamalakane River.

Mr Kruger said he had no intention to relocate from Nxaraga.

He decided to venture into irrigation farming because of the abundant water from the river.

However, the water was currently low, hence the decision to sell some of the machinery and equipment while waiting for the river to fill in.

Once the water arrives, he said he would expand production to improve food security in the country.

Mr Kruger said his farm had planted 15 hectares of oranges and that they were struggling to water them.

He also said this year's floods did not last long and that it resulted in all his bananas dying.

However, he said tomatoes, watermelons and butternuts would be ready for harvest in June.

Mr Kruger also said the down-scaling would not affect his

employees and that he had 15 permanent workers and during harvesting he engaged 30 casual labours.

"We are doing our best to keep

our staff even though we are downsizing.

We are hopeful that our budget will allow us to keep them until we are back on our feet," said. **BOPA**

China growth contributes to global financial stability - IMF official

WASHINGTON DC - China's economic growth is important for both Chinese and global financial stability at a time when the global financial system is showing considerable strains, an International Monetary Fund (IMF) official has said.

"I think growth is a crucial recipe for financial stability.

There cannot be financial stability without growth, it's a super important point to make," Fabio Natalucci, deputy director of the Monetary and Capital Markets Department at the IMF, told Xinhua on Wednesday.

"So growth in China, it's important for Chinese financial stability.

As a part of the global economy, it's important to restore growth at the aggregate level, as well as to contribute to financial stability," said Natalucci, who is responsible for the Global Financial Stability Report (GFSR).

China is an important global player, due to its contribution to global growth and participation in the global financial market, said Natalucci.

"So China clearly has to play an important role in trying to address these financial stability concerns," he said.

"What we're seeing essentially is a financial system, a global financial system that is being tested by this new environment of higher rates and higher inflation.

That's why we think that financial stability risks are increased now," he said.

"The big question is whether rates and inflation are going to stay higher, what particular interest rate level, or whether we're going to go back to what we were used to pre-pandemic?

This is going to affect risk-taking and also the vulnerability in the financial system," said Natalucci.

There is a need to analyze what happened in the banking sectors of countries like the United States and Switzerland from an internal risk management perspective, from a supervisory perspective and from a regulatory perspective, he said.

"It's important to keep in mind that the stocktake also needs to be done at the global level, because how some of these financial institutions behave has an impact and repercussion across the globe," Natalucci said.

Multilateral efforts should be strengthened to reduce geopolitical tensions and economic and financial fragmentation on which the latest GFSR had a chapter, said Natalucci.

"There is a cost policymakers need to be aware of and those costs come in terms of cross-border capital flows, in terms of the health of the global financial system, as well as in the ability of investors to diversify risk.

So that cost of financial fragmentation, it's something that needs to be considered very carefully," he said.

He suggested international regulatory and standard-setting bodies, such as the Financial Stability Board and the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, should continue to promote global financial regulatory standards to minimize financial fragmentation.

Climate change policy is another area where Natalucci thought "global coordination and cooperation, multilateralism approach are important."

"Climate change is a global threat. Climate policy taken by one country, one jurisdiction impacts other countries as well.

Increased climate change affect everyone. So I think their coordination in terms of response is crucial." **Xinhua**



Mr Kruger has dismissed reports that his irrigation project has collapsed and that he will relocate to South Africa. He said the project was up and running, but they were down scaling because of the drying of the Thamalakane River. Photo: Esther Mmolai

Montana's TikTok ban triggers outcry from civil rights activists

LOS ANGELES - The Republican-led house of the state of Montana Friday approved a bill banning TikTok in the state, triggering nationwide opposition.

According to the bill, entities such as Apple and Google's app stores and TikTok itself will be prohibited from allowing residents in Montana to download TikTok.

Entities that violate the ban will face penalties of up to US\$10 000 per day, read the bill, without specifying how the state would enforce or monitor the ban.

The prohibition will take effect from January 2024 if enacted.

However, a representative from the tech group, TechNet, said it would be impossible to enforce the law as Apple and Google app stores were unable to geofence apps on a state-by-state basis.

A previous version of the bill had required Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to block connections to TikTok in Montana, a task that ISP representatives said was not feasible.

Soon after Friday's vote, TikTok condemned the bill on both logistical and first amendment grounds.

"The bill's champions have

admitted that they have no feasible plan for operationalising this attempt to censor American voices and that the bill's constitutionality will be decided by the courts," TikTok spokesperson Brooke Oberwetter said in a statement on Twitter.

"We will continue to fight for TikTok users and creators in Montana whose livelihoods and First Amendment rights are threatened by this egregious government overreach," she said in the statement.

In an open letter sent to the Montana House of Representatives, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), ACLU of Montana, and half a dozen free speech and civil liberties organizations pointed out that passing the legislation would flout the First Amendment and trample on Montanans' constitutional right to freedom of speech.

The ACLU called the move a violation of free speech rights that "would set an alarming precedent for excessive government control over how Montanans use the Internet."

"The government cannot impose a total ban on a communications

platform like TikTok unless it is necessary to prevent extremely serious, immediate harm to national security.

But there's no public evidence of harm that would meet the high bar set by the U.S. and Montana Constitutions," said the ACLU.

Riana Pfefferkorn, a research scholar at the Stanford Internet Observatory, said the jurisprudence of the First Amendment was clear on this case.

"It's clearly unconstitutional," she told the US monthly Wired, as Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen 'admitted the purpose was to keep people from both saying and hearing legal speech.'

Moreover, civil rights advocates noted that Montana's bid against TikTok was just the latest example showing that the US authority tried to cite so-called "national security" as an excuse to violate people's legal rights.

