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Ministry capacitates officers

State President ministry permanent secretary, Ms Goitsemang Morekisi (left), Disability Coordination Office director, Ms Peggy Garebaitse (centre) and Kweneng Association for People with Disability chairperson, Mr Kgosietsile Motlhaping at the Capacity Building workshop in Gaborone yesterday.

State President ministry has established 31 positions for disability officers across all districts. Ms Morekisi said the officers would work as coordinators and facilitators within institutions, to ensure seamless integration of disability-related issues.

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Official dismisses misleading information

Mr Ebineng said Chema Chema programme was designed for Batswana who lacked funding to develop their businesses.

By Tshiamiso Mostelha

MAHALAPYE Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Entrepreneurship, Mr Kabelo Ebineng, has issued a warning to informal sector entrepreneurs in Mahalapye to remain vigilant against misinformation intended to damage Chema Chema Fund reputation.

During a recent walkabout at the Mahalapye bus rank and Sezaana, Mr Ebineng emphasised that Chema Chema Fund was established to provide essential funding for informal sector businesses, urging the public to engage only with authorised representatives for information regarding the initiative. "No one should be charged for training or assistance when applying for the funds. Both new and existing informal businesses are eligible to benefit from this programme," he said.

Accompanying Mr Ebineng on the walkabout were, Mr Godfrey Molefe, Chief Executive Officer of the Local Enterprises Authority (LEA), and Mr James Moribame, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA).

The event aim was to raise awareness about the programme and to offer firsthand information to potential beneficiaries. Concerns were raised regarding the slow registration of informal sector entrepreneurs for the Chema Chema Fund, attributed to the slow registration of informal sector entrepreneurs for the CEDA.

Mr Ebineng noted that the number of applicants from Mahalapye and surrounding villages was significantly lower than in other districts. He revealed reports of individuals instilling fear among potential applicants by falsely claiming they would face imprisonment for failing to repay loans within three months.

This, he said were false allegations from the naysayers to discourage Batswana from benefiting from the programme. He said beneficiaries not only had access to funds but also received training in business management as well as growth strategies, enhancing their chances of success.

Furthermore, he highlighted the complete landscape of the Chema Chema Fund by mentioning that even defaulters of youth grants and Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) had an opportunity to benefit.

Mr James Moribame said the lending agency was tasked with the administrative duties of funding Chema Chema Fund applicants. He said the majority of the work in preparation for funding was being done by LEA.

He said Batswana should not be afraid to take advantage of the programme, as it was beneficial to their businesses. Further, he said requesting for information on the fund was essential for their success as it eases any fears of applying for funding.

He reminded them that the fund offered loans at a low interest of 2.4 per cent charged once off and added that the loans were insured. Mr Moribame said the repayment of the loans remained the responsibility of the borrower and the expectation was that they pay back so that others could be assisted as well.

"Upon loan approval, informal sector businesses will have access to credit through the provision of affordable short-term loans to finance existing operations or expand current operations, including procurement of the necessary business aiding equipment," he said.

He encouraged business owners and those who want to start small businesses to take advantage of the fund and boost their businesses as well as improving their lives.

For his part, Mr Molefe said government had mandated to register and train Chema Chema Fund beneficiaries.

Since the launch of the fund, he said their offices across the country had inundated with applications from small business owners. Some of the beneficiaries complained about the growing challenges in securing market for their produce, saying in most instances, retailers regulate prices, leading to losses. Some said the period for repaying the loans was too short.

Ms Engelinah Mujokeri, who sells various items including sewing clothes, aluminium pots, wooden spoons and tab locks, said she knows about the Chema Chema Fund but has not registered yet because she does not have enough money to purchase stock. She, however, promised to register soon. She said it has been in the business and was able to send to her children to schools up to tertiary.
Botswana hosts TKC joint law enforcement operation

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - The upcoming Trans Kalahari Corridor (TKC) local Joint Law Enforcement Operation (JLEO) will take place in Molopowabojang and Ghanzi Junction 44 from July 24 to 26.

The JLEO serves as a preparatory measure preceding the 14th JLEO involving three member states of the TKC - Botswana, Namibia, and South Africa - slated for August 18 to 25 in Rustenburg, South Africa.

In an interview, Assistant Commissioner Pitlane Sebigi, Director of Traffic Branch at the Botswana Police Service, emphasised that the operation aimed to enhance safety and security within the corridor for road users and transported goods.

Collaborating with various stakeholders, including transport and road departments, wildlife authorities, and the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund, Mr Sebigi highlighted that the visibility of law enforcement along the corridor would increase, thereby encouraging compliance with TKC regulations.

During the operation, focus will be on enforcing laws and regulations concerning traffic safety, transportation, weight limits, and the carriage of hazardous materials.

Mr Sebigi outlined the operation’s activities, ranging from customs and police inspections on trucks to standard vehicle checks and information dissemination through stalls. Services like license renewals, therefore recognized, would be facilitated if necessary resources are available on-site.

Mr Sebigi assured that law enforcement presence would maintain the corridor beyond scheduled operations. He said the police service consistently monitored the corridor to uphold safety and regulatory standards.

