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President Advocate Duma Boko reiterated government's goal of increasing electricity production by at least 8 000 megawatts over the next four years at the opening ceremony of the SADC Sustainable Energy Week in Gaborone yesterday. He further said modernising the energy sector and transitioning to a solar-dominated industry were crucial steps for both environmental sustainability and economic growth.

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Kgatleng District Commissioner, Ms Kolobetso Sejakgomo (centre) handing disaster relief donations to Kgatleng leadership in Mochudi recently. Ms Sejakgomo explained that about eight schools had been designated as evacuation centres and were still housing displaced families. Photo: Lindi Morwaeng

Schools re-open except in Kgatleng

By Moshe Galeragwe and Lindi Morwaeng

GABORONE - All schools will re-open today after closing last week Wednesday due to heavy rains that caused flooding, Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education Dr Nono Kgafela-Mokoka has said.

Updating the nation on Botswana Television yesterday, the minister said all the schools would re-open countrywide except in Kgatleng where schools were still used as evacuation centres.

Dr Kgafela-Mokoka advised parents to work with teachers in ensuring children's safety while at home. In an interview, Kgatleng District Commissioner, Ms Kolobetso Sejakgomo indicated that the schools were not ready to receive learners.

She said the schools were part of the eight evacuation centres providing shelter to over 800 flood victims. MP for Kgatleng West, Dr Unity Dow, said most schools in the district needed to be repaired and cleaned before classes could safely resume.

Dr Dow further urged the public to unite and lend their support, whether through volunteering, donating supplies or offering temporary accommodation to displaced individuals.

She emphasised the importance of collective action and highlighted the need for Bakgatla, in particular, to step up and provide shelter for displaced individuals, thereby relieving government, the burden of addressing the crisis alone. **BOPA**

Prioritise safety of children during flood

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE -Parents and guardians have been encouraged to consistently ensure children's safety as the schools open today.

Giving an update of the current situation, following recent flood, in Botswana Television on Sunday, the Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa said while the risk level had generally reduced and the situation remained stable, one more life have been lost bringing the total number of the recent flood fatalities to eight.

"This is a tragedy that weighs heavily on all of us. We urge the public to exercise caution and avoid making risky decisions that could lead to further loss of life," he said. Mr Mohwasa encouraged the public to prioritise safety noting that with care and compassion, the nation could navigate the crisis together. To keep the nation informed, he said government ministries and departments would continue to provide the latest updates regarding all areas of concern. "While the conditions have improved significantly, we must stress that we are not yet fully out of the woods. Areas such as Mochudi, parts of Kgatleng District and Tlokweng are still experiencing flooding," he said. For that reason, he stressed that it was crucial for the nation to remain alert and prepared.

The Minister expressed delight that most roads, throughout the country, were open. However, he cautioned that many of the routes were in poor condition due to heavy rains. "As we prepare to return to normal working hours, we urge everyone to exercise caution while traveling. Your safety is our top priority," he added. On a positive note, Mr Mohwasa said critical infrastructure remained stable, with both electricity and water supply fully restored. Additionally, he said 24-hour clinics, primary hospitals and federal hospitals were also operational and accessible to all, although there might be occasional interruptions in service provision. In recognising the importance of providing psychosocial support to those affected, he

said government had made arrangements, through offices of the district commissioners, to ensure that services are available. Furthermore, Mr Mohwasa expressed gratitude to the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), business community,

faith-based organisations and individual citizens and residents for their invaluable support and solidarity during these trying times. Their efforts, he said, have made a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need, encouraging all to continue to give according

to their abilities. As of Sunday, the number of people evacuated was 1 806 of which 1 192 have returned to their homes, and only 618 were still at evacuation centres. A total 5 451 people were so far affected by the floods of which 885 were children. **BOPA**



Believers Destiny Academy is one of the schools that was flooded in Kgatleng.

MPs attend Pan African Parliament meetings

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Four Members of Parliament accompanied by Kgosi Mosadi Seboko, will attend the Pan African Parliament Permanent Committees and Related Meetings which started yesterday and will end on February 28 in Midrand, South Africa.

They are, Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang, Mr Arafat Khan, Mr Sam Digwa and Mr Kagiso Mmusi.

A press release from the National Assembly says the meetings follow the just ended 38th African

Union Summit for African Heads of State and Government that was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia under the theme: Justice for Africans and People of African Descent through Reparations.

The release says this year's African Union (AU) theme was launched by Heads of State and Government during the summit and dialogue expected among the member states surrounding the theme include; the continuing pursuit of justice and equity, the conversation about reparations as a critical and transformative dialogue that requires the collective attention and action of

Africans and all people of African descent. It encompasses a range of initiatives aimed at addressing historical injustices stemming from colonisation, slavery and systemic discrimination, says the release.

Pan African Parliament is a legislative body of the African Union that was established in 2004 to promote democracy, human rights and African unity.

The body is also mandated to promote popular participation and representation of African peoples in decision making and provide a platform for people from all African states to be involved in

discussions and decision making.

Pan African Parliament has 11 permanent committees whose functions align with those of the African Union Commissions.

"Each committee has a maximum number of 30 members with regional and gender representation excluding the Committee of Audit and Public Accounts which has a maximum number of 15 members," says the media release.

It further states that the committees enable parliament to perform its core oversight, advisory and consultative functions. **BOPA**

Ambassadors pledge support post flood

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo and Ndingililo Gaoswedibe

GABORONE - Five envoys from Japan, Egypt, Guinea, Vietnam and New Zealand presented letters of credence to President Advocate Duma Boko in Gaborone yesterday.

Speaking during presentation of credentials to President Boko, the ambassadors pledged their nations' support to Botswana following the recent flood.

Ambassador Shindo Yusuke of Japan extended heartfelt condolences to Botswana, acknowledging the displacement of people and the extensive damage caused by flooding.

"We are committed to strengthening and deepening our relations, and we will support Botswana in any way possible," he said.

Mr Yusuke further expressed Japan's interest in supporting Botswana in mineral exploration and facilitating more opportunities for Botswana students to study in Japan. For his part, Ambassador Ahmad Ali Ibrahim Sharief of Egypt also pledged substantial support, particularly in health and developmental endeavors.

He emphasised Egypt's readiness to assist Botswana in building high-quality infrastructure, including roads, energy, and trade sector, as well as supporting the development of dams. Mr Sharief expressed his country's commitment to continuing the growth of Botswana-Egypt bilateral relations and called on President Boko to consider opening a Botswana Embassy in Cairo. Guinea's Ambassador, Mr Moriba Alain Kone, reiterated his country's strong desire to deepen

diplomatic ties with Botswana. He acknowledged the longstanding relationship between the two countries, noting that Guinea was eager to learn from Botswana's successful experience in the mining sector, which he believed would contribute significantly to Guinea's development.

Welcoming Mr Hoang Sy Cuong of Vietnam, President Boko said his presence marked the continuation of a journey that began in February 2009.

The President, who was part of a parliamentary delegation to Vietnam in 2015, said Botswana intended to learn from Vietnam regarding

Foreign Direct Investment, as Vietnam was one of the countries excelling in this area. He said Botswana could also benefit from project implementation in sectors such as infrastructure by engaging with Vietnamese companies.