"Government has long appealed to 'national security interests' to justify intrusions on protected First Amendment activity," said Ari Cohn, free speech counsel at TechFreedom, a non-profit, non-partisan technology think tank based in Washington, DC. **Xinhua**

NARDI IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BUAN LAUNCHES DIVAGRI BIO BASED TECHNOLOGIES IN BOTSWANA



Minister of Agriculture-Honourable Fidelis Molao delivering keynote address



NARDI Chief Executive Officer Professor Julius Atlhopheng giving NARDI Overview



BUAN Project Principal Investigator Professor Khumoetsile Mmolawa and NARDI Project Principal Investigator Dr Pharoah Mosupi giving overview of DIVAGRI



Mr Stephen Pillar from Dibongwana, giving the farmers perspective on agricultural production



The Area Member of Parliament and also Minister of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology, Honourable Dr Douglas Letsholathebe giving vote of thanks



Project leader explaining about the Solar Supported Bio-gas Digester technology



Project leader explaining about the Low-Tech Mobile Kilns for production of Biochar from biowaste and waste heat utilization, Valorization of farming residues through biorefinery processes (mushroom production) technology



National Agricultural Research & Development Institute



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National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI) and the Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) recently launched a project called Revenue Diversification Pathways in Africa through bio-based and Circular Agricultural Innovations (DIVAGRI). The launch was held at Impala Research Station in Francistown on the 30th March 2023 and it was officiated by the Minister of Agriculture-Honourable Fidelis Molao.

DIVAGRI project aims to improve resilience, productivity, crop diversity, income, and economic activities of small holder farmers in arid and semi-arid regions of Sub-Saharan Africa, by adopting integrated bio-based and circular innovations. The technologies launched were Self Regulating, Low Energy Clay-based Irrigation (SLECI), Multi-functional Constructed Wetlands, Solar Supported Bio-gas Digester, Low-Tech Mobile Kilns for production of Biochar from biowaste and waste heat utilization, Valorization of farming residues through biorefinery processes (mushroom production, insect farming, distillation and extraction of biological compounds from agricultural residue and selected plants).

When delivering the keynote address, Honorable Molao said that he finds the project more interesting because the adoption of these technologies comes with a strong business development component, which should transform our farmers from the traditional subsistence farmers to agripreneurs. He added that, "successful technology transfer does not only mean availability of crop varieties, animal breeds, machines, and equipment, but also incorporates the skills, abilities, knowledge, systems and processes necessary to make the agricultural sector develop and change for the better". Honourable Molao summed up by immensely thanking the European Union, on behalf of the Government of Botswana, for sponsoring this project through the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme.

When giving an overview of NARDI, NARDI Chief Executive Officer Professor Julius Atlhopheng stated that NARDI is mandated to generate innovative solutions for the agricultural sector, and it cannot do so alone, hence seeking strategic partners in the area of research to improve the country's food security and farmers' livelihoods.

BUAN Project Principal Investigator Professor Khumoetsile Mmolawa gave the overview of DIVAGRI. He said that DIVAGRI is implemented by a consortium of twenty (20) African and European institutions and European Commission sponsored the entire project to the tune of 122 million and NARDI and BUAN have been awarded 12.8 million and 7.2 million respectively.

Impala in the Northeast district and

Mmamanaka in Bobirwa subdistrict are two NARDI stations where the identified technologies will be piloted, then demonstrated in selected farmers' fields around the pilot sites. A total of seven (7) demonstration sites consisting of farms used for production of dryland field crops and horticulture produce have been selected at Molalatau, Ntshimanyana and Maiswe in Bobirwa subdistrict, Ditladi and Nlapkhwane in the Northeast district, and Dibongwana in Tonota district. Four of these are linked to the Impala pilot site while three will work with the Mmamanaka station.

NARDI Project Principal Investigator Dr Pharoah Mosupi summed up that the demonstrated bio-based technologies will be further co-developed with smallholder farmers through the Communities of Practice (CoPs), Learning Practice Alliances (LPAs), and Knowledge Sharing Centres (KSC). These technologies will be coupled with business solutions targeting farming inputs, farming practices, processing, and access to markets. The demonstration sites will be operated by the owner farmers and will benefit farmers' clusters around them (Communities of Practice).

When giving the farmers perspective, Mr Stephen Pillar from Dibongwana stated that while agricultural production is a source of revenue creation, job creation, and food security, farmers are still faced with various challenges that force them to continuously to re-use and re-create. He said that as farmers, they appreciate the government and its parastatals for bringing innovative, cost-effective solutions to the sector. He summarized that farmers continue to seek additional involvement from all stakeholders on issues such as climate change, skills development, machinery and equipment, markets, farmer group empowerment, farm labour, land, and so on.

The Area Member of Parliament and also Minister of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology, Honourable Dr Douglas Letsholathebe thanked all stakeholders for choosing to launch the initiative at Impala Research Station and urged the local farmers to take advantage of such opportunities to boost the agricultural productivity.

Amongst other dignitaries the launch was also graced by Kgosi Oganne Polsen of Matshelegabedi, the North-East District Commissioner Mr Gobe Macha, North-East District Council Chairman, North-East District Council Secretary, NARDI Acting Board Chairperson Dr Mbatshi Mazwiduma, North-East District Agricultural Coordinator Mr. Gwilizani Maposa, Selibe Phikwe Economic Diversification Unit- Director of Strategic Projects Mr. Maiba Samunzala, Dikgosi, Village Development representatives and Councilors from the various community of practices involved.



Maitengwe police project completion May

PARLIAMENT - Construction of Maitengwe Police Station, which commenced in October 2017, is expected to be completed next month.

Answering a parliamentary question recently, Minister of Transport and Public Works, Mr Eric Molale explained that the project was behind schedule because of a number of factors that affected progress including poor project management, which resulted in very critical cash flow challenges.

"These problems were compounded by inadequate project supervision which resulted in delays due to the requirement for the rectification of defective works and, the COVID-19 pandemic," Mr Molale said.

