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President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (second right), Bank of Botswana governor, Mr Moses Pelaelo (second left), Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Mr Kgotla Autlwete (left), Minister of Defence and Security, Mr Kagiso Mmusi (right) and Permanent Secretary to the President, Ms Emmah Peloetletse, at the Economic Committee of Cabinet meeting and Bank of Botswana Annual Economic Review briefing in Gaborone yesterday. President Masisi urged the committee to deeply examine its thinking, beliefs and behaviour to match the imperatives of the economic transformation needed to achieve the Vision 2036 aspiration. He said there was urgent need to change the current way of doing things, which had kept the country for many years as a middle income economy. Photo: Yobe Shonga

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Community effort needed for promotion of healthy lifestyle

By Gontle Merafhe

GABORONE - Promoting a healthy lifestyle is a community effort that should start from the home, says Family Medical Physician, Dr Kelly Champane.

Speaking at Kgale View Family Fitness Day in Gaborone on Saturday, Dr Champane said healthy living was not only physical, but also mental, and as such it was important to teach a child good health practices so that they grow into adults with critical health practice skills.

She said children copied parents and friends, which then influenced their behaviour, making it important for parents to have good health practices that children can copy.

She said traditional foods such as bogobe and morogo were healthy and the elderly lived long to reach 95 years of age because of such healthy diet.

According to World Health Organisation, there were five principles of good health which hinged on regular physical activity of 30 minutes three times a week.

Dr Champane said exercising for a short period and stopping after weight loss was not healthy, because it was supposed to be a sustainable habit.

She added that exercises such swimming and jogging promoted healthy hearts and sustenance was effective when done out of love.

She said healthy eating should mean balanced diet in small portions against fatty foods, large portions of carbohydrates against small protein portions.

She said life was about 80/20 living, as once in a while eating takeaway foods was fine.

She said drinking two to three litres of water was recommended, adding that alcohol intake be limited to one standard drink per day.

She said smoking attracted a number of illnesses as people grew older.

She urged people to stop smoking as there was no minimal amount of recommended smoking, as one cigarette a day was considered unsafe.

Kgale View's Cllr Oduetse Tautona said they would mobilise



Mr Peter Kapile of Elite Physiotherapy Clinic (left), explaining the spinal anatomical model to Mr Tautona, during the Kgale community wellness day in Gaborone recently. Mr Tautona said the day was aimed at mobilising the community to build a spirit of self reliance and empowering the community on health issues. Photo: Pheno Moalosi

the community for self-reliance, promote individual responsibility for one's

health, empower individuals, families and the community on health related issues such

as communicable and non-communicable diseases as well as to increase access to health.

Cllr Tautona, also the deputy mayor of Gaborone, said men feared to seek medical assistance which compromise their bodies to fight off diseases.

Mr Oduetse added that mindset change was important especially for men who mostly perpetrated Gender Based Violence. **BOPA**

Dikoloti, associates donate to Gasita

By Thato Modiakgotla

GASITA- Member of Parliament for Mmathethe/Molapowabojang, Dr Edwin Dikoloti in collaboration with Optical Centre and India Association of Botswana have donated eyeglasses and blankets to Gasita community.

Speaking during the donation ceremony on Sunday in Gasita, Dr Dikoloti who is also the Minister of Health, thanked Optical Centre and India Association of Botswana for the donations.

"We have nothing to give them but just to say thank you," he said.

Dr Dikoloti said the event was in line with vision 2036 pillar on human and social development.

India Association of Botswana president, Mr Raj Kukreja, pointed out that they were donating and at the same time building relations with the community.

Mr Kukreja thanked Gasita

residents and other sponsors for having afforded them the opportunity to assist the less privileged. He added that they had also donated to different communities in the country.

The Director of Optical Centre, Mr Shyam Arora, also thanked the community for the opportunity to serve them, adding that nothing could be better than assisting them.

He stressed that they prayed to God for blessings and upon getting results, it was right to share with others.

"We have been involved in numerous eye camps, such as this one, which focuses on providing free vision screening, free eye glasses as well as providing meals," he said.

Mr Arora said they were looking forward to develop relationship, trust and mutual support leading into the future.

He said acknowledged the

India Association of Botswana for being devoted to improving relations between the people of the two countries.

Mr Simon Ramaphoi, the councillor for Gasita, said the donation would play a vital role in assisting the country in attaining Vision 2036.

Good eye sight, he said, was important as it enabled people to easily carry out their daily activities, hence it was necessary for eyes to be looked after.

Mr Ramaphoi thanked the donors on behalf of the government and residents of Gasita, noting that the donations would definitely make a huge difference.

"We understand that you receive requests for assistance on daily basis and we thank you for making us a priority," he added.