Ambassador Cuong congratulated President Boko on his ascension to the presidency, adding that Vietnam had made remarkable progress in the past four decades. He expressed optimism that the two countries could share insights on policy implementation, self-reliance and explore opportunities in economic, trade and investment sectors. When welcoming New Zealand's

Ambassador, Mr Phillip Hewitt, President Boko said Botswana had renewed its commitment to overcoming corruption.

He said after receiving assistance from New Zealand around 2012, the country lost focus but was now determined to improve and adopt a more robust approach. He said that agriculture was another area for potential collaboration. Ambassador Hewitt said the two countries shared common values, including good governance, democracy and human rights, adding that agriculture was a sector where Botswana could greatly benefit. **BOPA**

Energy security critical to regional integration

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - Energy security and universal access to energy remain critical catalysts for regional integration and true economic development across all sectors and SADC member states.

Speaking during the SADC energy week in Gaborone on Monday, SADC executive secretary, Mr Elias Magosi said the region continued to face power shortages primarily due to inadequate infrastructure development across the board and in recent times the debilitating effects of climate change.

"Currently, in terms of the regional energy mix, coal makes 60 per cent of electricity generation, while hydro-power is at 24 per cent with renewable energy trailing at around 10 per cent," he said.

Mr Magosi said climate change had laid bare limitations to ascertain a sustainable energy supply and its security.

"We do not only have to grapple with our limited and very difficult ability to minimize pollution from fossil fuels but also we must contend with harsh droughts that have made us extremely vulnerable to continue our dependence on water resources," he said. To address this, Mr Magosi said urgent and robust investments were needed in power generation, transmission and diversification into renewable energy sources such as wind and solar energy, in addition to deliberate efforts by all to adopt and ensure energy efficiency at all

levels. He said efforts were afoot to interconnect Angola, Malawi and Tanzania to the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) network, to ensure that the region exploited excess power in some countries and to reduce the deficit in others.

He said a regional approach was crucial to expanding energy markets, optimising infrastructure development and addressing the intermittency of renewable sources.

Additionally, Mr Magosi said it was equally important to address the issue of affordability head on as well as the creation of an enabling environment for the increased participation of investors and other players including the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) and independent Transmission Systems Operators (TSOs) in the Energy Supply Industry (ESI).

"We have observed that member states, through the establishment of energy regulators, are slowly migrating towards cost-reflective tariffs with a pro-poor element, to ensure that basic electricity needs are met on monthly basis while promoting investment in the energy supply industry," he said.

He said it was also encouraging to note that some of SADC member states had introduced almost zero electricity connection fees to tackle the issue of affordability and access, which he said was commendable and worth replicating across the region. To that effect, Mr Magosi said the SADC secretariat was also coordinating implementation of strategic frameworks to enhance energy access, improve energy security while promoting sustainable energy solutions.

These, he said included the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Strategy and Action Plan (2016) to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency adoption and the Regional Energy Access Strategy and Action Plan (2020) to support off-grid technology development for rural energy access.

He indicated that the energy infrastructure projects required substantial financial resources, which governments often lacked.

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Business Botswana CEO, Mr Norman Moleele (left) and Health Generation manager, Ms Kelebogile Mathware (right) handing food relief to Gaborone City Council mayor, Mr Oarabile Motlaleng in Gaborone on Sunday. Health Generation donated readily prepared food for 220 people at evacuation centres. Photo: Phenylo Ramatu

Government to scale up electricity production

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - Government has set a target to scale up electricity production to at least 8 000 megawatts within the next four years to modernise the energy sector with strategic shift toward a solar dominated energy industry.

President Advocate Duma Boko made the remarks during the official opening of the SADC Sustainable Energy Week in Gaborone yesterday.

He said it was important to acknowledge that energy was a fundamental human right and there was need to improve and accelerate the capacity to generate and distribute it in its various forms with preference to renewable energy sources.

President Boko said investing in sustainable energy was not only an environment decision but rather an economic imperative.

"We believe that by doing so, we would have laid a foundation for a more sustainable and competitive energy landscape," he said.

President Boko noted that as a member of the global village, Botswana was a signatory to some agreements and treaties among them the Paris Agreement and the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol signed in 2016.

Similarly, he said it was estimated for Africa to meet 60 per cent of

its energy requirement through renewables by 2050.

President Boko said the SADC region was renowned for vast renewable resources which could be harnessed for socio-economic benefit.

In this regard, he called for the development of well-planned energy systems, policies and frameworks as well as responsive financing mechanism and well capacitated institutions to harness the renewable energy sector.

He said SADC member states should act boldly and partner with the private sector to mobilise private capita to build the necessary infrastructure and cultivate the talent and the knowledge necessary to sustain the regional energy sector.

"I call upon everyone to be innovative and exploit the available value chains to create jobs and grow our countries economy," he said.

President Boko said the SADC region faced challenges related to energy poverty which was a constraint to the regional economy, as it left rural dwellers with limited access to critical services like health, education and communications.

"A clarion call for an energy secure region is therefore urgent in order to drive industrialisation and integration of our economies in pursuit of fulfilling the vision of Africa Free Continental Trade Area Agreement (AFCTA)," he said.

He said the implementation of energy supply strategies needed collective efforts as they transcended boundaries.

"A sustainable energy future, requires deep cooperation across borders, therefore by developing regional energy projects, harmonising policies and sharing best practices, we can maximise the benefits of our collective resources," he said.

President Boko therefore, called for collaborations in the energy sector such as the SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE), for promoting wide adoption of renewables and energy efficiencies in the region.

He thus pleaded with each SADC member states to prioritise sustainable energy policies in their national development agendas and revise the renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

He said countries should establish initiatives and force environmental protections as well as establish clear road maps for a just and equitable energy transition which was relevant to the realities of the regions.

President Boko indicated that SADC should as a region set tangible targets to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and increase the use of renewable energy sources. **BOPA**

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The City of Francistown Council uses over P1 million on average to maintain internal roads.

FCC uses P1.3m for road maintenance

By Lefika Maruping

FRANCISTOWN - On average the City of Francistown Council uses P1 329 238 to maintain internal roads.

Speaking in a recent interview, City of Francistown Council's acting head of department for Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Mr Isaac Legase said the state of Francistown roads had been gradually worsening over the years.

Currently, the most affected

road in Francistown is the Domboshaba, which is mostly used by trucks, the Botswana Meat Commission road heading to Gerald and the majority of roads within Dumela Industrial.

Mr Legase said the dilapidated state of roads was worsened by the ongoing rain, causing the roads to wear out and develop potholes.

The other reason the roads were dilapidated, Mr Legase stated, was that they took too long to undergo full maintenance.

"We fully maintain roads after

every five years, and the last time was in 2022," he added.

Nevertheless, Mr Legase stated that between the five-year periodic full maintenance, the council took care of the roads by temporarily covering pot holes with gravel and cold pre-mix, especially during rainy seasons.