He said the project, which was awarded to Engicon at a contract sum of P 74 875 933.44, was currently at 95 per cent.

"In an effort to assist the contractor to complete the project, the ministry has been guaranteeing suppliers direct payment on delivery of materials

required. Some of the pending works include re-doing some of roadways, construction of sewer ponds, and rectification of defective works or snags as well as testing and commissioning," Mr Molale said.

He added that the contractor was issued with notice to correct due to his slow progress as well as notice of liquidated ascertained damages on July 14, 2021.

"The liquidated ascertained damages have been deferred to assist the contractor with cash flow and due to non-payment of prolongation fees, consultants have been unable to go to site. At site meeting on January 24 this year, the contractor committed to complete this project by end of March this year," he said.

Nkange MP, Dr Never Tshabang, had asked the minister to update Parliament on the construction of Maitengwe Police Station, which he said had stalled for years.

He also wanted to know what had caused the delay and the measures in place to ensure the completion of the project. **BOPA**



Guterres

UN chief expresses concern over military clashes in Sudan

NEW YORK - UN secretary general Antonio Guterres remains deeply concerned about the continued clashes between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces in Sudan, his spokesman said Sunday.

Guterres strongly condemned the clashes that caused deaths and injuries of civilians, including the death of three staff members of the World Food Programme, with two others seriously injured.

Those responsible should be brought to justice without delay, said Stephane Dujarric in a statement.

The United Nations and other

humanitarian premises have also been hit by projectiles and looted in several locations in the western Sudanese region of Darfur.

The secretary-general reminded the parties of the need to respect international law, including the obligation to ensure the safety and security of all UN and associated personnel, their premises and their assets, the statement said.

Guterres reiterated his call for an immediate halt to the fighting and a return to dialogue, saying he will continue to engage with regional leaders and Sudanese stakeholders to find a way out of this crisis, it said. **Xinhua**



KUALA LUMPUR - Petronas Twin Towers shrouded in haze. Hundreds of schools were closed in Malaysia's Sarawak state after air quality dropped due to the ongoing haze, the state Education Department said recently. Air quality in several parts of the state were rated as 'unhealthy' with the Air Pollution Index reading between 120 and 186 points. Photo: Xinhua

Air quality reaches unhealthy levels in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR - Air quality in parts of Malaysia including the capital Kuala Lumpur has dropped to unhealthy levels, according to government data yesterday.

The worst hit parts of Malaysia include Penang state and Kuala Lumpur, which recorded air pollution index (API) readings of 151, according to the country's

Air Pollutant Index Management System managed by the Department of Environment under the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change.

According to the country's air quality rating, an API reading of zero to 50 is 'good,' 51 to 100 'moderate,' 101 to 200 'unhealthy,' 201 to 300 'very

unhealthy,' and 301 and above is 'hazardous.'

Several countries in the region have recorded unhealthy air quality in recent days with the Specialized Meteorological Center of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations showing a concentration of hotspots in the Indochina Peninsula. **Xinhua**

G7 ministers fail to set date for ending coal power use

SAPPORO - Group of Seven (G7) environment and energy ministers on Sunday failed to set a deadline for phasing out coal-powered energy despite vows for net-zero emissions as their two-day talks ended in the Japanese city of Sapporo.

The ministers underlined G7's commitment to 'accelerating the clean energy transition to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050' in a 36-page communique released

after the G7 Ministers' Meeting on Climate, Energy and Environment held from Saturday to Sunday.

More aggressive moves to reduce carbon emissions remain a highlighted difficulty for G7 as the world's major industrialised economies continue to clash on coal.

Japan, as host of the meetings, was reluctant to agree to a specific time frame for ending the resource-poor country's use

of coal given its likely need to rely on the energy source for at least most of the 2030s, national news agency Kyodo reported.

The inclusion of natural gas within the phase-out goals adds pressure on Japan, which plans to rely on the energy source for around 20 per cent of its electricity generation in fiscal 2030, alongside coal for roughly 19 per cent and crude oil for around 2 per cent, the report added. **Xinhua**



KARUIZAWA - Deputy secretary general of the European External Action Service (EEAS), Enrique Mora, British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Japan's Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi, Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Joly, French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna and Italy's Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani at a welcoming ceremony for G7 Foreign Ministers' meeting in Japan on Sunday. Photo: Xinhua

Confucius celebrate Chinese language, culture

BRAZZAVILLE - The Confucius Classroom in Brazzaville, the capital of the Republic of the Congo, held an open house Saturday ahead of the UN Chinese Language Day on April 20, to celebrate the Chinese language and Chinese culture.

The event was set to popularise and promote traditional Chinese medicine, including acupuncture, cupping therapy and Chinese massage.

Five doctors of the 29th Chinese medical mission working at the Sino-Congolese Friendship Hospital in Brazzaville were invited for volunteer medical consultations.

"It's the first time I've undergone an acupuncture session and I found it very interesting. I had pain in my joints and after this session, I feel very relieved," said Elo Gertrude, a patient who promised to encourage her relatives to use traditional Chinese medicine.

Zhang Dejie, a member of the Chinese medical mission, said he was happy to see Congolese people, especially young people, taking an interest in Chinese medicine.

"This is the first time that we are organising such sessions and hope that more sessions could be held in other cities," he said.

The event also featured games and presentations of Chinese martial art, culinary culture and Chinese characters.

Wang Yulan, the director of the Confucius Classroom, was delighted with the success of this first organization which, according to her, is certainly not the last.

"As more and more Congolese friends are getting to understand the Chinese language and

culture, we, the Chinese and Congolese are also getting closer to know each other. That is the charm of language and culture," she said.