About one hundred eye glasses were given to residents after free vision screening while

about hundred other community members received blankets. **BOPA**

Telecommunication corporation expands network in Okavango

By Kedirebofe Pelontle

SHAKAWA - Okavango youth have been encouraged to exploit technology and connect the rich tourism and culture in their area.

Officially launching the Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC) upgraded network services for the Okavango district in Shakawe on July 24, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Communications, Knowledge and Technology, Mr Pontsho Pusoetsile, said telecommunications played a significant role in the development of the country and can help attain aspirations to transform Botswana into a knowledge-based economy.

"Advanced telecommunications also help to ease communication, facilitate online learning and could also improve agriculture among others," he said.

He commended BTC and its partner, Universal Access and Service Fund, for the development which, he said, was anchored in one of the President's principles of digitalisation under the reset agenda.

For his part, BTC managing director, Mr Anthony Masunga said the network expansion project was to improve the mobile network coverage from 2G to 4G/LTE technology. Mr Masunga said the broadband Internet had been distributed to more than 20 villages in the Okavango.

"The aim is to empower Batswana to be connected and improve the lives of every Motswana at any village," he said.

Universal Access and Service Fund chairperson, Mr Itumeleng Batsalelwang, said their organisation was responsible for collaboration with local network providers to improve network connectivity where there was shortage or no coverage at all.

Mr Batsalelwang, however, decried vandalism of BTC properties which, he said, negatively affected development.

He said about P60 million had been spent thus far to replace the equipment that had been stolen and therefore pleaded with the community to report the incidents of theft. **BOPA**



Dr Dikoloti (second left), India Association of Botswana and Optical Centre representatives handing out donations in Gasita recently. He said the event was in line with Vision 2036 pillar of human and social development. Photo: Thato Modiakgotla

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Adjust beliefs to transform economy - Masisi

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - The President, Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi, says there is an urgent need to adjust beliefs and behaviour in order to transform the economy towards realising the aspirations of Vision 2036.

Dr Masisi said this at the Economic Committee of Cabinet (ECC) meeting yesterday at Hotel 430 in Gaborone, where he received the Annual Economic Review from the Governor of Bank of Botswana (BoB).

"We need to deeply and courageously examine our thinking/paradigms, beliefs and behaviours to adjust them to match the imperatives of the economic transformation needed to achieve Vision 2036 aspirations. A re Chencheng," he said.

President Masisi said he was looking forward to a fruitful meeting of the ECC and also highlighted that the meeting was taking place after the launch of the National Mindset Change Campaign last week.

"Remember, what kept us for many years as a middle income economy will not take us to a high income economy," he said further urging for a change of

mindset in order to grow the economy.

The ECC sitting was also to consider the proposal from the Ministry of Trade and Industry, focusing on the Administration and Implementation of Approved Government Industry and Investment Support Incentive Schemes.

President Masisi said the ministry had generated a paper containing proposals on what, in their assessment, was a better way of coordinating the speedy implementation of incentive packages to facilitate investors in the country.

Following the briefing of the ECC, Bank of Botswana organised an economic media briefing to be held today.

A statement from BoB says the briefing coincides with the publication of the bank's 2022 Statutory Annual Report which covers the 2022 audited financial statement and operations and a review of economic development in 2022 as well as other relevant updates.

The presentation at the media briefing will be presented under the theme, "Building Economic Resilience: Fiscal, External Sector Sustainability and Climate Change resilience." **BOPA**



Brig. Mathambo (left) handing over the operational order to COMMEM Force Commander, Colonel Taruvinge Farayi (right) during a press briefing on Monday. The briefing was to inform the media about the exercise code named 'Exercise Dipuisanyo' which is being conducted by the SADC standby Force from July 24 to August 4 in Kanye, Lobatse and Oodi. Looking on is COMMEM exercise director, Brigadier Kaluza Felix from the DRC. Photo: Mmoniemang Motsamai

SADC Standby Force conducts communication training exercise

By Mmoniemang Motsamai

OODI - To accomplish seamless communication, SADC Standby Force will conduct an exercise meant to enhance security forces communication among SADC member states.

The Botswana Defence Force'

(BDF) Communication Exercise (COMMEM) Director Brigadier Moenyane Mathambo said in a press briefing on Monday at Oodi that the exercise that would last for 10 days entailed a field exercise that focused on transmission of messages and enhanced data and would not be a command exercise

that could affect members of the community.

The exercise code-named Exercise "Dipuisanyo" was conducted by the SADC Standby Force from 24th July to 4th August 2023 in Gaborone, Kanye, Lobatse and Oodi Village.

Brig. Mathambo said the exercise formed part of the SADC standby force exercises meant to forge operability, draw up standing operational procedures to be employed during SADC missions and to integrate the military, the police service, correctional services and the civil component of the SADC missions.

He said approximately 480 participants from SADC members states would take part in the exercise comprising staff members from the military, police, correctional services, and the civilian.

Brig. Mathambo said awareness had been made to communities where the exercise would take place and that since it was a communication exercise, it would not affect them.