The last full maintenance, Mr Legase said involved overlaying eight kilometres with asphalt and two kilometres with chip seal within the Francistown Central Business District. **BOPA**

Council mobilises resources for maintenance

By Calviniah Kgauthe

LOBATSE - Lobatse Town Council is mobilising resources to address the damage at primary schools due to recent heavy rains.

Town Clerk Ms Lenamile Taolo reported that several schools have been impacted, with Pitikwe, Hill School, Maitlamo, Bothakga, Peleng, Peleng West, and a local daycare center being the hardest hit.

On Tuesday, council officials conducted assessments at Pitikwe Primary School, where they took immediate action to remove falling ceilings from classrooms to prevent hazards for students and staff.

"The assessments revealed that the school requires complete re-roofing, with an estimated cost of around P200 000," Ms Taolo said.

Currently, she said there were no funds, saying they were seeking financial assistance to restore the school.

She said the damage extended beyond the roofing to include issues with electrical maintenance.

"We will prioritise repairs for the worst affected schools first, followed by addressing the minor ones."

The total estimated cost for repairs across all affected schools is approximately P800 000.

However, Ms Taolo indicated

that the council was grappling with financial constraints but was committed to sourcing the required funds.

"With the 2024/2025 financial year approaching its end, there are no funds available in our recurrent budget," she noted.

Additionally, Ms Taolo highlighted that Pitikwe primary, built about a decade ago, may suffer from structural defects contributing to its severe leaking roof situation.

"Most of the classrooms on the top floor are experiencing leaks; therefore, urgent maintenance is essential," she added.

Further, she said challenges posed by continuous adverse weather conditions have complicated repair efforts.

In related news, Assistant District Commissioner Mr Kabelo Ntopo provided an update on the flood disaster management situation in Lobatse, confirming that it remained under control, with no major floods recorded in the district.

He noted that while rain had caused fallen trees obstructing traffic, these hazards have been promptly cleared.

The most severe incident reported was at Pitikwe Primary School, with further assessments ongoing by relevant departments.

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Flood lesson for new government - Minister

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, has stated that the recent flood represented a significant disaster in the country's history, serving as a critical learning experience for the new government.

Following a visit to flood-affected areas in Francistown, including sites of significant infrastructure damage, Mr Mohwasa highlighted the inadequate construction of bridges, roads, and culverts.

He noted that several companies had expressed interest in assisting government efforts to repair the damaged infrastructure. Despite acknowledging the country's financial constraints, he emphasised the government's commitment to supporting the affected Batswana.

The flood caused widespread suffering, resulting in fatalities and significant material losses. In Francistown alone, two Zimbabwean boys, aged nine and 17, drowned while retrieving fishing nets in the Ntsho River, with similar tragedies occurring elsewhere in the country.

Mr Mohwasa emphasised that while this was a major challenge for the new government, they are committed to providing assistance despite financial limitations.

He highlighted the role of the national disaster management committee, now operating at the district level under District Commissioners in coordinating

relief efforts.

He urged the committee to improve its response time and ensure timely assistance to victims.

Accompanied by Ministers Messers Tiroeane Ntsima and Ignatius Moswaane, and the Francistown leadership, Mr Mohwasa toured the affected

areas, including BZ location, Area 11 in Monarch location, and Block 1.

He witnessed first hand the devastation, observing families struggling to salvage belongings and dry clothing amidst the lingering threat of further flooding.

In Block 1, Mr Nekati Stewart, the owner of a heavy equipment company, described the significant losses he suffered, including washed-away tires, a bowser tank, cement, and concrete, which he believes are now likely at Dikgatlong Dam in Robelela.

Mr Mohwasa also visited Ms Masego Pule's poultry farm, where over 2 000 broiler chickens perished and Dothodzo Funeral Parlour, where rising floodwaters forced the relocation of a body and significantly impacted the business, especially given the recent purchase of new caskets.

The tour concluded at the Botswana Railways houses, which were also severely flooded. Expressing his condolences to all the affected, Mr Mohwasa promised assistance following a comprehensive assessment of the damage.

His visit to Francistown is part of a nationwide tour undertaken on behalf of the President to assess the extent of the flood damage. **BOPA**



Minister for State President Mr Moeti Mohwasa (left) during a visit to flood-affected families in Francistown to evaluate damage and offer support. Mr Mohwasa acknowledged the nation's financial limitations, stating government's dedication to assisting those impacted.

Photo: Thamani Shabani

Bakgatla call for human-wildlife conflict management strategy

By Mmoniemang Motsamai

MOCHUDI - Bakgatla have called on government to come up with long term measures to manage human/wildlife conflict.

In a consultative National Human-Wildlife Conflict Strategy kgotla meeting that was held in Mochudi recently, they said it was high time government came up with solutions to address the conflict.

They said government should come up with interventions or strategies to mitigate existing and potential conflicts.

They complained that livestock predation and infestation of diseases were common in the farms.

Others decried a high number of baboons and monkeys rampaging their homes for food and destroying their valuables.

Ms Sekafothini Motshegwa said her home had become a meeting ground for baboons and monkeys as they come in groups to search for food and that she no longer had the freedom to open doors and windows for ventilation.

"I am in prison, I do not know what to do," she lamented.

Mr Patrick Phometsi asked the Department of Wildlife and National Parks to reduce a number of wild beasts in cattle posts as they infect livestock with diseases.

Mr Senwelo Setoutwe also said livestock predation by wild animals had impoverished them.

Equally, he complained about what he termed 'peanuts' compensation, which he said should be equivalent to what had been destroyed.

University of Botswana's Okavango Research Institute Prof. Olekae Thakadu said the meeting was part of a series of those held countrywide to consult Batswana on human wildlife conflict strategy.

His meeting with Bakgatla was meant to validate what they had suggested in a previous consultative meeting where they complained about damage to crop, damage to property, death and injuries to human beings

and nuisance by dangerous wild animals.

In that regard, Prof. Thakadu said seven strategic priority areas were identified including identifying and addressing key drivers of human-wildlife conflict.

The goal of this priority area seeks to create solutions that reduce conflict while promoting the conservation of animals and the wellbeing of communities.

Another priority area, he said, was to encourage conservation of wild animals to reduce direct pressures that led to human-wildlife conflict.

In doing so, he said there was need to create harmonious balance between human activities and wildlife conservation, reducing the likelihood of conflict and fostering coexistence.

"We also need to increase awareness about wild animals as some people do not know how to handle or deal with them," he said.

Prof. Thakadu also said there was need to avail information and data in order for communities to make informed decisions and foster collaborative efforts to mitigate conflicts.

Other priorities include reducing negative impacts of human-wildlife conflict on human and wildlife to create a balance where both human and wildlife conservation can coexist without detriment to either party.

Establishment of sustainable wildlife economy and enhancing the wildlife value chain sector, he said, should aim to create relationship between humans and wildlife, where economic benefits derived from wildlife contribute to both conservation efforts and local community wellbeing.

Another priority strategy is to enhance community resilience through effective and timely compensation mechanisms.