Confucius Classrooms are an extension of the Confucius Institute program. Whereas Confucius Institutes are university-based, Confucius Classrooms are partnerships with local schools and education centers with the goal of strengthening the Chinese language and culture programs at the school and in the local area. *Xinhua*



BRAZZAVILLE - A Chinese doctor demonstrating Chinese massage therapy at an open house hosted by the Confucius Classroom in the Republic of the Congo on Saturday. Photo: Xinhua

WFP halts work in Sudan after employees' death

ROME - The head of the Rome-based United Nations World Food Program (WFP) said Sunday that the organisation would temporarily halt its humanitarian activities in Sudan, a day after three employees were killed in the country.

WFP Executive Director Cindy McCain said she was 'appalled and heartbroken' by the deaths, which took place in the Kabkabiya district of the North Darfur state in Sudan.

In a statement, McCain confirmed reports that the workers were killed 'while carrying out their lifesaving duties on the front lines of the global hunger crisis.'

She also said two other WFP workers were injured in the same attack.

The deceased workers were all Sudan nationals, according to media reports.

In a separate incident that also took place on Saturday, an aircraft belonging to WFP's

Humanitarian Air Service was seriously damaged at Khartoum International Airport, WFP said.

"Any loss of life in humanitarian service is unacceptable and I demand immediate steps to guarantee the safety of those who remain," McCain said.

"Aid workers are neutral and should never be a target. Threats to our teams make it impossible to operate safely and effectively in the country and carry out WFP's critical work."

McCain said that WFP would temporarily halt all its activities in Sudan while reviewing the security situation in the war-torn country.

"WFP is committed to assisting the Sudanese people who are facing dire food insecurity," McCain said.

"But we cannot do our lifesaving work if the safety and security of our teams and partners is not guaranteed." Violent clashes erupted on

Saturday between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Khartoum and other cities, where the two sides traded accusations of initiating the conflict.

Sudan's Central Doctors' Committee said that at least 56 civilians had been killed while

595 more have been injured, among them soldiers who are in critical condition.

UN secretary general Antonio Guterres on Saturday strongly condemned the outbreak of fighting between the two forces, said his spokesman, and called on the two sides to immediately cease hostilities. *Xinhua*

WWF moves to protect water sources in Tanzania

DAR ES SALAAM - The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), a global conservation organisation, has embarked on a programme aimed at protecting water sources for more than 11 million people in Tanzania's Morogoro and Dar es Salaam regions.

Happiness Minja, WWF Tanzania programme officer for Sustainable Investment for Africa, said Sunday, under the programme, WWF Tanzania would distribute 20 000 tree seedlings to people free of charge for planting around water sources along Uluguru Mountains in Morogoro region.

"Most of the tree seedlings

will be for fruits and spices such as cloves that help to conserve water sources," said Minja when she supervised the distribution of the tree seedlings in Kinole ward in Morogoro region.

She said the programme would be undertaken in four wards of Morogoro region along the Uluguru Mountains where water sources for rivers that supply water to Dar es Salaam and Morogoro regions are located.

The Morogoro region agricultural officer, Chesco Lwaduka, said that more than 20 million tree seedlings were needed to protect water sources along the Uluguru Mountains. *Xinhua*



JERUSALEM - People visiting Yad Vashem, Israel's official Holocaust memorial on Sunday. Israel's national annual Holocaust remembrance day will be marked on Monday and Tuesday. Photo: Xinhua

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Tiriso bothhaswa ya bana e a kekela

By Keagetswe Motsumi

MOGODITSHANE - Go gola ga dipalo tsa tlhakanelo dikobo le bana ba ba dingwaga tse di kwa tlase ga lesome le boferabobedi go a tshwenya.

Se, se tshalositswe kwa thuto-seka dipuisanyong e e neng e rulagantswe ke ke mokgatlo wa Chiro go tswa mo kerekeng ya Roman Catholic kwa Mogoditshane bosheng.

Fa a arogana le batsena phuthego, Inspector Betty Monyere a re kgaolo ya Mogoditshane le yone e amilwe ke dikgang tsa bana ba ba tlhakanelang dikobo ba sa le ba botlana.

Inspector Monyere o boletse fa seemo se se tshwenya ka bana ba senyegelwa ke bokamoso.

Ka jalo a re dikgang tse di tshwanetswe go salwa morago go bona gore di bakwa ke eng, mme kwa bofelong go batlwe tharabololo.

“Go le gantsi dikgang tsa mofuta o, di felela di ama ngwana ka o a bo a dirisitswe bothhaswa mme a sa kgone go ipuelelela,” ga bua Mme Monyere.

A re banana ba tshwanetse ba ikgaphe mo go tlhakaneleng dikobo ba santse ba le botlana, ka se se ba leswafatsa, le go gola

ka maikutlo a a tshwenyegileng.

O tswetse a re lefatshe le amilwe ke tiriso bothhaswa ya nnotagi selo se se setseng se baka koketsego mo go tsa kgokgontsho ya bong ka jalo ba-nale-seabe ba seka ba ipona tsapa mo go thuseng puso go lwantsha mmaba o.

“Dipalo tsa kgokgontsho tsa ngwaga wa 2021-2022 tsa kgaolo ya Mogoditshane di supa fa di wetse tlase, seo e le sekao sa gore molaetsa o goroga sentle mo setshabeng,” ga bua Inspector Monyere.

A re kgokgontsho e mefuta mentsi mme e akaretsa kgokgontsho ya mmele, kgokgontsho ya tsa tlhakanelo dikobo, kgokgontsho ya tsa itsholelo le kgokgontsho ya tlhologanyo le maikutlo.

Mogokaganyi wa mokgatlo wa Chiro Rre Duncan Motlhokodise a re ba ne ba bona go le maleba go simolodisa mokgatlo o, e le tsela ya go tswa leledi mo bathong, ka manokonoko a kgokgontsho ya bong.