He said the Botswana Communications and Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) had been duly notified so that their equipment did not affect communication transmitters. "This exercise is only meant to inter-operate our communication equipment across member states fairly easily without hiccups," he stressed.

SADC SF COMMEM has been sanctioned by the 29th Ordinary Defense Sub Committee meeting, which was held in Lusaka, Zambia, in 2019, to exercise the SADC SF communication capability under the theme "Enhancing Communication Interoperability in SADC Missions". **BOPA**

Trade unions key in policy, project implementation

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - Trade Unions are fundamental to implementation of government policies and projects and are major stakeholders in the country's democratic dispensation structure.

Speaking during a courtesy call by the National Amalgamated Workers Union yesterday, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi said trade unions played a key role in the country's budgetary process and therefore, pleaded with unions for their sensitivity and sincerity in ensuring that government funds were prudently utilised.

"Unions are a fundamental part of democracy, a voice to many

as well as a solidarity group that represents the interests of many in ensuring that we all gravitate into a better Botswana," President Masisi said.

With the Mindset Change campaign in full swing, he said, unions should be the driving force behind the realisation of the initiative.

"We all have to adopt the mindset change initiative in our strive to transform into a high income economy, and as union leaders, I urge you to fully embrace the campaign and educate your members on the importance of mindset change and the many positive aspects related to mindset change," he

said.

Noting that the nation was bound for the general elections next year, President Masisi urged trade unions to be politically neutral.

"Botswana is a very open society and the rule dictate that everybody should have a fair chance of opportunity, hence any one among the electoral contestants can emerge a winner, I therefore urge the unions to give the election winner the legitimate respect and support in the spirit of patriotism," he said.

In response, leader of the Amalgamated Workers Union, Ms Elsinah Botshabelo assured President Masisi of the

union support in safeguarding government policies and ensuring their effective and timely implementation for the betterment of Botswana.

Ms Botshabelo said the union was committed to supporting any government initiative geared towards the attainment of any government priority area hence vowed to support the Mindset Change initiative.

"It is of importance that we support as we have done in the past contributing over P650 000 towards the COVID-19 relief fund as well the P40 000 donation towards the Mozambique flood victims," Ms Botshabelo said. **BOPA**



President Masisi (left) meeting with the leadership of National Amalgamated Local Government and Parastatal Workers Union at the Office of the President in Gaborone yesterday. He urged unions to fully embrace the mindset change initiative and educate members on its importance. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

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Parliament 2023

Stiff sentences to deter armed robberies

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - The proposed sentences in the Arms and Ammunition (Amendment) Bill of 2022 are aimed at deterring criminals from committing armed robberies.

Minister of Justice, Mr Machana Shamukuni, who was standing in for the Minister of Defence and Security in Parliament last Thursday, was responding to MPs' comments on the bill.

He said armed robberies had increased in the country over the years, hence the need to respond proactively.

He said the sentences which could go up to P500 000 or 25 years imprisonment were justified to deter criminal minds knowing that their action would heavily weigh on them.

Minister Shamukuni also allayed fears that the proposed arming of the police would contribute to illegal and unauthorised killings.

He said police officers were highly trained and that they were ranked the best in Africa and one of the best in the world.

Mr Shamukuni said with criminals armed it was no longer feasible for the police to deter them with knobkerries.

"We need to equip the police so that they respond adequately looking at the danger ahead," he said. He said should mistakes happen with the guns, it would be unfortunate and would not mean that the police were not trained.

He said the exclusion of the police commissioner and the deputy from the arms and ammunition

licensing board would ensure good governance. He also said it was not possible for the police commissioner to chair the board and advise the minister at the same time, adding that Botswana Police Service members would not be excluded from the board.

During the debate, Selebi Phikwe East MP, Mr Kgoberego Nkawana said the police should be the secretariat of the licensing board.

He also complained about the high penalties prescribed under the bill and said he was against the increased issuing of gun permits.

Serowe West MP, Mr Onalepelo Kedikilwe said there was a need to arm private security companies to ensure that the police were excluded from escorting them.

He said some of the private security companies employees were former army and police officers with knowledge of guns.

Nata/Gweta MP, Mr Polson Majaga supported the bill, but said there was need to train and arm private security companies as they were part of the nation's security apparatus.

Francistown South MP, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi opposed the bill, saying it was conceived with wrong motives. He also said the exclusion the police commissioner and deputy from the licensing board was a departure from the norm of constituting boards of state owned organs, arguing that their involvement would not compromise good governance.

After the debate, the bill which received majority support of legislators was passed to the committee stage. **BOPA**



Minister Rakgare said 1 657 people were currently employed in sport related fields.

Sport, arts, culture make 2.1% of GDP

GABORONE - Sport, arts and culture contribute 2.1 per cent to the country's Gross Development Product (GDP) as per 2021 data from Statistics Botswana, Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture, Mr Tumiso Rakgare has said.