This strategy aims to establish Human-Wildlife Conflict Replacement Fund to compensate individuals or communities affected by human-wildlife conflict. **BOPA**



Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (right) and Police Commissioner, Ms Dinah Marathe at the official opening of a police station in Lekgwapheng ward in Molepolole on Friday. Minister Mohwasa said Government would provide the police with adequate resources and manpower as a commitment to citizens safety. Photo: Tebagano Ntshole

Govt to resource police - Mohwasa

By Tebagano Ntshole

MOLEPOLOLE - Government will provide the police with adequate resources and manpower as a commitment to citizens safety, Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa has said.

Speaking at the official opening of a police station in Lekgwapheng ward in Molepolole on Friday, Minister Mohwasa said adequate resources were crucial in the fight against crime, hence its provision was priority for the new government.

The minister said the aim was to see every Motswana living a crime free life, adding that government would continue to solve the challenges faced by the nation.

He said public safety was paramount in building a peaceful nation and improving the lives of the citizens.

Minister Mohwasa emphasised the importance of everyone's participation in building a peaceful nation and playing a role in economic growth.

He said the government would continue to bring police services which includes offices, manpower, education and technology closer to the people to ensure their safety.

The minister expressed hope that by investing in the police, the amount of time the police took to respond to incidents would be reduced hence produce good results.

Meanwhile, the minister said statistics continued to show high prevalence of gender based violence (GBV) across the country and urged Batswana to join forces with the government and police in condemning such acts.

He said building a nation free from GBV should be a task for every Motswana.

Led by a human rights centered government, the minister said, the country should be seen to be upholding and protecting these rights and condemning whenever people were denied their rights.

He said statistics indicated that Molepolole was one of the villages mostly affected by crime

in the country, due to its high population and proximity to the nation's capital.

He acknowledged that the police station was old, hence there was need for its renovation adding it was not adequately equipped.

The minister said that was the reason government saw the need to develop Lekgwapheng office into a fully fledged police station with all necessary equipment and staff.

This will complement the two police stations currently under construction in Suping and Magokotswane wards in Molepolole expected to be completed next year.

Minister Mohwasa further revealed that government would also establish a Human Rights office and Missing Persons Unit, as part of efforts to address the challenge of disappearance of people.

Police Commissioner Ms Dinah Marathe said the Lekgwapheng police had a CID unit, traffic division and GBV centre as well as four vehicles. **BOPA**

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AndBeyond launches chef training school

By Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

MAUN - AndBeyond, a safari company on Friday launched a chef training school, marking a significant milestone in its commitment to enhance skills and create employment opportunities within the tourism and hospitality sector.

Speaking at the launch, Member of Parliament for Maun North, Mr Dumelang Saleshando praised the initiative as a monumental step in empowering youth and elevating communities.

So far the school has enrolled the first three students, who hail from Shorobe, Tsutsubega, and Gogomoga.

"By offering quality education and practical skills training, AndBeyond is providing these students with the opportunity to thrive in one of the most dynamic industries in our country and I am proud to see that the vision for a better future is being brought to life right here in Maun," he said.

He further advised the North West region to up their game in ensuring that the tourism sector was elevated and enriched.

"The sooner we accept that the diamond industry, which has been our prime breadwinner, is at its lowest, the quicker it will be for us to channel resources toward the relevant industry being the tourism sector, which will uplift our economy and better our communities," said Mr Saleshando.

He also implored the trainees to be ambitious and work harder so as to secure a brighter future and subsequently play the role in elevating their communities.

For his part, managing director of Andbeyond Botswana, Mr Jason King highlighted that the three young individuals from the aforementioned areas were selected based on their dedication, resilience, and potential.

"With full sponsorship from Impact Life, a non-profit making organisation, the students will receive a year-long training that will equip them with the culinary skills required to excel in the hospitality and tourism sector," said Mr King.

He further stated that the chef

training school would provide a comprehensive curriculum covering both practical and theory aspects of professional cooking, giving students the opportunity to learn from experienced chefs and gain hands-on experience.

"We are thrilled to offer this programme to the first cohort of students as by investing in their education and development, we are not only giving them the skills they need to succeed, but also helping to elevate the local tourism industry as a whole," he said.

Andbeyond human capital and academy director, Ms Linda King stated that the company's commitment to sustainability and social responsibility had long been a key player in the country's tourism industry.

"The launch of the chef training school is a continuation of the company's broader efforts to support local talent and foster long-term growth in Botswana's hospitality sector and with the certification that students will gain from the academy.

"We want to empower and up-skill them to make a difference even outside their communities," she said.

She also noted that at the end of a year's programme, graduates would receive certification that would enhance their employability in the fast-growing tourism and hospitality industry.

Beneficiary of the Impact Life Botswana sponsorship, Ms Tsotlhe Sakaema expressed gratitude for the opportunity and pledged to take full advantage of the skills to be gained from the course.

"Through this opportunity, I want to gain valuable culinary skills, build confidence, work ethic, and independence. I aspire to use what I have learned to contribute to my community and the broader tourism industry in Botswana," she said.

Meanwhile, Andbeyond has started admitting interns at the chef training School to allow graduates to gain experience through practical work, which would essentially place them at a better position in the job market.

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MANILA - Chinese hybrid rice has gained trust among Philippine farmers for its high yield and resilience against diseases and strong winds. The rice is developed by Longping High-Tech, a Chinese agricultural company. Photo: Xinhua

Ntsima embraces digital transformation

By Lefika Maruping

FRANCISTOWN - The Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima says digital technology is not just a tool but a catalyst for growth and development.

"Our commitment to embracing these advancements is crucial for ensuring that no one is left behind in this digital age," he said during the launch of Botswana Trade Commission Online Permit Management System in Francistown recently.

He said Botswana, like other countries, embarked on an ambitious programme to broaden the digital and innovation ecosystem through the SmartBots Digital Transformation Strategy.

Mr Ntsima said progress achieved in the implementation of strategies and programmes on digitisation is attested by improvement in Botswana's ranking, making the biggest leap in the Global Innovation Index 2024, being at position 87th globally, making it to the top three in Africa.

Mr Ntsima commended the Botswana Trade Commission for taking the significant step of automating its business processes and contributing to digital transformation of the economy.

He said transitioning from traditional paper-based processes

and methods to a more efficient platform, the commission is enhancing its ability to facilitate and support the business community in the issuance of import permits, export permits and rebate certificates.

"This shift does not only improve operations' efficiency but also expands the organisation's outreach, ensuring better service delivery to all its stakeholders nationwide," he added.

He also called upon other stakeholders and government entities to follow suit to embrace the power of digital technology as a means to create a more inclusive, efficient, and prosperous future for all



Mr Tiroeane Ntsima

Botswana Trade Commission chief executive officer, Ms Shirley Moncho, said the Online Permit Management System was launched to inform tariff changes and determine impact of unfair trade practices leading to recommendations being made on remedial measures.

Ms Moncho said the import and export control function had all along been with the Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship. She added that in preparation for transitioning of this function from the ministry, the commission embarked on a journey to develop an online permit system to enhance efficiency in service delivery and decentralise its services.

"Through this system, our processes for issuance of rebate certificates and import and export permits have been streamlined and re-engineered.