“Ka 2021 fa lefatshe le wetswe ke leroborobo la COVID-19, batho ba ne ba tsaya nako e ntsi ba le mmogo mo malwapeng mme kgokgontsho ya bong ya gola. Re le kereke ra rwala mokgoro go thusa puso mo go kgalemeng kgokgontsho le tiriso bothhaswa ya nnotagi,” ga tlhalosa

Rre Motlhokodise.

A re jaaka kgokgontsho e golela pele ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo, manokonoko a a bakiwang ke kgokgontsho le one a golela pele ka jalo a tshwanetse go emelwa ka dinao, ga dirwa tsotlhe tse di kgonegang gore e nyelediwe.

Rre Motlhokodise o rotloeditse borre go tswela kwa ntle mme ba bue ka dikgang tsa kgokgontsho le go lesa go latofatsa le go sireletsa badira molato, ka go swa se nku go ka se ba sologele molemo.

“Re le borre re na le letswalo la go tshaba go ikuela, ka re tshaba go tshegiwa mme seo ke sone se se felelang se baka dipolaano tse di tlang kutlo bothoko mo masakeng le ditsala tsa rona, ga bua Rre Motlhokodise.

O ne gape a kopa ba sepodisi go bereka ka natla go fa ba ba amegang sebaka sa go phuthologa fa ba begela mapodisi ditiragalo tsa kgokgontsho.

Mo go tse dingwe Mme Pearl Ramokoka yo o tswang kwa lekalang le le sa tswang go bopiwa go lwantsha tiriso ya ditagi la Drug Enforcement Agency a re batho ba ikgaphe mo tirisong bothhaswa ya nnotagi

ka e na le ditlamorago tse di sa siamang di tshwana le go latlhegelwa ke tlhologanyo.

A re o buisiwa se ke gore bangwe matshelo a bone a setse a gapilwe ke tiriso ya nnotagi phetelela mme a re seemo se se ka fenngwa fa mongwe le mongwe a ka nna le seabe, le go ntsha lentswe la kgalemo fa a lemoga fa dilo dingwe di sa tsamaye sentle mo tikologo e a leng mo go yone.

Mme Ramokoka a re ka ngwaga wa 2021 ba ne ba tshwara badirise le barekisi ba feta dikete di le lesome bontsi e le borre.

O tlhalositse gore go ne ga lemogiwa fa bagolo bangwe ba neela bana ba dikole go rekisa ditagi di tshwana le motokwane mme seo se ba ke gore bana ba felele ba o goga.

O tswetse a akgola tshwaragano ya dikereke le magosi ka e ka thusa go fenya mmaba yo.

A re kereke ke yone e ka bopang setshaba le go tsisa thitibalo le ledula gareng ga batho ka jalo a rotloetsa maloko a mokgatlo go tswela ba tsaya karolo ya go rutuntsha ka borai jwa nnotagi ka se e tlaa bo e le go tswaledisa letsema la go bopa setshaba. **BOPA**



Maloko a Tsamama Trust a rekisa nama ya kamela kwa kgotleng ya Tsabong bosheng. Mo nakong ya gompieno dikamela di feta makgolo a matlhano mme dipatlisiso tsa BUAN di supile fa palo ya dikamela e feta selekanyo se lefelo le ka se amogelang. Ka jalo khuduthamaga ya Tsamama Trust e tsere tshwetso ya go di tlhaba le go rekisa nama ya tsone. Trust gape e ikaelela go rekisa le di-tswa kameleng tse dingwe mo isagong. Senepe: Calviniah Kgautlhe

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOTSWANA HELD AT LOBATSE **CASE NO: UAHGB-000042-23**

In the ex parte application of:

CATHARI GROUP (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED **PETITIONER**

ORDER

Before the Honourable Mr Justice M. L. Motlhabi at Lobatse on this 6th day of March 2023.

UPON HEARING: Attorney Ms Mpho-Makati D. for the Petitioner and having read the documents filed of record.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Order is granted in terms of the draft as follows:

1. Directing and declaring that the Petition (*Alternatively* the relief sought in paragraphs 2 and 3 below and any ancillary relief pertaining thereto) be heard, determined and disposed of on urgent petition in accordance with the provisions of Order 12 Rule 12 and that the Petitioner's non-compliance with the forms and service provided for in the Orders be condoned *alternatively* that the requirement that the Petitioner comply with the forms and service provided for in the Order be dispensed with;
2. That the Respondent be placed under provisional order of winding-up in the hands of the Master of the above Honourable Court;
3. Allen Kapito be appointed as provisional liquidator, pending the appointment of a Liquidator by the Master;
4. Authorising the Provisional Liquidator, in terms of Section 384(4) of the Companies Act to carry on or discontinue the business of the Petitioner and continue if deemed desirable by the Provisional Liquidator;
5. That all actions and/or proceedings against Your Petitioner (if any) currently before the Court be stayed;
6. That a Rule Nisi be issued calling upon all interested persons to appear and show cause on 27th April 2023 at 0830 hours, why an order in the following terms should not be granted:
 - 6.1 That the Provisional Winding Up Order be made final;
 - 6.2 That the Costs of this Petition be the costs of the Winding Up of the Petitioner;
 - 6.3 Authorising the Provisional Liquidator, in terms of Section 384 (4)(e) of the Companies Act, to carry on or discontinue the business of the Petitioner if deemed desirable by the Provisional Liquidator; and
 - 6.4 That all actions and/or proceedings against the Petitioner currently before the Court be stayed.
7. That service of the provisional winding up order referred to in paragraph 2 above, is to be effected by once publication, in any newspaper circulating in Botswana, and the Government Gazette.