Responding to a question in Parliament from Selebi Phikwe West MP, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse, Mr Rakgare said currently sport was employing about 1 657 people.

The minister said there were currently 480 professional athletes mainly from the football premier league as well as 16 international professional athletes in diaspora.

He said due to lack of sponsors for respective leagues, national sport associations were struggling to organise league competitions.

"The situation was compounded by the outbreak of COVID-19 as the corporate sector revenue declined and could not sponsor sport," he said.

Furthermore, the minister said currently only Botswana Football Association had leagues that were running with the premier league for men, national league for women, First Division (North and South) and regional leagues.

In instances where there were no leagues, Mr Rakgare said there were tournaments that were organised by various national sporting associations to ensure that athletes got competitive playing time.

Regarding the earnings of professional players, Mr Rakgare said the athletes usually signed individual contracts with their employers or teams.

He explained that in the context of Botswana, professional players were those who earned a minimum of P3 000 per month.

Government's role, he said was to create a conducive environment for the corporate world to invest in sport and assist sport development by sponsoring leagues, national teams and clubs.

He also said government provided an annual subvention to Botswana National Sports Commission to facilitate international participation in major competitions and the general development of sport.

"Government also motivates athletes and volunteers that contribute to the development of sport in Botswana.

Government has incentives and rewards for national team athletes,

whose implementation started in 2012.

The ministry also assists in negotiating sponsorships for sport from the private sector, and has been successful on many instances," said the minister.

The minister also said the private sector was a key player in developing sports through sponsorships, partnerships and endorsements.

"Over the years, companies such as Debswana have sponsored Botswana Athletics Association, which continues to do well in international completions.

Other companies such as Botswana Telecommunications Corporation, Orange Botswana, First National Bank and Mascom Wireless continue to urge the business community to invest in sport," he added.

Mr Keorapetse had asked the minister to brief Parliament on his ministry's contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), total number of jobs created, number of professionals in Botswana and the diaspora, state of leagues earnings of professional players and the role of the state and private sector. in such. **BOPA**

Legislator advocates for unemployment stipend

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE - Selebi Phikwe West MP, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse has tabled a motion requesting government to consider an unemployment benefit stipend.

Tabling the motion Friday, Mr Keorapetse proposed that in light of the high unemployment rate that was causing abject poverty for many, government should consider coming up with a social protection provision for those unemployed.

He said there were unemployed graduates or those who lost their jobs because of liquidations, retrenchments or other means.

"The Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) recommends the establishment of a sustainable unemployment benefit scheme based on best practices.

It suggests that there be a monthly allowance for unemployed Batswana to enable them to have a dignified life or basic standard of living in which they can afford basics such as food, clothing,

shelter, water and electricity," he said.

Giving a brief overview of the country's unemployment situation to support his motion, Mr Keorapetse said the unemployment rate stood at around 25.4 per cent as per Statistics Botswana's quarterly multi-topic survey of the 4th quarter of 2022.

In addition, he said extended unemployment, being a combination of those actively seeking and not seeking employment in the reference period, stood at 328 926 in the 4th quarter of 2022.

The most affected age groups, the MP said, were the 15 to 17 and 20 to 29 group.

The 2022 4th quarter analysis, he said, also showed that the age group 15 to 17 recorded the highest unemployment rate of 74.1 per cent followed by the 18 to 19 age group with 55.3 per cent whilst the age groups 20 to 24 and 25 to 29 recorded 43.6 and 31.1 per cent respectively.

Furthermore, he said secondary

education holders were dominant with 60.1 per cent of the unemployed followed by university graduates and primary school holders with 12.5 and 11.5 per cent respectively.

Mr Keorapetse explained that the stipend would form a compensation paid to individuals to help them cover basic costs of living whilst they sought employment or received career training. The unemployment allowance, he said, was often offered to individuals as a fixed sum and was commonly paid to the recipient as a lump sum payment monthly.

"The motion is not without basis. It resonates well with all the basic tenets of a typical welfare state, hence the need to consider it with a view to cushion those who are affected.

A number of countries have been providing similar schemes for their people who are in similar situations, and that has allowed them to live relatively dignified, though modest lives," he said.

The payment of the unemployment

stipend for unemployed Batswana, the MP said, was likely to keep the unemployed out of abject poverty and deter many people from resorting to other means of living such as crime, anti-social behaviour and other unethical activities.

He said the stipend would also provide additional support to individuals who were unemployed during recessions, liquidations and retrenchment as well as help young unemployed single mothers to feed and clothe their children.

He added that it would also help young women to buy monthly necessities such as sanitary pads.

In the UDC's view, Mr Keorapetse said the stipend would act as a form of replacement income for the unemployed as most did not qualify for destitute programmes because of stringent requirements in the guidelines, but remained impoverished.