And the expected outcome is reduction in turnaround time and cost of doing business by cutting travel time and associated fares," she added.

Ms Moncho said the Online Permit Management System was part of the 1Gov-1Citizen platform where government intended to offer all its services on-line, and that so far there were 15 registered BOTC services in the 1Gov-1Citizen platform.

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STIs on rise

By Thuso Kgakatsi

HUKUNTSI - Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) are said to be on the rise and remain a major public health problem in Hukuntsi District despite the intense advocacy for behavioural changes by the relevant stakeholders to reduce HIV and AIDS prevalence.

Hukuntsi District Management Health Team (DHMT), public health officer, Mr Mothusi Segotso said this in his remarks when deliberating on health education during the wellness day organised by the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs as well as the Hukuntsi District Council, in collaboration with DHMT recently.

He said there was an increase of STIs cases despite the high numbers of condoms which were distributed in the district.

He said people had a negative attitude toward condom use despite efforts in public health education as a means to sensitise on the need for behavioural change in condom use.

With regard to maintaining a healthy lifestyle, he said it was important to take into account issues of a healthy diet as a daily routine.

He advised that staying active could prevent chronic diseases such as heart disease and high blood pressure.

“Set long term goals such as being more healthy and short term goals such as daily walks as this will make contribute positively to being motivated,” he said.

Mr Segotso further underscored the need for lifestyle modification, adding that it had proved to be a powerful tool in combating the morbidity and mortality of diseases.

He however decried of the low turn-out of participants at the event, and urged people to take advantage of such platforms when availed for them.

For her part, Hukuntsi District principal programmes officer in the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs, Ms Kelathegile Mbutho said the day was meant to share information on issues of mental and psychological well-being and how to reduce the risk of contracting non-communicable diseases.

She noted that National Fitness Day was launched in 2015, and was hosted as an intervention to promote physical fitness activities and recreation.

The event was dominated by activities such as aerobics, tug of war and fun games. **BOPA**

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Minister urges unity for better service delivery

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Ministry of Water and Human Settlement employees have been implored to unite in the interest of good service delivery.

Addressing employees of Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC), Water and Sanitation and Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) recently, Mr Onneetse Ramogapi appreciated challenges employees faced among them shortage of resources but said through their work, productivity could be enhanced.

He encouraged them to deploy the limited resources at their disposal do deliver on their mandate.

"It is critical to understand the vision of the ministry and the new administration. Our vision as a ministry is to be the best and that means excelling in whatever we do with the little resources we have," he added.

Mr Ramogapi encouraged employees to adhere to set service standards adding that it was disturbing to learn that WUC employees took long to attend to water leakages despite the three-day set standard.

Employees were told to attend to leakages within 24 hours, to avoid water wastage. "We should be seen excelling in our daily duties, serve the community with respect, Botho and sober minds," said Mr Ramogapi.

They were also encouraged to adhere to the highest standards of diligence and efficiency as a matter of pride and national duty when serving the nation.

Mr Ramogapi said supervisors should introduce incentives, to motivate employees because a motivated workforce was more productive, happier and committed to the vision of the organisation.

Employees appreciated the minister's visit saying it would

boost their morale.

Mr Tshomarelo Kopano said they had high hopes on the new administration and agreed with the minister's idea that incentives could improve productivity.

Mr Gaofengwe Selabe requested that where possible, married people be placed closer to their families as that could also serve as a motivation.

BHC chief executive officer, Mr Nkaelang Matenge assured the minister that they would work as a team to address the challenges they faced and use resources at their disposal to improve service delivery. **BOPA**



Minister of Water and Human Settlement Mr Onneetse Ramogapi addressing employees of Department of Water and Sanitation, Botswana Housing Corporation and Water Utilities Corporation in Maun recently. Mr Ramogapi implored them to unite in the interest of good service delivery and adhere to set service standards. Esther Mmolai

Salvinia Molesta weed threatens delta

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - An employee of the Water Utilities Corporation (WUC), Mr Motlhabane Mokgware, has raised alarms about the infestation of Salvinia Molesta, an invasive weed that threatens the delicate ecosystem of the Okavango Delta.

Mr Mokgware has urged the Ministry of Water and Human

Settlement to revive the hydrology unit under the Department of Water and Sanitation, which historically played a crucial role in managing the weed's growth.

He emphasised that the persistent spread of Salvinia Molesta poses a significant threat not only to the delta but also to other water sources, with no clear efforts currently underway to control its expansion.

"The weed impacts the flow trends of the river system, leading to a continuous decline and exacerbating the severe water shortages in Maun," Mr Mokgware explained.

He recounted his experiences with the hydrology unit, where teams would patrol the delta, utilizing weevils to mitigate the weed's spread and unblocking water channels to prevent further

encroachment.

"Our efforts ensured that it did not reach critical sources like the Thamalakane River," he stated. However, he lamented that WUC's current approach focuses on building water plants along the river rather than directly addressing the invasive species.

Mr Mokgware highlighted the ecological ramifications of Salvinia Molesta, noting that it could lead to poor water quality and a decrease in environmental value, ultimately affecting tourism and the health of wetlands in the region.

In response, Minister Ramogapi acknowledged that steps were being taken to address the issue, revealing ongoing discussions with the permanent secretary regarding the management of water channels and rivers.

The problem of Salvinia Molesta has been a significant concern for the leadership in the North West region. Last year, reports indicated progress in controlling the weed, with monitoring conducted at various sites in the delta.

Council Chairman Mr Itumeleng Kelebetseng provided an optimistic update during a recent speech, stating, "We are on the verge of conquering this problematic weed. Monitoring at 44 out of 56 sites showed that infestations in the lower Okavango Delta, particularly along the Abaqao, Khwai, and Boro River systems, have significantly reduced."

Mr Kelebetseng attributed the successful control efforts to the availability of weevils in high-impact areas and limited distribution of the weed to other regions.

He further noted that most sites within the Moremi Game Reserve have achieved control over Salvinia, which now exists only in isolated patches.

The department continues to collaborate with safari camps to assist in managing the weed's spread within the delta. **BOPA**



Mr Motlhabane Mokgware during a recent staff meeting addressed by Minister Onneetse Ramogapi in Maun recently. Mr Mokgware warned about the persistent growth of the weed that threatened the sustenance of the delta and urged the ministry of Water and Human Settlement to consider reviving the hydrology unit. Photo Esther Mmolai

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Ka Kehumile Moekejo

JWANENG - Kgosi Segale Letshele kwa toropong ya Jwaneng, o kopile borre go itshekatsheka ka maikaelelo a go fetola boitsholo gore lefatshe leno le kgone ntwaga kgaatlhanong le kgokgontsho ya bong.

A re, e re ntswa dipatlisiso di supa fa go na le manoto a borre a a kgokgontshiwang mo malwapeng, dipalo tse dintsi di supa fa borre e le bone bakgokgontshi ba bomme le bana.

Kgosi Letshele o buile jalo fa a ne a amogela Mofusa Tautona Rre Ndaba Gaolathe kwa phuthagong ya kgotla e e neng e tshwaretswe kwa Jwaneng ka Matlhatso.