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

THE OWNER OF PLOT 2002 Tatisiding wishes to inform his neighbours of his intention to change land use from residential to multifamily residential. For any objections please contact Tatisiding Council or call the Architect on 76139600

OWNER OF PLOT 9591, Mabumahibidu ward, Bobonong would like to replace boundary fence with concrete wall. Any objections contact Bobirwa sub-district council physical planning office at 261 9274 within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

OWNERS OF PLOT 1952 Boseja Mochudi, notifies their neighbours about their intention to change their plot from single residential to multi-residential. Queries can be forwarded to Mochudi district council physical planning/ building control unit.

I, THUSOYAONE TSHOLOFELO of Plot 8008 in Gaborone, would like to change land use from single-family residential to multi-family residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Gaborone City Council, Physical Planning Office at Telephone No. 365 7400 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

I TSHEPO LIWAMBANI owner of plot 7436, Maratanang Tlokweng would like to erect boundary wall on the plot. If any objection, contact physical planning or building control at Tlokweng Sub-District Council at 369 5003

BTCL, OWNERS OF PLOT 1210, along old Lobatse road, adjacent to BHC office, intend to change land use from civic and community (training school) to commercial (mall and technology park). For any objections contact cell phone numbers 71 300 135 or 73 488 915 or physical planning office, Gaborone City Council.

OWNERS OF PLOT 9936, Pitsaneng, Kanye notifies their neighbours about their intention to change their plot from single residential to multi-residential. Queries can be forwarded to Kanye district council planning/building control unit

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APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITTLE DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a Certified Copy of a Deed of transfer No. 417/2008 dated 27TH February 2008, made in favour of NEO MAJUTA, in respect of the following property;
 CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot No.66309 - Gaborone.
 SITUATE: in Gaborone Administrative District.
 MEASURING: 800m2 (Eight Hundred Square Metres);
 HELD UNDER: Deed of Transfer No.417/2008 dated 27th February 2008 made in favour of NEO MAJUTA
All persons having objections to the issuance of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds **within three (3) weeks** from the last publication of this notice.
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IN THE ESTATE of the late **Reuben Mothibedi Mphetlhe** who died at Sir Ketumile Masire Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **6th day of July 2021.**

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

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Ausi G gets lifetime award

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - Gaolape Basuhi, affectionately known as Ausi G, has been bestowed with the Mosadi Khumo Lifetime Achievement award for her contribution to the local entertainment industry and her exceptional work.

She was celebrated at the Mosadi Khumo concert hosted by Khumo Studios at Molapo Piazza on Saturday.

The founder of Mogwana traditional dance group and a cultural activist, Ausi G was instrumental in paving the careers of many traditional song and dance performers as well as other creative performers.

Andrew Kola is one of the many dance directors groomed by Ausi G and

he formed a successful dance theatre group, Mophato Dance Theatre.

She applauded Khumo Studios for recognising her work and honouring her. Ausi G said women were often valued less than their male counterparts not only in the creative sector, but across all sectors. She commended Khumo Studios and Mosadi Khumo the initiative to honour and recognise women.

Mosadi Khumo event also showcased some of Botswana's talented poets, singers, speakers, actors and dancers at different stages of their careers.

The organisation seeks to inspire, encourage and empower women to pursue their dreams and passions in the entertainment industry. **BOPA**



Bonolo Moletsane (left) handing over a lifetime achievement award to Basuhi (second left) during Mosadi Khumo concert in Gaborone on Saturday. Basuhi is the founder of Mogwana traditional group and has made significant contributions to the creative industry. Photo: Pheno Moalosi

FREE STANDING ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY (FSAVC) RETIREMENT FUND

CALL FOR BENEFICIARIES OF THE LATE MR. ARNOLD MORUPISI MDLULI

The Board of Trustees of the Free Standing Additional Voluntary Contributions Retirement Fund wishes to inform and call upon the beneficiaries and dependants of the late **Mr. Arnold Morupisi Mdluli** who passed away on 20 July 2021.

May all beneficiaries and dependants kindly contact the Administrators of the Free Standing Additional Voluntary Contributions Retirement Fund Minet Botswana Retirement Solutions at Minet House, Plot 50368 Gaborone Business Park Showgrounds or call **Tlanelo Moepeng** on **72665098/ Refilwe Bashe** on **77989946** or switchboard on **3617300**.

You are required to provide proof of relationship with the late Mr. Mdluli.

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Botlhe ba kopiwa go tsia sesupo sa kamano le moswi Rre Mdluli.

Chinese expedition finds tallest tree in Guangxi

NANNING - Chinese scientists have identified a 72.4-meter-tall tree in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region as the tallest growing in the country's karst landscape.

The tree, a *Parashorea chinensis*, was found in March during a scientific expedition in Ningming County, according to the forestry department of Guangxi.

Aged nearly 150 years, the tree towers over a peak cluster depression, a rocky karst landscape that usually lacks thick, fertile soil required for the growth of a tall tree, scientists said. *Parashorea chinensis*

is a tall evergreen tree and an iconic rainforest species.

It is placed under top state protection in China. Despite the scanty soil in the depression, the giant tree appears to be in good condition.

Officials said the latest discoveries of the tree and a seasonal rainforest have pointed to the region's superior natural environment, which has benefited from decades of heightened protection efforts.

Researchers expect the tree to further grow in height as the closed terrain offers protection from strong winds and lightning strikes. *Xinhua*

Super Mario Bros. movie tops box office

LOS ANGELES - *The Super Mario Bros.* movie, an animated film based on Nintendo's Mario video game franchise, maintained its reign at the North American box office with an estimated three-day cume of US\$ 87 million during its second weekend of release, data from the measurement firm Comscore showed on Sunday.

The film from Nintendo and Illumination, being released worldwide by Universal Pictures, has grossed US\$347.8 million in North America from Friday to Sunday.

It currently stands as the highest-grossing film of the year in North America. The

film had 'a tremendous second weekend' against a mind-blowingly second-weekend drop, Comscore's senior movie analyst Paul Dergarabedian wrote in an email to *Xinhua*, noting that "its performance is a testament to the love audiences have for this incredibly fun romp at the multiplex."