Additionally, district commissioners actively engage with stakeholders to conduct such operations along the corridor.

Mindset change one-year anniversary July 30

By Kedirebofe Pelontle

GUMARE - President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi is expected to officiate at the National Mindset Change one-year anniversary on July 30 in Seronga in Okavango District.

The upcoming commemoration, expected to be graced by representatives from all districts across the country and broadcast live on Btv and other media platforms.

The Mindset Change campaign, launched last year on July 20 by President Masisi in Zutshwa, aimed to propel transformation by encouraging a shift in attitudes and perspectives.

Against this backdrop, the nation will take stock of how effectively citizens have embraced the principles of mindset change in their daily lives in Seronga.

In an interview, Ms Tshegofatso Sejojo, the Okavango District Mindset Change coordinator, highlighted that the celebrations would serve as a measure of accomplishments to date and as a platform to strategise future efforts towards fostering a culture of self-reliance, innovation, resilience, and sustainable growth. Ms Sejojo mentioned that the event would draw participants from all 31 districts in the country.

She elaborated on the two core concepts of the Mindset Change celebration being beautification and business ideas fostered by communities. Under the beautification initiative, communities are encouraged to clean and enhance their surroundings, starting from individual yards, wards, villages, and extending to the entire district.

On the other hand, the business idea concept promotes unity by engaging groups of at least five individuals with ideas requiring minimal capital, aimed at facilitating local growth.

Ms Sejojo confirmed that Okavango District communities had been briefed on these concepts, and the clearest village in the district, along with the top five most viable business ideas, will be announced on July 24 in Shakawe.

The winners will then vie for the national positions at the anniversary event in Seronga on July 30.

Ministry establishes 31 positions for disability officers

By Goutle Merafhe

GABORONE - In a move to promote disability rights and inclusion, the Ministry for State President has established 31 district disability officer positions across all districts.

Speaking at a capacity building workshop focused on persons with disabilities in Gaborone, Ms Gosemang Morekisi, the ministry’s permanent secretary, said the officers would work as coordinators and facilitators within institutions, ensuring seamless integration of disability-related issues.

Ms Morekisi said that local councils, aided by the district commissioners’ offices, were entrusted with overseeing the implementation process, highlighting the significance of mainstreaming disability concerns.

She said disability rights were fundamental human rights, therefore she stressed the importance of addressing and safeguarding these rights. The ongoing constitutional review also encompasses provisions for disability issues, she added.

Moreover, the permanent secretary underscored the collective responsibility of all individuals to prioritise disability mainstreaming and play their respective roles effectively.

Non-compliance, she warned, would result in severe penalties, urging everyone to seek guidance from their legal teams within their organisations.

The primary goal as presented by Ms Morekisi was the eradication of discriminatory laws, policies, and practices targeting individuals with disabilities, while simultaneously ensuring the protection and promotion of their rights.

She condemned any actions that perpetuated the exploitation, abuse, or neglect of persons with disabilities, urging the public to treat individuals with disabilities respectfully and avoid derogatory terms.

Furthermore, she said the Convention on the Rights of People with Disability noted how people in different countries promoted the rights of people with disability.

With the commitment from national leadership and a call to action for all implementers, Ms Morekisi said the initiative aimed to create a supportive environment for individuals with disabilities nationwide.

The director of the Disability Coordination Office, Ms Pheko Garebatshe, shared plans of acquainting various sectors with the Disability Act and framework, fostering the integration and empowerment of people with disabilities.
Elections continue weekend

By Olekantse Sennamose

GABORONE - Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) held its first batch of primary elections in 36 out of 61 constituencies across the country, with the remaining 25 slated for next weekend.

In an interview with BOPA, party spokesperson, Mr Kapelelo Kentse indicated that even though there had been some challenges, they were satisfied with the way the primary elections generally went.

“The major challenge we faced was that of late distribution of ballot papers to polling stations as most of them arrived way after lunch. This led to some of the constituencies even resorting to start elections on Sunday morning instead of Saturday. Apart from that, everything else went well,” he said.

Mr Kentse said they also faced a minor challenge of finding transport for polling officers, but said the issue was handled well and never got out of hand, and that by the time most elections materials got to the polling stations, the polling officers were already there.

Mr Kentse said so far the party had not received any formal complaints from any of the candidates who lost. Responding to speculation that some party members could not vote because they did not appear on the voters rolls, Mr Kentse said nothing official concerning the issue has come to the party office either.

“We also heard those rumours but until something comes to the office in the form of formal writing, we will treat the issue as just rumours,” he said.

Mr Kentse said the party was confident that next weekend’s elections would be smoother in the remaining 25 constituencies owing to the fact that they have taken valuable lessons from this past weekend.