A re ka ngwaga wa 2023, kgotla ya gagwe e ne ya kwadisa dipalo tsa borukutlhi di le lekgolo le masome a mabedi le boferabongwe, mme mo go tsone di le masome a marataro le bosupa e ne ele tsa borre ba kgokgontsha bomme, fa bomme ba le supa ba ne ba kgokgontsha borre.

O tthalositse gore mo ngwageng o o fetileng, ba ne ba kwadisa dikgang tsa mofuta oo di le lekgolo le masome a mararo le botlhano, tse mo go tsone borre ba le masome a boferabobedi le borataro ba ne ba kgokgontsha bomme, fa bomme ba ba neng ba kgokgontsha bone ba ne ba le boferabobedi.

Kgosi Letshele a re seemo se se kekelang sa kgokgontsho ya bong, se apesitse toropo kobo ka letshoba mme e bile a re se digela le maduo kwa tlase mo ditirong.

A re, e re ntswa tsela nngwe ya go fokotsa seemo seo e le go gagamatsa melao, go botlhokwa gore borre ba tseye maikarabelo ba nne le seabe mo go fokotseng dipalo tseo.

A re go dira jalo go tlaa babalela le tshaba e e tlang ka jaana go tlaa itsa bana go tswaledisa kgokgontsho e ba ka bong ba goletse mo go yone. Mo dikgannyeng tse dingwe, Kgosi Letshele o ne a kopa puso gore e fetole melao mme dikgang tsa ditagi di busesiwe kwa makgotleng a Setswana.

"E ne yare fa moragonyana dikgang tsa ditagi tsa ntshiwa mo makgotleng a Setswana di iswa kwa go a ga mmakaseterata, mme ke dumela gore makgotla a rona a ne a le bofelo le go fetsa ka dikgang tsa mofuta o, ka jalo re kopa gore di boele re kgone go emelana natso," ga tthalosa Kgosi Letshele.

A re go le gantsi batho ba melato eo, ke banana ba ba santseng ba ka obega, ka jalo go ba sekisa ka makgotla a Setswana go ka nna bofelo gore ba otlhaiwe ele tsela e e ka ba agang le go tswaledisa matshelo a bone go aga isago ya lefatshe. **BOPA**

Borre ba le kwa phuthagong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke mofusa Tautona, Rre Ndaba Gaolathe kwa Jwaneng bosheng. Kgosi Segale Letshele wa Jwaneng o kopile borre go itshekatsheka le go fetola boitsholo gore lefatshe leno le kgone ntwaga kgaatlhanong le kgokgontsho ya bong. Senape: Felicity Male

Ba Kuke ba falotse ka bobi jwa segokgo

By Malebogo Lekula

KUKE - Ba Kuke ba falotse ka bobi jwa segokgo morago ga gore metsi a a neng a tshesegelela ka bokete mo motseng wa bone a faposeduwe kwa ntle ga motse.

Komiti ya dibetso tsa tlhologo ya kgaolo ya Ghanzi e e eteletsweng pele ke molaodi wa Ghanzi, Rre Ketumile Ramotadima e ne ya tsibogela seemo seo ka go epa mosele go laola motsamao wa metsi go a thibela go tsena mo motseng.

Mo puisanyong molaodi Rre Ramotadima, o tthalositse fa metsi ao, a a tswang kwa bophirima jwa motse wa Kuke, a ne a ntsifala ebile a elela ka bofelo ka Matlhatso, seemo se se neng sa ba tlama go tsiboga ntle le tiego.

Rre Ramotadima a re go tthalosiwa fa ka ngwaga wa 2021, noka e e kwa bophirima jwa motse oo, e ne ya baka morwalela o tseletseng mo motseng, mme wa baka tshenywa kwa sekoleng le malwapa a a mo tikologong.

O gwelthile banni ba Kuke go nna podi matseba mabapi le seemo seo sa tshoganetso. Ba Kuke ba falotse ka bobi jwa segokgo morago ga gore metsi a a neng a tshesegelela ka bokete mo motseng wa bone a faposeduwe kwa ntle ga motse.

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Kgosana Kegakilwe o bolokilwe

Ka Grace Sebape

HEBRON - Kgosi Aobakwe Phetlhu wa Hebron a re Kgosa Mosondo Kegakilwe e ne e le kgosana wa tetlanyo yo o neng a tlhokometse dithulaganyo tsa motse ka kakaretso.

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ADS 365 3593

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LAZARUS BANDA	ESHFT-000665-24	30-04-2025	0900HRS	PITSO

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ELIAS DONA NTIN	ESHFT-000032-25	06-05-2025	0900HRS	PITSO

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Boitumelo Mpuru	ESHFT-000139-25	16-04-2025	1100Hrs	Pitso

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THELO OBOPENG	ESHFT-000148-23	06-05-2025	0900HRS	PITSO

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MMOLOKI MOTLHABANE	ESHFT-000874-24	30-04-2025	0900HRS	PITSO

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ONTSHWANETSE RAKWADI	ESHFT-000130-25	29.04.2025	0900HRS	PITSO

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TEBOGO ZOLO	ESHFT-000830-24	30-04-2025	0900HRS	PITSO

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION WITH A NON-CITIZEN IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, that **GABAITSWE OLEBOGENG** of Id No. **492 414 906** intends to transfer to **RAMESH GANESAN (PASSPORT NO. T3895522)**, a non-citizen, in respect of the below mentioned property, for the value of **P145 000.00** (One Hundred and Forty Five Thousand Pula) namely;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Residential Plot No. 15926, Extension 11, Palapye
SITUATE: At Palapye in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory.

MEASURING: 25 x 36 x 25 x 36 Metres

HELD UNDER: Land Board Resolution dated 20th day of February 2025 made in favour of **GABAITSWE OLEBOGENG**.

Any citizen interested in a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the above parties.

Any citizen objecting to this transaction should do so in writing, giving reasons thereof, to the Palapye Sub Land board, P.O. Box 868, Palapye, within thirty (30) days.

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These Centres are Non-Governmental Organisations partly funded by the Ministry of Health to provide rehabilitation, stimulation and advocacy for children with disabilities. They do not have permanent sources of funding but sustain their operations from assistance of donors and well-wishers.

Annual salary: C1 (P 192588 - 229104)
Leave: 30 working days per annum.
Qualification: Degree in Physiotherapy.

Requirements:

- 2 years' minimum relevant work experience.
- Must not have no criminal record.
- Having worked with people with disabilities (PWDs) will be an added advantage.
- **MUST HAVE ACTIVE PRACTICE LICENSE AND BE REGISTERED WITH THE BOTSWANA HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL.**

Duties:

- Provide rehabilitative services to children living with disability.
- Advise on specifications for physiotherapy appliances.
- Requisitioning for supplies necessary for physiotherapy activities.
- To ensure a proper upkeep of equipment and that the supply of materials needed in the Department are available.
- To guide, motivate and coach subordinates to improve the quality of the service provided to children with disabilities.
- To assess children with disabilities referred to the Centre and plan therapy and treatment accordingly.
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- To plan and implement Community Based Rehabilitation and assist other members of the team.
- Always adhere to professional code of conduct in the execution of his/her duties.
- Compiling and submitting relevant periodic reports as may be required.
- To undertake any other duties as may be required to meet the exigency of the service.