Directed by Aaron Horvath and Michael Jelenic, *The Super Mario Bros.* movie features an all-star voice cast, including Chris Pratt as Mario.

Internationally, the film has grossed an estimated US\$330.1 million, including over US\$17.17 million from the Chinese mainland, pushing its total global revenue to US\$678 million. *Xinhua*

Table tennis super league resumes

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - The maiden Botswana Table Tennis Association Phoenix Assurance National Super League is hailed as a great success in the growth of sport.

Launching the league on Saturday, Head of Alternative

Distribution Channels at Phoenix Assurance, Pearl Maswibilili said the league would help grow the code and keep players fit, more especially those in the national team.

"The league, scheduled to end in June, will also prepare the national team for the coming International

Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Southern Region World Qualifiers 2023 billed for Gaborone from June 29 to July 2," she said.

Maswibilili said the company was committed to taking table tennis to the next level, hence their decision to associate with sport development since 2019.

She, therefore, urged the 16 players selected to partake in the league to use it as an opportunity to grow their level of competitiveness.

She said sport required precision, focus, and a high level of fitness and

urged players to use the challenges and rewards of table tennis to motivate them to fly the country's flag high.

Director of Sports Development at Botswana National Sports Commission, Peaceful Seleka expressed gratitude to private companies such as Phoenix Assurance Botswana for contributing to the development of sports. Seleka said in doing so, the private sector was augmenting what government was putting on the table to develop various

sporting codes.

"We primarily depend on government funding, therefore, efforts made by the private sector are highly commended," he said.

He said BTTA was one of the sporting associations that had proved its determination to grow by engaging players despite lack of funds.

He observed that a larger portion of what they received through various sponsorships was used to develop players.

Seleka said the introduction of the league was a commendable development as it would go a long way in encouraging competition and ultimately providing national team players with much-needed practice.

Meanwhile, BTTA President Kudzanani Motswagole said Phoenix Assurance had contributed immensely to the development of table tennis, as such the code was able to achieve its mandate of sport development.

Motswagole said the code was humbled and honoured to be associated with Phoenix Assurance as the sponsorship would help drive their mandate.

"We want to make table tennis one of the contributors to employment creation in the country," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the players, Olorato Ramagapu said as a result of support from Phoenix Assurance, table tennis experienced growth as witnessed by the increased number of players who were offered scholarships to study in India.

"We are given a reason to live and enjoy the sport. The little that we get impacts positively on our livelihoods," she said. **BOPA**



Tshephang Kebodiwang playing against Constance Kuswani at the start of the Botswana Table Tennis Association Phoenix Assurance National Super League in Gaborone on Saturday. The league, scheduled to end in June, will also prepare the national team for the coming ITTF Southern Region World Qualifiers 2023 billed for Gaborone from June 29 to July 2. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

Rollers beat Police to boost top four push

By Baleseng Batlotleng

OTSE - On form Township Rollers striker Terdius Uiseb header deep in the second half guided his team to an important 1-0 victory against hosts Police XI on Wednesday afternoon.

It was Uiseb's second strike in two consecutive games following last week's embarrassing 2-3 loss to bottom placed Prisons XI.

Popa's Portuguese mentor Sergio Traguil recalled Jackson Lesole, Thabo Babutsi, Thabo Wetshoemang, Edwin Moalosi and Uiseb to the starting 11, owing to the absence of about eight key regular players to his first team due to injury.

Mapalastina as Rollers is fondly called by its legion of fans collected all maximum points against the Jungle Kings and settled for the fifth spot tied at 38 points with Masitaoka FC on the sixth spot.

Rollers face Morupule Wanderers on Saturday in Lobatse and will be looking to inch into the closely contested top four bracket.

Against Police XI on Wednesday Rollers had their noses in front as early as the second minute of the first half after some neat crosses from left back Onkarabile Ratanang, who was returning from suspension.

However, the home side sat back and enjoyed a lion's share of possession with their lanky midfielder Letlhogonolo Senwelo controlling matters in the middle of the park.

Both teams failed to make any meaningful threat in front of a goal, owing to lack of composure in the final third. It was goalless at break. The two teams pushed for an ice breaker and the hosts were

first to make a threat with a well-timed Tapiwa Gadibolae header.

The resultant save from Rollers goal-minder Kabelo Maphakela Rollers winger Edwin Moalosi shaved the upright with a well-timed strike, which had clearly beaten Lesego Bosekeng in the Police last line of defence.

With 15 minutes on the clock, Uiseb's header separated the two sides and Police pushed for a comeback until the last minute.

In other league games played same afternoon, Mpho Kgaswane and Thero Setsile were on target as second placed Gaborone United beat Holy Ghost 2-0 in Molepolole.

GU takes on Masitaoka in Tlokwen on Saturday, which will be an interesting fixture as the Money Machine looks to close the gap between his team and run away league leaders Jwaneng Galaxy, who are sitting at the top with 53 points.

Galaxy on the other hand beat Sua Flamingoes 2-0 while Mogoditshane Fighters sunk deeper after an embarrassing 1-8 loss to Orapa United.

Police will look to redeem their pride when they lie in wait for Sua Flamingoes in Otse on Saturday.

Trouble-torn Lobatse giants Extension Gunners travel to Sam Sono Stadium for a tricky affair with Nico United.

Orapa United, who are within radius for a title push face Security Systems at Itsekeng Stadium.

Jwaneng Galaxy will look to extend their lead at the top when they visit Mogoditshane Fighters in Molepolole.