Meanwhile, winners of the weekend’s elections are:
- Amogelang Mojuta (Selebi Phikwe East)
- Lesedi Phuthego (Serowe South)
- Goabaone Ntapu (Mahalapye West)
- Diana Kartze (Kgalagadi South)
- Mabuse Pule (Kgatleng East)
- Bagalatia Arone (Okavango East)
- Thebe Sethakgosi (Mahalapye East)
- Bomsi Monare (Gaborone Central)
- Johane Thiete (Gantsi)
- Karabo Gaze (Moshupa/Manyana)
- Polson Majaga (Nata/Gweta)
- Simon Kealotswoe (Francistown West)
- Moalhodi Mahupu (Kgalagadi North)
- Aubrey Leaiso (Shoshong)
- Simon Moabi (Tati West)
- Sally Reikeletseng (Francistown South)
- Thuto Elias (Muin North)
- Kefente Mzwina (Mmadinare)
- Bushi Kgakge (Molepolole North)
- Polorbwe Motlhogwe (Lobatse)
- Derrick Tlhowane (Gaborone Central)
- Thapelo Letsholo (Kanye East)
- Liakat Khabay (Lehlaeng)
- Thuto Kwerepe (Main North)
- Motsumi Owang (Mabutsane)
- Thuto Tlhabonyagae (Charlshili)
- Onkabetse Daniel (Nkange)

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Severe drought threatens Southern Africa

By Aubrey Maswabi

GABORONE - The Southern Africa region is experiencing climate and food security crisis as the 2023/2024 El Niño phenomena is causing widespread drought conditions that are characterised by a late onset of rains, extended mid-season dry spells, and extreme high temperatures.

In March this year, a month that marks the end of the last lean season, about 18.6 million people were estimated to be in food crisis or worse due to the levels of food insecurity in the region. El Niño typically results in hotter and drier than usual conditions in Southern Africa, but this season was characterised by record dry conditions in many areas.

Rains, which usually occur in November in most parts of the region, were delayed by as much as 30 days in central areas including south-eastern Angola, northern Botswana, Malawi, southern Mozambique, northern Namibia, north-western South Africa, southern and central Zambia and Zimbabwe.

In many of these areas, the November rainfall was the lowest on record, dating as far back as 1981. The low November rainfall contributed to reductions in areas planted. According to the Southern African Development Community (SADC) deputy Executive Secretary for Corporate Affairs at the SADC Secretariat, Dr Judith Kateera, this is the environment which the region is currently experiencing, an environment where there is need to adapt and mitigate the adverse impact of climate change, if the regional developmental agenda is to be realised.

She says issues of climate change, climate adaptation and climate mitigation need to be clearly unpacked and delivered to the populace, to the member states, private sector, and civil society.

Addressing members of the Media during the World Press Freedom Day in Gaborone, Dr Kateera said the same goes to the debate on the protection of the wildlife and livestock that have also been adversely impacted by the El Niño-induced dry conditions.

She says these have brought about considerable deterioration in vegetation conditions across the southern half of the region this season, as well as reduced water availability for livestock and wildlife.

"Many of the areas with poor vegetation conditions are primarily grassland areas where wildlife and livestock is an important livelihood asset," she says.

Dr Kateera further adds that SADC needs durable solutions in this regard, because several households will require immediate food assistance at least up until the April 2023 harvest.

"What is more, the number of people requiring food assistance will increase dramatically as we near the regular lean season, as more communities deplete their own production and food prices increase," she notes.

Dr Kateera says so far, three member states have declared national drought disasters.

In Zambia, over one million hectares have been destroyed out of 2.2 million hectares of maize planted, while in Malawi, 749 000 hectares have been affected out of the 1.7 million hectares of maize planted and Zimbabwe, where the harvest is estimated at 868 000 metric tonnes, leaving a food cereal deficit of 680 000 metric tonnes.

She says over 9 000 drought-related cattle deaths have been reported in the region between October 2023 and February 2024, a period when pasture and water availability should be plentiful.

Dr Kateera states that governments in the region are constrained in their ability to support due to significant economic challenges, including public debt burdens and other social priorities such as the response to the cholera outbreaks.

As a result, she adds, the region will soon be launching a regional humanitarian appeal for support.

Botswana has not been spared from El Niño, hence government has declared 2022/2023 a severe arable agricultural drought year throughout the country.

The declaration made by the President, Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi, follows consideration of the 2022/23 Drought and Household Food Security Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis Report.

The report highlights that livelihoods of a significant number of rural households have been affected and remain vulnerable, hence, the need for government intervention.

In view of the conditions that prevailed during the 2022/23 season, relief and assistance will be implemented with immediate effect until June 30, 2025, on an as-needs basis and subsidies which will end on the January 31, 2025.

Further the Ministry of Finance will pay 40 per cent of the seasonal loans to farmers who received loans from the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) and National Development Bank (NDB) for rain fed arable farmers through the Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme (AGCS) facility to supplement the crop failure as was determined at the time of the assessment.

The Ministry of Agriculture release the says provision will be made for 30 per cent livestock (beef cattle, small stock) feed Subsidy for roughage, mineral supplements and botulism vaccine for the entire country with immediate effect until January 31, 2024 while volumes would be capped per beneficiary to promote equitable distribution.

Additionally, provision will be made for 30 per cent subsidy for non-traditional commodities (dairy, piggery, aquaculture and poultry) for smallholder farmers, with immediate effect until January 31, 2025 with volumes to be capped per beneficiary to promote equitable distribution.
Casino operators welcome reduced rate

By Marvin Motlhabe

GABORONE - Casino operators have welcomed the Ministry of Trade decision to reduce responsible gambling contributions required from gambling licensees.