Competencies and skills

- Supervision
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Applications should provide the following:

- Cover letter
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- Certified copies of certificates (Academic and Professional).
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Only short-listed candidates will be responded to.
CLOSING DATE: 06 March 2025.



Soke event Saturday

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - Soke, an event curated to celebrate African music and culture, is slated for Gaborone on March 1 at the Game City rooftop.

Soke event is a culmination of African food and art markets with some melodic sounds of Africanness.

"Soke is centred on African music and culture through well curated boutique events.

The initial Soke events have taken place in Cape Town and have also staged in Harare," said organiser of the event, Thembaletu Hadebe.

Soke, Hadebe explained, was a Yoruba word meaning 'up' and believed that it spoke to the experience of African people

across all the Diaspora, as they celebrated their culture.

Hadebe said the event is expected to leave Gaborone patrons with a truly African, 'Soke experience trying new food, and seeing new traditional items all in the spirit of Africa'.

Patrons are therefore encouraged to bring their uniqueness to the event and immerse themselves in the rhythmic beats, rich flavours, fashion inspired by the heritage of Africa.

"It is a day time event, which promises an unforgettable experience," said Hadebe encouraging patrons to add a touch of African flair to their outfits and embrace their rich cultural tapestry that Soke celebrates. **BOPA**



Soke event, curated to celebrate African music and culture will be held at the Game City Rooftop on Saturday.



BISHKEK - An art enthusiast at an exhibition of paintings and sculptures about the Silk Road in Kyrgyzstan recently. The exhibition features more than 60 artworks. Photo: Xinhua

Ne Zha 2 remains on top 5 at American weekend box office

LOS ANGELES - China's animated blockbuster, *Ne Zha 2* remained the top five at the North American box office on its second weekend, taking in US\$43.06 million for a North American cume of US\$14.85 million, data from measurement firm Comscore showed on Sunday.

The tally made the film the highest-grossing Chinese-language film in North America since 2006.

Data from online platforms show that 2000's *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, directed by Ang Lee, is still the highest-

grossing Chinese-language film in North America, with over US\$128 million, followed by 2002's *Hero*, directed by Zhang Yimou, which generated US\$53.7 million in North America.

However, since 2006's *Fearless*, starring Jet Li, which earned US\$24.6 million in North America, no Chinese-language film has been able to break through the 10 million-mark in North America.

Ne Zha 2 is a sequel to the 2019 animated box office hit *Ne Zha*.

Both films were inspired by China's 16th-century classic novel

The Investiture of the Gods.

The film is being released by CMC Pictures in Mandarin with English subtitles in over 940 selected theaters in North American cities including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Houston, Chicago, New York, Boston, Atlanta, Toronto, Vancouver and a few other cities with a large overseas Chinese population, according to the company.

As the film continues its record-breaking run, it has grossed US\$1.86 billion through Sunday, according to data from ticketing platform Maoyan. **Xinhua**

Tourism agency urges countries to forge partnerships

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's national tourism agency on Monday called on African countries to forge partnerships to boost the tourism industry and drive the continent's economic growth.

Gregory Davids, board chairperson of South African Tourism, the government's tourism marketing arm, made the call at the Meetings Africa, a Pan-African business and trade show that kicked off in South Africa yesterday.

In his opening speech, Davids urged Africans to tell their own stories to the world and collaborate to grow the continent's economies.

"Let us build, collaborate, and forge a future where the story of Africa as a business travel and tourism powerhouse becomes an example for those who come after us.

Every successful event hosted in Africa underscores our collective strength. It reminds the world that we are capable of hosting world-class, safe, mega-events of scale that will go on to boost economies and livelihoods across

the continent," said Davids.

Davids encouraged attendees to use Meetings Africa as a platform to forge investment partnerships for the continent's future.

"Through collaboration, innovation, and shared vision, we are building an Africa where business events don't just bring people together but create lasting economic and social impact."

"Our international buyers are not just visitors, but part of the African story. They will meet visionaries, experience innovation, and witness firsthand how Africa does not just host conferences, we create legacies," Davids added.

Davids said the event would have an economic impact on South Africa, adding that last year's Meetings Africa generated US\$7.63 million in direct expenditure.

The three-day meeting, attracting 410 exhibitors from 26 African countries and 300 buyers from over 60 countries, is expected to see African countries engage in ways to improve the industry, share good practices, and explore ways of collaboration. **Xinhua**

Team safe after Kinshasa attack

GABORONE - Botswana Football Association (BFA) has assured the nation that the senior women's national team is safe after the team's bus was attacked in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on Sunday evening.

An individual threw an object believed to be a brick or stone at The Mares team bus while they were on their way to a training session in Kinshasa, ahead of the second leg of their 2026 WAFCON qualifiers against the Leopards dames.

"While the individual's intentions remain unclear, following a thorough assessment by our security team, it is believed that the person may have mistakenly identified the bus as a public transport vehicle.

We want to assure the public and all stakeholders that while we take team security seriously, we are also committed to maintaining a balanced perspective on incidents of this nature.

The team is safe, and preparations for the upcoming match remain on track as scheduled," BFA said in a statement released today.

The association highlighted that while the team did not have a police escort to the training session at the time of the incident, they were escorted from the airport to their hotel, where they were safely accommodated.

"The host association has since assured us that a police escort will be in place for all future team movements, including today's training session and leading up to the



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The Mares are safe, focused, and fully prepared to compete

in their scheduled match against DRC on February 26 in Kinshasa," BFA added.

They further said they remained steadfast in prioritising the safety and well being of the association's

personnel and would provide further updates should the need arise. **BOPA**

China takes bronze at ISU Speed Skating World Cup

WARSAW - China's trio of Xue Zhiwen, Lian Ziwen, and Deng Zhihan secured a bronze medal in the men's team sprint at the ISU Speed Skating World Cup in Tomaszow Mazowiecki, Poland, on Sunday.

The bronze adds to China's overall medal tally, which now includes one silver and four bronzes. In the men's team sprint, China had a slow start but picked up the pace to finish third in 1:20.55.

The United States took gold

with a time of 1:19.27, while South Korea secured silver in 1:20.47. The women's team sprint saw hosts Poland beat Canada by 0.23 seconds to claim the title.

Netherlands took the lowest podium. Erin Jackson of the United States grabbed her second medal in the women's 500m at the Arena Lodowa.

On Friday, she stood on top of the podium with a winning time of 38.08 seconds. On Sunday, the Beijing 2022 Olympic champion was even better, as the 32-year-

old took gold in 37.81 ahead of the Netherlands' Suzanne Schulting (37.92) and Poland's Andzelika Wojcik (38.06).

In the men's 500m, Yevgeniy Koshkin claimed a sensational victory with 34.52.

Canada's Laurent Dubreuil was second with a time of 34.70, while Poland's Marek Kania rounded out the podium in 34.76.