Since it would come at a cost to the taxpayer, Mr Keorapetse said government must hasten to grow and broaden sources of

revenue. Apart from the efficient and effective collection of taxes, curbing profit shifting and capital flight, he said there was need for accelerated beneficiation of minerals to at least 50 per cent to grow the economy and create jobs.

"Money can come from curbing leakages in tourism by making high value tourists to pay locally rather than abroad. We can also invest our pensions, insurance funds and other investments locally to build the economy," he said.

In addition, he said the UDC suggested that the unemployment benefit could also be funded in part or whole through a special fund which government could find without tapping fully from the fiscus.

To prevent a situation where unemployment was encouraged by the monthly stipend, the MP said it should cover the basics, stressing that "the proposal is not to give an allowance that's equal to a salary where staying at home can become an alternative." **BOPA**

Stakeholders hail special education centre

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Some stakeholders in Maun have vowed to support the newly constructed Maun Centre for Special Education which will cater for children with severe intellectual and multiple disabilities.

They said the Disana ward facility was a welcome development as it would help children with disabilities to overcome the barriers they had been experiencing by affording them an opportunity to acquire education.

They pledged support during a meeting addressed by the Department of Education to apprise them on the project status, preparations for the opening of the new facility, enrolment, learning programmes and roles of various stakeholders.

It was disclosed that the P183 million project is almost complete and expected to be handed over to the ministry of education next month.

Currently, recruitment of manpower, procurement of furniture as well as development of functional curriculum framework and learning programmes were said to be ongoing.

The centre is expected to open towards the end of the year, or early 2024.

A physiotherapist at Doctors Inn Health Centre, Ms Tebogo Nhlatho expressed gratitude that government saw it fit to build such a centre in Maun, saying many children were being excluded from school because of their disabilities while, on the other hand, society had stigmatised them.

She expressed hope that parents would be motivated to bring their children to the centre so that they got an opportunity to be empowered through education. She also appreciated that alongside teachers with the right qualifications, the ministry would also place experts in different fields, and that the centre would have a fully-fledged diagnostic team who would ensure learners were assessed on time.

"Children with special needs are unique and require teachers who can go an extra mile to make them feel worthy," she noted.

Moremi Primary School head,



Some of the people who attended Department of Education meeting aimed at apprising them on the project status of Maun Centre for Special Education on Monday. The meeting also touched on preparation for opening, enrolment, learning programmes and roles of various stakeholders in the centre. Photo: Esther Mmolai

Ms Ngonda Setlhare, whose school has a special education unit, appreciated that the centre would not only benefit its own learners, but also others from different schools to utilise its specialised resources. Ms Setlhare welcomed the counselling service that would be offered to caregivers of children with disabilities.

Chief Education Officer (Special Education), Ms Kebabonye Maripe explained that the centre would give

priority to children who had never benefited from structured stimulation programmes before, and that its target population was children aged 4-18 years with severe intellectual and multiple disabilities across the country.

She said the centre would enrol 100 learners, 64 of whom would be boarding while 36 would be day scholars.

"We want to maintain a small teacher-learner ratio because we are talking of severe disabilities.

We cannot go beyond 10 learners per class," she said. She explained that the centre would have two core teams, focusing on education and rehabilitation.

She further disclosed that the facility had a state of the art mini-stadium, which aimed to provide physical education and adaptive sporting. Ms Maripe observed that recreation and leisure were key components of rehabilitation.

She appealed to the community to change their attitudes to people

with disabilities and ensure that children benefitted from the facility, adding that they should also come on board and ensure that the initiative did not turn into a discriminating and stigmatising place as that would kill the spirit of inclusion for all.

Ms Maripe noted that each region in the country would be allocated a quota to ensure equal access, explaining that adverts for admission would be widely publicised. **BOPA**

Bootcamp boosts orphans' confidence

By Tebagano Ntshole

MOCHUDI - Various speakers at a Heartbreakers Bootcamp in Mochudi on Saturday encouraged the orphans not to hold emotions but cry as it was part of the healing process.

The event was organised by Miss Independence Kgatlang, who is also the founder and director of Miss Independence Kgatlang, Ms Lobopo Buleyani

in partnership with Ms Joy Setshedi of Joy Foundation at Dinkgwana Chillers and Pub.

Bakgatla deputy chief, Kgosi Bana Sekai advised them not to let their present circumstances limit their horizon, adding that they could be anything they set their dreams on.

Kgosi Sekai said being an orphan did not mean they were disadvantaged, and encouraged them to forget about their past and concentrate on their future.

For his part, Kgatlang District Council chairperson Mr Daniel Molokwe said it was important for youths not to carry heavy loads in their hearts as that would be detrimental to their overall well-being.

Former My Star judge, actress and founder of Letlapa la Bagodi Foundation Ms Kgomotso Tshwenyego said orphans must face reality about their loss and deal with it in order for them to continue with their lives.