The contribution rate has been reduced from 5 to 3.5 per cent of the Gross Gambling Revenue (GGR), with immediate effect.

Mr Bipin Awasthi of Moonlite Investment said, “We are grateful for the government’s decision to reduce the responsible gambling contribution.

This adjustment will allow us to better allocate resources towards creating a safer and more enjoyable gambling environment for our patrons.” BOPA

Mr Kemorwale said the casino industry licensees have celebrated the move to reduce contribution rate from 5 to 3.5 per cent of the Gross Gambling Revenue.

Mr Moribame appealed to Batswana to make use of the availed P500 million funds for Chema Chema, saying if not put to use, the money would be returned to government coffers. Photo: Portia Rapitsenyane

Chema Chema beneficiaries use P175 million of availed funds

By Portia Rapitsenyane

PALAPYE - About P175 million has already been spent to assist 12,000 people under the Chema Chema programme, chief operations officer at Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), Mr James Moribame has said.

Speaking during the stakeholder engagements with members of the public in Palapye on Saturday, Mr Moribame said 443 of beneficiaries were from Palapye District and had been borrowed P5.4 million.

He said Palapye was one of the largest villages in the country that had seen population growth over the years.

Therefore, they expected large number of applicants for the programme, but unfortunately this was not the case.

He, however, expressed concern over the small number of people in Palapye who showed interest in Chema Chema programme.

Mr Moribame said available figures showed that women were leading recipients of Chema Chema and had received 67 per cent of the P175 million.

He appealed to men to participate in the programme, saying government had availed P900 million which if unutilised, the money could be returned to general government coffers.

He urged recipients to be patient saying at times an applicant may have borrowed less than what he/she requested.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Entrepreneurship Mr Kabelo Ebinceng said Chema Chema programme was designed for Batswana who lacked funding to develop their ideas into businesses.

He said it was worrying that people were not showing up in numbers, hence encouraged them to efficiently utilise the fund by March next year before the end of government financial year.

He said they had expected a large number of applicants from Mahalapye, Palapye and Tswapong areas because the catchment area had large numbers of people.

He said Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) and CEDA were working together to facilitate and train beneficiaries to develop robust businesses.

The purpose of the engagements was to enlighten members of the public about the benefits of taking advantage of Chema Chema fund and to get first-hand information from beneficiaries on the uptake of the programme. BOPA
China opens one-stop service office in Tanzania

DAR ES SALAAM - China’s Yingke Global One Hour Legal Service Ecosystem, a one-stop comprehensive service platform, on Saturday officially opened its office in Tanzania to provide clients with proper and accurate cross-regional, cross-language, cross-cultural, and interdisciplinary support.

The opening ceremony, held in the port city of Dar es Salaam, coincided with the Tanzania-China Economic and Investment Cooperation Reception, which aimed to deepen economic ties, promote sustainable development, and create mutually beneficial opportunities for both countries.

The ceremony, attended by delegates from the governments and private sectors of China and Tanzania, saw the signing of a memorandum of understanding by the Tanzania Investment Center (TIC) Executive Director Gilead Teri and Head of the Global Board of Directors of Yingke Law Firm, Mei Xiangrong.

Mei said Yingke Global One Hour Legal Service Ecosystem provides clients worldwide with professional services ranging from legal, accounting, taxation, consulting, investment and financing, mergers and acquisitions to agriculture, mining, cultural tourism, and science and technology. Xinhua

Zimbabwe upgrades road network

HARARE - Zimbabwe is upgrading roads in and around Harare ahead of an August summit of the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

The 44th Ordinary SADC Summit of Heads of State and Government is scheduled for August 17 in Harare. The capital city is also expected to host more than 150 companies from across the 16-member regional block during the July 28 to August 2 SADC Industrialisation Week at the Harare International Conference Center.

Construction of the main road leading to the Chinese-built new parliament building, where the summit will be held, was recently completed, and landscaping is now in progress.

“It’s a welcome development. At least we will now spend less time on the roads with smooth traffic,” Wish Gahadza, a Harare resident, told Xinhua on Saturday.

Another resident, Tachiveyi Mukonorwi, said the rehabilitation of highways would stimulate economic development.

“The good thing is that we are mobilising domestic resources to build our infrastructure.” Other roads leading to the new parliament building are either complete or under reconstruction.

Sitting on Mount Hampden on the outskirts of Harare, the six-story parliament building complex was officially handed over to Zimbabwe in October 2023.

Efforts are also under way to rehabilitate roads linking the new parliament building with the capital city’s Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport. Government is also upgrading the country’s road network, including the Harare-Chirundu highway that connects Harare with neighboring Zambia. Xinhua

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CATCH IT LIVE ON:
Seven witnesses to testify against accused in traffic offence

By Kehumile Moekejo

GABORONE - The state intends to call seven witnesses to prove its case against Thipe Kgosiemang for causing death by obstructing traffic.