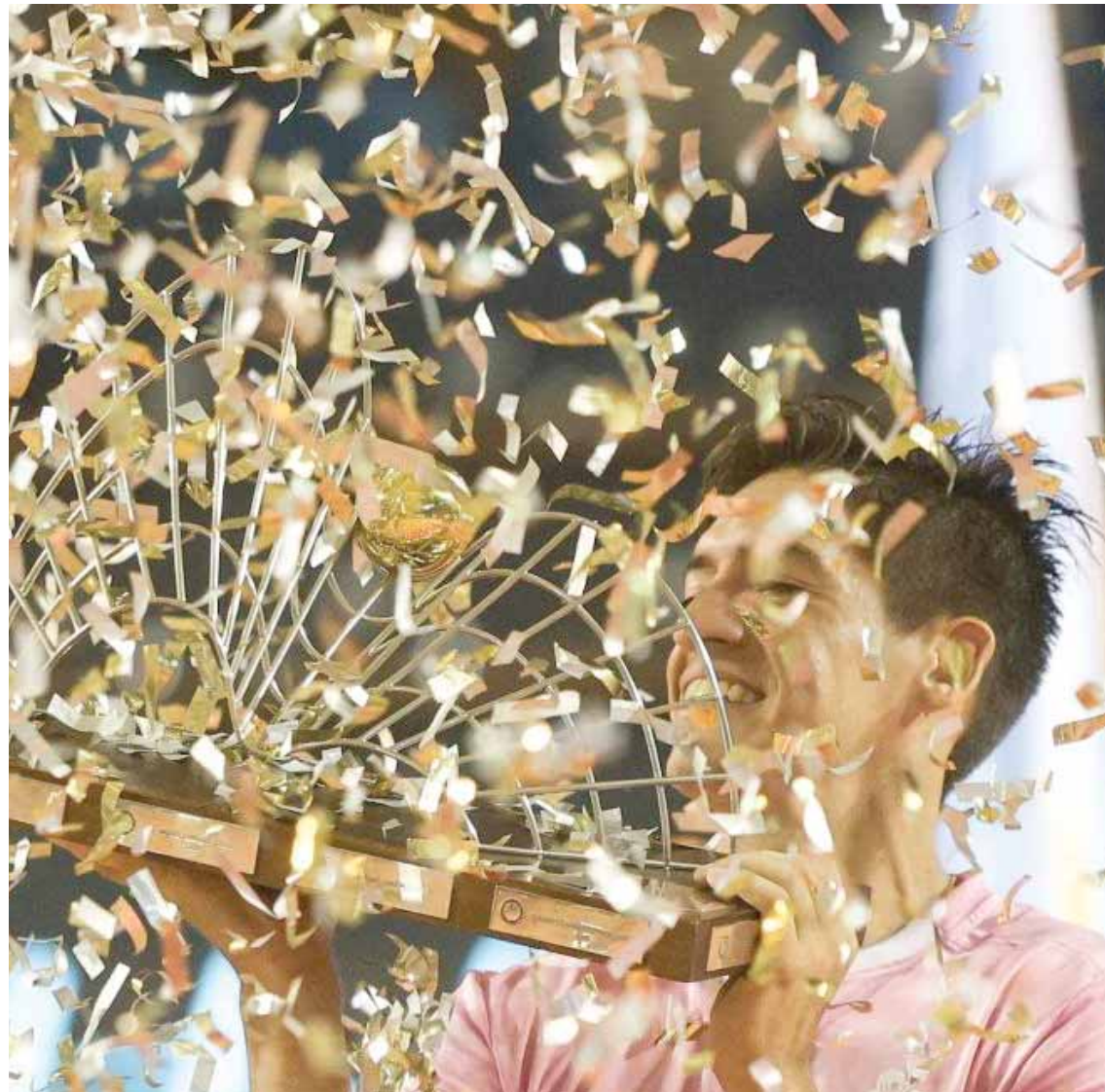
Netherlands' Marijke Groenewoud won the women's mass start in 8:20.34 followed by Italy's Francesca Lollobrigida

(8:20.48) and Ivania Blondin of Canada, who crossed the line in 8:20.79.

In the men's mass start, Lee Seung-hoon of South Korea won in 7:48.05. Bart Hoolwerf of the Netherlands earned silver with 7:48.51, while Italy's Andrea Giovannini was third, finishing in 7:48.57.

The ISU Speed Skating World Cup will next move to Heerenveen, the Netherlands from February 28 to March 2. **Xinhua**

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RIO DE JANEIRO - Sebastian Baez of Argentina celebrating during the awarding ceremony after winning the men's singles final match against Alexandre Muller of France at the 2025 ATP 500 Rio Open at Jockey Club Brasileiro in Brazil. Baez became the first back-to-back Rio Open champion by cruising to a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Muller in the final of South America's biggest tournament on Sunday. Photo: Xinhua

PSV signs experienced Perez on free transfer

THE HAGUE - Dutch football club PSV has signed Spanish striker Lucas Perez until the end of the season.

Perez, 36, was a free agent after having terminated his contract with Spanish second division side Deportivo La Coruna for personal reasons. P

He will compete with Luuk de Jong and add depth to PSV's frontline, with Ricardo Pepi ruled out for the rest of the season with injury.

"PSV was right on top of things and did everything they could to bring me to Eindhoven. Unfortunately, it took a little longer than planned to come to a final agreement, due to personal reasons on my part. I found a solution for that, and I am very grateful for the fact that the club management of PSV remained so patient," Perez said.

He has also had spells with Arsenal, West Ham United, Deportivo Alaves and PAOK.. **Xinhua**

Netballers to show talent

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Botswana netballers, Cheludo David and Keletso Gontho, left for Singapore on Monday for an international playing opportunity until March 25.

The Botswana Netball Association (BONA) president, Onkemetse Mpudi, said in an interview that they are happy that the two players were given an opportunity to showcase their talent in Singapore.

She, however, said it was regrettable the national team has overtime failed to compete in international competitions for ranking.

“That alone is a draw back on our side. Players on the other hand are given an opportunity, and expectations are that they will then share the skills they have acquired with the national team and their respective club.

But when was the last time the national team competed?” she asked rhetorically.

Mpudi said the invitation of the two players gives them a ray of hope, adding she is confident that they would represent the country with pride.

Meanwhile a press release from BONA said the invitation to Singapore was a testament to the players’ dedication, discipline, and hard work, as well as the growth of Botswana netball on the international stage.

It said BONA is confident the two players would represent the country with pride and

excellence, using this experience to elevate their performance and inspire young athletes back home.

According to the release, David, is a standout player for the Jwaneng Netball Club, and consistently demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication on the court as Goal Shooter.

Her impressive performances in local and regional competitions have earned her this prestigious opportunity to gain international exposure and further refine her

game at a higher level.

Furthermore it says Gontho is a key player for BDF Cats, and has demonstrated exceptional talent and versatility, excelling in multiple positions, Wing Defense (WD), Goal Defense (GD), and Center (C).

Her outstanding performances at national, regional, and international levels have earned her this remarkable opportunity to gain international exposure and further develop her game.

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