She said they should step up as their lives changed the minute they became orphans, adding that guardians and government programmes were limited.

Ms Tshenyego further appealed to the parents to allow children to mourn.

"Let the children go through

all the mourning processes. It is not right to ask a child to make funeral arrangements and tea when they have to be mourning," she said.

Ms Boipelo Letsholo shared her heartbreaking story of how she had to deal with loss of both her parents and the conflict that ensued after over her parent's property.

Her father worked in South Africa and visited them once in a while but it was his death that changed her life dramatically.

"My father was a last born and therefore he was given his parent's yard and we lived in it.

However, after his death, his family requested us to move out," she said.

By then, she was only doing Form One and took the bulls by the horn as she confronted them and eventually, with the support of one of her father's brothers, kgosi ruled in their favour.

However, her mother's mental being deteriorated as she had to deal with the grief of losing a husband and conflict with the in-laws.

Ms Letsholo, who has now been married for 15 years, said her mother passed away when she was doing Form Five, and her father's family stood against

them.

She said they never helped or contributed towards her mother's funeral, not even during her wedding.

Today, she and the husband own businesses which has employed 31 youths, and she encouraged the orphans not to let their past dictate their future.

Zenzele Hirschfield of Zen Promotions said she also lost both her parents but she did not let that dictate her future.

"Yesterday is gone. Today is a gift and a blessing and tomorrow is a mystery," she said.

Social worker and Miss Independence Kgatlang Queen of 2017 said it was important for people to show their emotions when experiencing grief.

Ms Luthando Ratasu, who is also the assistant director of Miss Independence said failure to deal with grief could lead to further complications and illnesses.

"When you do not allow the process of grief to take place, it turns to anger," she said.

Ms Buleyani said orphans should never feel out of place.

The event, sponsored by Clicks, attracted youths from Kgatlang, Serowe, Mahalapye, Lerala, Kanye and Ramotswa. **BOPA**

Prosecution awaits post-mortem results

By Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

GABORONE - The state still awaits a postmortem report in a case in which Gomolemo Mmotlanyana (40) has been charged with the murder of his wife, Kebabope Mmotlanyana at the Botswana Gender Based Violence Support and Prevention Centre in Gaborone in May.

Thus state prosecutor, Sergeant Mmoloki Selofera said before Magistrate Goratile Moremi-Ramakoloi of Broadhurst

Magistrate Court during the mention of the accused on Monday.

Meanwhile the accused asked the court to request the social workers to assist his children whilst he was still remanded in custody.

"Ke kopa lekgotla gore le mpuelele le bommaboipelego gore bongwanake ba bone thuso e ba e tlhokang," said Mmotlanyana.

Mmotlanyana will appear for his mention on August 8. **BOPA**



Local manufacturing summit August 1

By **Thato Mosinyi**

GABORONE - In an endeavor to support government efforts of promoting entrepreneurship and manufacturing, Botswana Chamber of Mines (BCM) will from August 1-3 host local manufacturing summit at Gaborone International Conference Centre.

The summit is an annual

gathering of stakeholders which aims to put the spotlight on mining-supported manufacturing ventures as well create a networking platform for aspiring entrepreneurs.

Speaking in an interview, BCM chief executive officer, Mr Charles Siwawa said the summit intended to address economic diversification, economic

growth, citizen empowerment and employment creation through promoting and supporting the growth of local manufacturing capacity, for local consumption as well as export markets. He said BCM had positioned itself to play a critical role in engaging government towards the realisation of industrialisation in the country by supporting the growth of SMEs.

"Following the enactment of the citizen economic inclusion bill, BCM took a firm stand to ensure that local entrepreneurs are given a platform to network and actively contribute towards the growth of the local economy hence the need for the summit," he said.

Such support, he said would create jobs and enhance competitiveness

of the manufacturing sector through promotion of local industries and ensuring a levelled playing field for local manufacturers.

He said the summit also aimed to improve the global competitiveness of locally manufactured products which would enhance the country's industrial statistics and increase employment opportunities.

Through a combined purchasing power of the mining sector, Mr Siwawa said, the project already established new markets for local manufactures both locally and regionally with the expectation of over 20 000 job opportunity by next year.

Initiated as a partnership between BCM and Debswana in 2020, the local manufacturing

project, has already made meaningful contribution in the local manufacturing ecosystem with over 15 local companies already engaged in the project since its inception

He thus pleaded with manufactures to strive to produce quality goods accredited by Botswana Bureau of Standards and in accordance with international standards to also compete in the global market.

Additionally, to support local manufacturers, BCM recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Botswana Exporters and Manufacturing Associations geared towards creating exposure and opportunities for local manufacturers. **BOPA**

NGO essential to improvement of lives

By **Keagetswe Motsumi**

MOLEPOLOLE - Non-profit making organisations (NGOs) have been commended for playing a dynamic part in improving the lives of the people.