The prosecutor, Assistant Superintendent Kenyaditswe Mafoko of Jwaneng police told Jwaneng Magistrate’s Court on Monday that they were ready for trial and that all witness statements had been given to the accused person.

The accused, a resident of Moskapopho ward in Mabutsane, is facing a single count of causing the death of another person by leaving a motor vehicle on the road in such a manner that constituted danger to public, thereby contravening Section 50 (4) of Road Traffic Act Cap 69:01 of the Laws of Botswana.

The charge sheet indicates that he left a motor vehicle in a position that contributed to an accident that caused the death of one Hope Moengele around Phoshushadi area along the Trans Kalahari Highway on the night of March 17, 2021.

The accused reportedly obstructed a truck which caused the accident that claimed the life of the deceased person.

The matter was scheduled for commencement of trial on September 3. BOPA

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Kenya leader says no to violent protests

ELDORET - Kenya President William Ruto vowed on Sunday that his government will not allow violent protests that have led to untold suffering in several parts of the country.

He said the government had been under intense pressure from young protesters to drop high taxes, cut wastage and fight corruption, and that the protests have been put in place to ensure no group threatens the prevailing peace.

The president said he had extended an open invitation to everyone, encouraging the Gen-Z protesters to voice their concerns following the deadly protests, which have led to more than 50 deaths, several injuries, and destruction of property across the country.

He condemned Gen-Z for evading discussions with him during an X Space meeting and evading discussions with him in the planned national dialogue.

In a statement, the council described the ceremony as “the beginning of a new phase in bilateral relations” between the two nations. Sudan’s Foreign Ministry Under Secretary Hussein al-Amin emphasised that the ambassadorial exchange is a “key component” in advancing cooperation.

The Iranian envoy expressed his commitment to enhancing ties, underscoring a mutual intent to strengthen relations.

On the same day, Sudan’s new ambassador to Iran, Abdulaziz Hassan Saleh, departed for Tehran and is anticipated to resume his duties shortly. Photo: Xinhua

Sudan, Iran exchange ambassadors amid diplomatic thaw

KHARTOUM - Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, chairman of Sudan’s Transitional Sovereign Council, receiving credentials of Iran’s new ambassador to Sudan, Hassan Shah Hosseini, in Port Sudan.

On the same day, Sudan’s new ambassador to Iran, Abdulaziz Hassan Saleh, departed for Tehran and is anticipated to resume his duties shortly.

This diplomatic thaw follows an agreement reached in October 2023 to restore relations.

Sudan severed diplomatic ties with Iran in 2016 in a show of solidarity with Saudi Arabia, after the kingdom’s embassy was attacked in Tehran.

AU calls for continental integration meeting

ACCRA - The African Union (AU) on Sunday opened its sixth mid-year coordination meeting in Accra, the capital of Ghana, calling for peace and solidarity of the continent.

The meeting on the theme of “Educate and Skill Africa for the 21st Century” brought together the AU, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), and the AU members, among others.

The AU Commission Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat stressed the role the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) played in promoting integration in the continent.

“Actually, the AICFTA is obliged to become a lever that catalyses structural reforms which, in turn, will facilitate the creation of wealth, through the improvement of economic governance, the mobilisation of financing, and human capital,” Faki said.

He further called on African countries to maximise the potential of the AfCFTA to make it an engine of growth and diversification of their economies to increase trade within the continent.

Ghanaian President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, who opened the meeting, said some regions in Africa are still being plagued by conflict, instability, and violence that hinder development and pose a threat to broader continental security.

He therefore called on his African counterparts to work hard to find solutions to a myriad of conflicts on the continent.

The AU introduced its mid-year coordination meeting in 2017 as the principal forum to align the work of the AU and RECs and coordinate implementation of the continental integration agenda.

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Ka GaboSelewe Olesitse

SELEBI PHIKWESelebiphiwe ke sekaki sa memme yo o neng a sek a leletela diemo tsa botshilo go mo gatelela ntswa go ne go sena kwa a tshwarang teng.

Ya re go lemoga lethloko la ditiro le le kwa godimo o ne a supa kgatlhego ya go dira peanut butter go fokotsa manokonoko a lehuma go tshetsa ba lelwapa la gagwe.

Go fithhelela keletsyo ya go itshetsa a kwadisa khamphane ya gagwe ya leina la PEANASCO a thuswa ka be Leptaha la Bong.

Ka dilo makwati, Mme Bale o ne a anyile botsiwa ya go dira peanut butter mo mogwebing mongwe go tswa Zimbabwwe yo a neng a itshetsa ka go rekisa peanut butter kwa Botshabelo.

Le fa go nise jalo go ne go se bonolo ka a ne a sena didiriswa tse di siameng go mo thusa go dira peanut butter ka seedo le boleng jo a neng a bo eletsa ka a ne a sila manoko a dirisa lebotlolo e le tshilwana.

“Go sila manoko ka lebotlolo go ne go se mothilho ka go ne go lapisa e bile bopil iwa manoko a teng bo se boleta jaaka ke ne ke eletsa,” ga thalosa jalo Mme Bale yo dingwaga tse di simase a supa le bone.