On Sunday, BDF XI face Prisons XI in Otse while Holy Ghost will entertain Eleven Angels in Molepolole. **BOPA**



Botswana's Chelsea Chakanyuka playing during the ITF world tour juniors in Gaborone on Friday. Chakanyuka and her Zimbabwean partner, Eunice Mauchi won gold in the women's doubles beating South Africa's Celina Joseph and Sophia Fuller 6-4, 6-7, 10-6 in the finals. Meanwhile, in the men's category Botswana's Mark Nawa and Takura Mahwandagara won against Zimbabwe's Benedict Badza and Thompson Thomu to proceed to the finals. Tournament director, Matshediso Malope said the event presented an opportunity for athletes to improve their junior rankings and boost their chances for qualifying for Junior Grand Slams such as Wimbledon, Roland Garlos (French Open) and US Open. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Nare to get Extension Gunners firing again

By Manowe Motsaathebe

SELEBI PHIKWE - Extension Gunners coach, Daniel 'Chico Dance' Nare knows the buttons to press to get the team firing again.

To set the black and white Lobatse outfit in traction to evade what looks like an inevitable and historic relegation lurking around Peleng grounds, The Dance (another moniker for coach Nare) will have to choreograph sleek moves out of jaws of monster relegation.

Speaking in a post-match interview after suffering a 0-2 loss at the hands of wasteful Nico United on Saturday at Sam Sono Stadium, Nare said he believed Gunners could be saved provided he kept pressing and activating the buttons known to him.

The first button Nare pressed was exposing to the world that one of the most famous teams, a big brand of yesteryear, was training with only two balls.

"When I said we had only two balls I knew which buttons I was pressing to get those balls.

Right now those balls are there. We're training like a Premier League team," Nare said, adding that there were other problems he would not divulge.

However, The Dance is committed to the cause of saving the famed Guna Guna as he did twice before, although the more

than four decades long bragging claim, 'we've never relegated' is now seriously threatened.

Every loss Gunners suffer paves the way for 'Dlala Tsatsantsa' to drop down to the second tier football although Nare had a theory that he believed was shining light on their hopes.

"The teams above us falter every time we drop points and had we been chopping in some points we could be better off," he said adding that he was receiving some massive support from management, supporters and the players.

"I don't sleep.

I wake up and try this and that. But for reasons that Gunners is where it is why these players like Dirang Moloi, Desire Bafana and Kobamelo Kebaikanye are not here," said Nare, who promised to press another button to get the players back to training.

One would have expected The Dance to take a breather from football, especially that he had his sour relationship with Centre Chiefs pressed to a screeching stop.

However, Gunners are a family to The Dance.

Does he know where the bodies are buried? Nare said that when his former manager Rashid Chopdat came knocking at his door, aided by his crutches, he put away all that he had been occupying his head with to accept the offer.

Then, Nare would sit at home and wash his cars, feed his dogs and watch television in most instances.

"But it needed someone who knows the inside story of Gunners. I know the problems there.

I know the troubles," he said.

With only seven games left to rescue, Nare was hopeful the Gunners could be saved.

"Yes, there's hope.

In relegation battle you keep fighting until the last minute.

The last minute will decide our fate," he said.

The senior most player, although he sat on the bench against Nico, Katlego 'Mathousand' Mothibi cut a nervous fellow in a post-match interview.

In his 19 uninterrupted years with the Peleng boys, Mothibi has seen Gunners twice slip through the jaws of relegation to safety.

This time he was very nervous.

Having played for Guna Guna as a 19-year-old, Mathousand is ready to join in the fight to the end.

"It is a difficult situation right now, but we are not about to give up," he said, adding that the team would survive if they could garner five straight wins from the remaining seven. A toll order.

Mothibi said all they had was hope and they lived to fight every day to save a team that had never relegated since joining the top tier league in 1980. **BOPA**

Gaamangwe rules the waters

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Propellers Swimming Club member, Gaamangwe Keitsile was the toast of the day winning two morning events during the fourth DMSS Gators gala held at the University of Botswana on Saturday.

Gaamangwe won the men 15-year-olds 200-metre freestyle with a time of 2:10.68 followed by DMSS Club swimmers'

Rayhan Khonat and Ntsika Mothibatsela with 2:09.44 and 2:11.16 respectively.

Gaamangwe also impressed in the men's 15-year-olds 50-metre butterfly winning with 26.87 followed by Ntsika and another DMSS swimmer, Nathan Setso with 27.83 and 29.85 respectively.

Gaamangwe told *BOPA* in an interview that he was well prepared for the competition and his win was not by chance.

He said he deliberately started slow in the 200-metre free style to preserve energy, but went faster when the time was right, because he was up against strong swimmers.

"My strategy was to meet my target and towards the end of the race I had to make a strong finish, because normally people 'die' towards the end of the race.

So yes, that was my whole plan," said Gaamangwe.

He said from here, his focus

would be on CANA Zone IV to be held in Luanda, Angola in May.

The women 200-metre free style was won by Tselane Matthews of DMSS with 2:19.77, followed by her teammates Hannah Jobe and Isabelle Charles with 2:33.76 and 3:07.61 respectively.

Matthews told *BOPA* that he had been training a lot for 200-metres and what she had planned for worked. "I was against a

strong line up, so I had to just focus on my race and my target was to go harder in the last part of the race," said Tselane.

Muhomba Tariro of Bulawayo Amateur Swimming is the girls 14-year-olds 100 metres breaststroke champion, stopping the clock at 1:29.29, followed by her teammate, Tatenda Muhomba with 1:34.75 while Realeboga Molelowatladi of Gaborone Aquatics Club finished third with 1:40.31. *BOPA*



Gaamangwe (top) participating in the men's 200-metre freestyle during the 4th DMSS Gators swimming gala in Gaborone on Saturday. He won the category by clocking 2:12.11. Tselane (bottom) won the women's 200-metre freestyle by clocking 2:25.81 at the same event. Photo: Pheny Moalosi





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