Acting director of Department of Community Development under the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, Ms Delic Sehunwe praised the NGOs during the Hope World Wide Botswana Volunteer Corps launch in Molepolole on Friday.

"Civil society is a check, a monitor but also a vital partner in the quest for positive relationship between a democratic state and its citizen," she noted.

Ms Sehunwe said a state could not be stable unless it was effective and legitimate with the respect and support of its citizen.

For that reason, she said, government departments were encouraged to embrace civil society and appreciate them as significant players that could act as catalysts for self-invention.

Additionally, Ms Sehunwe said business communities should collaborate with the civil society and government to improve the communities' progress, as government alone could not fund infrastructure development.

Therefore, she said non-governmental organisations needed to leverage their expertise and ability to go where government was constrained.

"I commended Hope World Wide Botswana for serving the Kweneng East District since 2006 through various interventions," said Ms Sehunwe.

She also appreciated Hope World Wide Botswana in partnership with Hope Volunteer Corps for their strategy of community mobilisation and empowering locals in each community.

For his part Kgosi Kgari III acknowledged Hope World Wide Botswana for yet another milestones that continued to add to the development of the district and its people.

"This kind of initiative must spread to other parts of the country to improve the lives of Batswana and help change how the civil service has been operating to increase service delivery," said Kgosi Kgari III.

He said it was a pleasure to see non-profit organisations being the driving force of the community progress and being able to create job opportunities for unemployed.

For his part Hope Volunteer Corps representative, Mr Josiah Sleeper said the project was aimed at improving the lives of the people in the community and equipping them with skills and resources that they could use to improve their well-being as a whole.

He was grateful that they had provided a long term benefit to Kweneng East District communities and make significant change in their everyday lives. **BOPA**



Botswana Chamber of Mines will on August 1-3 host local manufacturing summit at Gaborone International Conference Centre.

Asia warms to spicy food amid expanding trade

NANNING- A packet of spicy hotpot flavouring printed in both Chinese and the Myanmar language attracted attention at the fifth Lancang-Mekong Business Forum, which was held in early July in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The raw materials for the condiment are imported from southwest China's Chongqing Municipality and processed in Myanmar's Yangon to suit the tastes of Myanmar people.

"Spicy Chinese food began to appear in Myanmar 10 years ago," said Sean Yann, 37, a Chinese-Myanmar manufacturer of the spicy hotpot flavoring who is fluent in Mandarin.

Yann said spicy Chinese hot pot was introduced into high-end restaurants in Myanmar after spicy mixed vegetables sold by Chinese people became popular in the local area. In recent years, Chinese foods with spicy and mouth-

numbing flavor known as 'mala' have gained ground in Southeast Asia.

This trend was also confirmed by Li Jing, a young man from Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, southwest China's Yunnan Province, who went to Yangon University of Foreign Languages to study Myanmar language three years ago.

He said Chinese hot pot is very popular in Yangon, with many shops in high streets selling malatang (hot spicy soup) and spicy hot pot.

"Many Myanmar people can say 'hot pot,' 'mala' and other Chinese words, which are also indispensable topics in our conversations with Myanmar friends," Li said. As Myanmar consumers' love for the 'mala' flavour continues to grow, Yann's company is working with the local supermarkets to introduce its spicy hotpot flavoring.

Although the products cost 1.5

times the price of local ones, they still sell 20 000 to 30 000 packets a month.

Yann said a dozen similar spicy products from other brands are also selling well in the local supermarkets.

According to data from China's e-commerce platforms Meituan and Dianping at the beginning of this year, the searches for 'mala' and 'hot pot' in Thailand had increased by 700 per cent year on year.

More restaurants featuring mala barbecue and hot pot have sprung up in the popular resorts of Bangkok and Phuket. Zhuo Bingyue, who runs a Thai restaurant in Nanning, said that compared with the spicy Thai food, the 'mala' flavour in Chinese food is more complex and rich, a feature that is attractive to young Thais.

Driven by policies such as the Belt and Road Initiative and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership the scope

of cooperation between China and ASEAN countries has been expanding, with no impediments to trade and logistics.

Foods with Chinese flavors such as 'mala' are entering Southeast Asia in more diverse and efficient ways. Infused with a rich aroma, the Yulin International Spice Trading Market in the city of Yulin, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, sees an endless stream of trucks loaded with spices such as star anise and cinnamon.