Go utlwaleda ka dithuso tsa bonme tsa Leptaha la Bong, a nna mongwe wa bantlha go iketleetsa go kopa thuso tsadi.

Le bone ba sek a ba mo lathilelala ba mo amogela ka dita tsoo-pedi, ba mo rut a ka kgwebo, le go kwadisa khamphane pele ba mo thusa ka P250 000.

Madi a ne a mo kgotshana go reka didiriswa gore a kgone go dira peanut butter e e nang le boleng eble e ka rekisega mothilho.

A re peanut butter e a e dirang e mothilo mme e bile e na le tато e e monate ka e sa tsengwe metswako e pе, ka a sila manoko fela mme ga a fetsa a lathile letswai go e natefisa.

Go lemoga ba dingwaga di setse di tsaunae, a kopoa morwae go tshwaraganela kgwebo le e ne gore a tšihule a tsoe a kgone go ka tšvedisa, mme a tšhalosa fa ba tšwedisa sentle.

Mme Bale o lebogetse puso gore e bo e mo ntšhite se mo lehumeng e bile a kgona go tšhetsa ba lelwapa la gagwe.

Jaaka mongwebi yo o sa ntseng a gole eble a ia kalela go godisa madirilo a gagwe gore a kgone go phadisay a le bagwebi ba bagbolwane.

O kale fa go se go lekane mme go tšhoka mothilho mongwe o o feferang, mme mo nakong ya gompeiso a dirisa lesele go tlhosa makae mo manokong.

Ka lefatshe leno le sa itemele manokong, Mme Bale o reka manoko kwa Zambia, seko se a reng se a mo turela go reka dikgetsi tsa manoko lo go dua la dipagamo.

O thalosa fasetse kgosi ya 50kg e rekiswa madi a a kana ka P1 200 mme a kgona go reka tse pedi mo bekeng.

O kale fa mo bogospitshong a ise a kgone go bona mmaraka mo mabentlelang a matona mme bareki ba gagwe e le batho
Thutuntsho ka Chema Chema e tsamaya sentle

Ka Calviniah Kgautlhe

TSABONG - Phatlalatso le itlhalosa ka lenaneo la Chema Chema go rotloetsa dikgwebo tse di tsamaya sentle mo Segau lesegau le Botswana's electoral laws.

as long as such best practices are not inconsistent with the Presidential Elections (Supplementary Provisions) Act of Botswana, the Electoral Act, the Local Government Act, guided by the legal framework provided by the Constitution of the Republic of Botswana.

d) performing such other functions as may be prescribed with good communication and decision making skills, and sound knowledge of electoral democracy to vacancies with the Independent Electoral Commission appointed under Section 66 of the Constitution, in regard to the exercise of his or her functions under the electoral law prescribed by an Act of Parliament.

VACANCY NOTICE: REQUEST FOR APPLICATION OF FIVE (5) MEMBERS OF THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION, JULY 2024

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) was established in 1997 under Section 65A of the Constitution of the Republic of Botswana. The Commission consists of seven members being -

(a) a Chairman who is a Judge of the High Court appointed by the Judicial Service Commission from a list of persons recommended by the All Party Conference.

(b) a legal practitioner appointed by the Judicial Service Commission.

(c) five other persons who are fit, proper and impartial, appointed by the Judicial Service Commission from a list of persons recommended by the All Party Conference.

The Commission is responsible for –

a) the conduct and supervision of elections of the elected Members of Parliament and members of a local authority, and conduct of a referendum;

b) giving instructions and directions to the Secretary of the Commission appointed under Section 66 of the Constitution, in regard to the exercise of his or her functions under the electoral law prescribed by an Act of Parliament;

c) ensuring that elections are conducted efficiently, fairly, freely and fairly; and
d) performing such other functions as may be prescribed by an Act of Parliament.

In the performance of its responsibilities, the Commission is guided by the legal framework provided by the Constitution of Botswana, the Presidential Election Act, the Local Government Act, the Constitution of the Republic of Botswana (Supplementary Provisions) Act and the Referendum Act. The Commission also undertakes its work in line with international best electoral practices as long as such best practices are not inconsistent with Botswana's electoral laws.

GABORONE – Lebela la BotswanaLife Classic marathon le godile

a) He or She has been declared insolvent or adjudged or discharged, or has made a composition with his or her creditors and has not paid his or her debts in full; or

b) She or He has been convicted of any offence involving dishonesty in any country.

A person appointed a member of the Commission shall assume the duties of the office of Commissioner only after he or she has taken and subscribed the oath of allegiance and such oath for the due execution of his or her office as may be prescribed by an Act of Parliament. Applications must be submitted by registered mail on or before the close of business on the 29th July, 2024 and addressed to:

The Secretary | Independent Electoral Commission
Private Bag 00284, Gaborone

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FARM WORKER NEEDED. Medic, Horticulture knowledge required. Contact 75 167 388.

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Maratadiba farm. Apply to P.O.Box 30634 Tlokweng.

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FARM WORKER WANTED at Lokhostwe electricity pylon. Apply to P.O.Box 30634 Tlokweng.

OWNER OF PLOT 7499 wishes to inform neighbours of change in land use to Multi-residential in Lentsweletau.

OWNER OF PLOT 31999 wishes to inform neighbours for change of land use to Multi-residential in Gaborone North.

FARM WORKER WANTED, Ramaphatle. Contact 75 167 388


FARM WORKER NEEDED at Tlokweng Poultry Farm, Contacts 71 302 020 / 71 282 907

FARM WORKER NEEDED, Sandvell Beef Farm Pty Ltd. Private Bag 485 Kasane Post Service.

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Mochudi farm. Cell 74 375 719

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OWNER OF PLOT NO 740 Lesoma wishes to notify neighbours of plot 739 and 741 of Boundary wall erection

OWNER OF PLOT 3617 wishes to inform neighbours for change of land use to multi-residential in Lentsweletau.

OWNER OF PLOT 3479 in Extension 12, Gaborone wishes to change land use from residential use to civic & community use (Offices). Any objections should be forwarded to Gaborone City Council Physical Planning office or call 77 621 481.

OWNER OF PLOT 8844 Letlapeng Ward, Tlokweng wishes to inform neighbours the intention to develop multi-residential double storey units.

For any queries contact Tlokweng District Council Physical Planning office, telephone 392 5242 within fourteen (14) days of this notice.

ALL NEIGHBOURS of plot 1949 at Tsholofelo are informed of change of land use from single family to residential. For clarity call 71395852

Maratho Sebika: 71 444 844

Maratadiba farm Sese Betesankwe 71 703 458 / 72 969 603. Closing date: 14 August 2024.

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OWNER OF PLOT 19529 Phase 2 Gaborone, plot no 19529 Phase 2 Gaborone, 1969 Mahalapye plot no 19529 Phase 2 Gaborone, any objection contact Gaborone City Council on +267 365 7400 within 14 days of the publication notice hereof.

SELELO ALEC THUTO, Owner of plot no 19529 Phase 2 Gaborone, wishes to change land use from Residential to Commercial. For any objections, contact the Gaborone City Council Physical Office at 365 7400 within 14 days of this publication notice hereof.

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Rasesa (centre) leading the worship during Creative Saints open-air worship at Main Mall in Gaborone on Saturday. Photo: Oupaeng Kgomoethatsa.

Thabitha primary celebrates culture

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - Thabitha English Medium Primary School in Francistown celebrated its annual cultural day on Saturday to showcase various cultures across the globe.

The day was made colourful through display of traditional dishes, song, dance, and poetry, whilst students wore costumes representing different countries and cultures among them Great Britain, Botswana, India, Zimbabwe, DRC, Kenya, Uganda, and China.

According to the school manager, Reji Maseko, the annual event aimed at celebrating culture as it was the heartbeat of every community.

He said humans acquired culture through the learning process of socialisation and socialisation which was shown by the diversity of cultures across the society.

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Masisi is pushing for.

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Commins during the master class on editing for the film makers in Gaborone on Saturday. He advised them to acquire editing skills for different film genres. Photo: Felicit Male

Film editors sharpen skills

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - The award winning editor and director of the Showmax four-part documentary Tracking Thabo Bester, Dr Nikki Comninos says editing is a powerful element of cooking of film.

"Often, some say editing is about intuition, cutting from the gut. But this is rarely true as one can learn how to be better. As you practice more you can learn and become the best," Comninos said during the Botswana Ignite master class on editing for film makers in Gaborone, Saturday.

Comninos said editing was about sorting footage, and should be conducted in a service outside the traditional church building.

He explained that the group consisted of creative in the church who wished to showcase their talents and, at the same time spread the gospel to bring people closer to God.

The event, he added, had already hosted open-air worship sessions in Molepolole and Mahalapye. The first edition of the prayer and worship session took place at the University of Botswana last year," he said.

Rasesa said the event also encouraged young Christians to have a relationship with God.

During the Saturday event, the Creative Saints also had the opportunity to pray for those in need of spiritual intervention and those who wanted to give their lives to Christ.

The weekend event also attracted the community, who joined the prayer and worship session.

Rasesa said their wish was to spread the initiative to other parts of the country.

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By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - Young people from different church denominations gathered at Main Mall, Gaborone on Saturday to spread the gospel through an open-air worship and prayer session.

In an interview, the founder of Creative Saints, Brian Rasesa said they started the worship movement last year with the aim to share the word of God through in a different way, by conducting

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Modungo was competing in

Ramotshabi in 400m, Landa

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Moscow in 1980,  where some

Games maiden appearance in

By Anastacia Sibanda

Since then, Botswana continued
to have representation at the
Summer Olympics without
making it to the podium, until
in 2012 when little known Nijel
Amos won a silver medal in

800m. The country second medal was

by the men’s 4x400m men’s relay
team made up of Isaac Makwala,
Bayapo Ndori, Zibane Ngosi,
Baboloki Thebe, Leungo Scotch and
Anthony Pesela.

This time around, expectations
are high and Batswana will be
waiting in anticipation to see how
many and which colour medal the
athletes will bring.

Fourteen athletes two from
swimming and 12 athletics have
been given the burden to raise the
country’s flag high.

Swimming is represented by
Andriam Robinson, who will be
competing in the 100m breaststroke
and Maxine Egner in 100m free
style. In athletics, the nation will
pin its hopes in Letsile Tebogo,
who will be doubling in 100 and
200m, while 400 metres has
Leungo Scotch, Bayapo Ndori
and Collen Kebinatshipi.

In 800m, the country will
be represented by Kethohobogile
Haingura, Tshedimo Masalela
and Tumo Nkape, while the 400m
women has Oratile Nowe and
Victor Ntweng in 400m hurdles.

The 4x400m men’s relay is
made up of Lee Eppie, Anthony
Pesela, Botumelo Masilo, Ndori,
Scotch and Kebinatshipi.

Former Botswana Athletics
Association, administrator,
Patrick Moesi said the country
had a crop of young and
promising athletes who capable of
surpassing previous performances
at the Olympics.

He said the past performances
at the World Relays in Bahamas,
last World Championships
in Budapest had shown how
competitive athletes could be
when competing at world level.

This season has seen notable
performances and progressions by
our athletes which clearly make
us medal hopeful.

This could possibly be our best
Olympics,” he said. BOPA

Maun Heroes
Netball Club
champions

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN Maun Heroes Netball Club was crowned

the champions of a one-
day tournament held
at Tlhabologare Junior
Secondary School in Maun
over the weekend.

Organised by Setswana
Ke Nisa Pedi Association
(SKPA), the tournament,
which was meant to promote
HIV prevention services using
sport, attracted four netball
teams namely, Maun Heroes,
Dynamic, Lekawa and Wild
Cats.

Maun Heroes walloped
Wild Cats 96-7 in the final to
clinch position one, a trophy
and gold medals, Wild Cats
walked away with silver medals
while Dynamic club settled for
position three and were awarded bronze medals
after beating Lekawa 24-6.

In an interview, tournament
organiser, Gaolaolwe Mopolos
from SKPA thanked the
teams that participated in
an educational sport activity
noting that the purpose of
the tournament had been
achieved as they targeted both
adolescent girls and young
women aged between 15 and
24 and appreciated that they
came in large numbers.

“We are pleased to announce
that the target group came
droves to access testing for
HIV and enjoyed other availed
services at the tournament,”
he added.

Mopolos also acknowledged
sponsors, Rivorder Holdings,
ACHAP and all stakeholders
who contributed toward the
success of the event, saying
their collaboration was key in
growing and developing sport
activities in the district.

He also appreciated Maun
Heroes marketing and public
relations officer, Mokeresete
Mokeresete, for playing a
critical role in supporting the
association to organise the
event. For his part, Mokeresete
thanked the organizers saying
it was an achievement in the
growth of the netball sport in
the district, indicating that, as a
club, they intended to attract
more interest in the sport.

He said there was a lot of
talent in the region, noting
that it was noticed during the
tournament but players lacked
skills, something he said
they were willing to assist on
and build strong teams that
could represent the district in
competitive events.

Currently, he said Maun
Heroes was the only club
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Botswana’s Olympic odyssey

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By Moshe Galeragwe

**GABORONE** - Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture has applauded the Botswana Table Tennis Association (BTTA) for successfully hosting two youth table tennis activities.

The two events, International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Africa Hopes Training week, which was more of a talent identification competition as it catered for the development of U-12 players and the ITTF Africa Junior Championship, were held in Gaborone.

Rakgare said in an interview after the closing ceremony of the ITTF Africa Junior Championship on Sunday that the calibre of players and officials who thronged the two activities were equally satisfied by the reception and the events organisation. “What has been done is a commendable move as it is meant to develop the youth. It is important to catch them young,” he said.

Even though the local players did not perform well in the two events, Rakgare was pleased that hosting the events and getting a reasonable number of young table tennis players to feature in them was a memorable achievement as the players were given an opportunity to test their skills and learn from the best in the game.

“The events were a learning curve for them. What they have acquired will in future improve their performance and bring the desired results,” he said.

The minister said the BTTA must be applauded for their bravery and eagerness to grow the sport from a young age. “Hosting events of such magnitudes was not only focused on playing and winning, it was equally meant to grow the players by exposing them to new competition and tactics that will help them grow,” he said.

He said efforts made by sporting codes such as table tennis to develop the young were commendable, adding that government was working on a programme to develop sport in schools.

Rakgare also said hosting the two events was in line with the country’s aspirations of turning the country into a hub for sport as well as growing sport tourism. He also thanked sponsors saying the event was a result of their support and assisting in nurturing and growing young people into responsible citizens through the guidance of sport.

In addition, he thanked volunteers saying their dedication and loyalty were commendable. Meanwhile, Egypt dominated the ITTF Africa Junior Championship, winning a total of 23 medals comprising of eight gold, seven silver and eight bronze medals.

Tunisia followed in second with 10 medals being five gold, four silver and a bronze medal.

Madagascar came third with a gold and two bronze medals, while Botswana finished seventh with bronze medal in the U-19 girls team event category made by the quartet of Tshegofatso Buisanyang, Asante Motsamai, Briannah Mogaladi and Charity Moleele.