The annual trading volume of spices in Yulin is about 800 000 tonnes, and the related industry chain employs more than 100 000 people. Yulin has grasped the opportunity of the implementation of the RCEP, and continuously expanded its trade with ASEAN countries in the field of spices, exporting more and more Chinese seasoning to Southeast Asia to satisfy the taste buds of local people. **Xinhua**

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COMMEMORATION OF WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

The Ministry of Justice informs members of the public that Botswana will on the 31st July 2023 join the restworld in commemorating the World Day against Trafficking in Persons on the 31st July 2023 in Bobonong under the theme **"Reach every Victim of Trafficking, Leave no one Behind."**

The World Day Against Trafficking in Persons was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly through the UN Resolution A/RES/68/192. This day is commemorated annually by UN member states to raise awareness of the crime of human trafficking, encourage vigilance and gain support for prevention of human trafficking.

The theme for this year, "Reach every Victim of Trafficking, Leave no one behind" places emphasis on the displacement and socio-economic inequalities that are impacting millions of people worldwide, leaving them vulnerable to exploitation by traffickers. Furthermore, "Leave no one behind" is the central, transformative promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **In the context of trafficking in persons, leaving no one behind means; ending the exploitation of trafficking victims, supporting victim-survivors once they are free from their traffickers, and not leaving identifiable groups vulnerable to traffickers.** Those who lack legal status, live in poverty, have limited access to education, healthcare, or decent work, face discrimination, violence, or abuse, or come from marginalized communities are often the primary targets of traffickers.

To end human trafficking, Botswana is strengthening resilience against exploitation and guarding against any increment in the prevalence of human trafficking. The commemoration is expected to intensify sensitization on human trafficking to enhance detection of the crime, and disrupt criminal and immoral intent by transnational organized criminal groups intending to exploit the nation.

For more information, please contact the Ministry of Justice Public Relations Office at 373 2639/373 2676.

Thank you.

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African mining e abela komiti P100 000

Ka Fredricah Nguahoka

GHANZI - Khamphani ya African Mining Services (AMS) e abetse komiti ya ditshupo tsa Ghanzi P100 000 le ditanka tsa matlakala dile masome a mabedi.

Fa a rola dimpho tseo bosheng, mookamedi wa AMS Rre Caster Mothibedi o ne a supa fa madi ao a tla thusa go tsamaisa ditshupo tsa temo thuo tsa Ghanzi tse di simolotseng ka Mosupologo go fitlhelela ka Tshipi.

Rre Mothibedi a re ba dumela fa dikgwebo dina le tshwanelo ya go thusa ka tsela epe fela go tlhabolola matshelo a bone.

A re ba itse bothokwa jwa go tlhokomela tikologo gore e nne phepha, a re ke gone mo go ba gwehlileng gontsha ditanka tsa matlakala gore di tle go dirisiwa mo ditshupong tsa Ghanzi go latlha matlakala ka fa go babalesegileng.

Rre Mothibedi o gwehile ba ditshupo gore ba rotloetse baeng ba batlang ditshupong go dirisa ditanka tseo go latlhela matlakala a tlatsa ka gore ba na le seabe le bone ba tshwanetse go ema ka dinao go bona gore tikologo ya bone ga enne leswe.

Fa a amogela mpho eo, modulasetilo wa ditshupo tsa

Ghanzi Rre Thuso Mackenzie a re ba tlaabo ba ipelela dingwaga tse di masome a mane le borobabongwe esale ditshupo tsa Ghanzi di simolola ka ngwaga wa 1974.

Modulasetilo o ne a leboga ba botlhe ba nnileng le seabe mo go thabologeng le go gola ga ditshupo fa e sale di simolola.

Rre Mackenzie a re kgolo ya ditshupo tse, e oka batho ka bontsi gotswa kwa mafatsheng a kwantle jaaka Afrika Borwa, Namibia, Kenya le Tanzania.

A re kgaolo ya Ghanzi ee tlwalesegileng ka thuo ya dikgomo, e tswetsetse ka go gola

ka mo nakong ya gompiono e setse entsha dijo tsa boleng le tsa meepo. Kgosi Annah Rankho wa Ghanzi o kopile ba AMS

go tswelala ka go thusa e bile a ba kopa go itebaganya thata le morafe are ke bone ba batlhokang di thuso. **BOPA**

Borre ba maoto a tshupa mo go tsa botsogo

Ka Tebogo Masuruke

TUTUME - Go ya ka dipatlisiso tsa ba lephata la botsogo go lemogilwe fa borre ba goga dinao mo dikgangnyeng tsa go itse seemo sa bone sa botsogo kana go itlhatlhobela malwetsi.

Lephata la botsogo le leka ka bojotlhe go tla ka ditsela tsa go rotloetsa borre go nna le kgatlhego ya go itse le go inaakanya le tsa kalafi nako e sale teng.

Mo potsolosong le BOPA, mogokaganyi wa dikgang tsa mogare wa bolwetsi jwa AIDS (District AIDS coordinator), Rre Austin Motsamai a re ba lekile go latela borre kwa mafelong a ba bonwang thata teng jaaka kwa mabaleng a kgwele ya dinao le kwa go itshielwang teng go gasa molaetsa, mme ga gona phetogo.

Rre Motsamai a re seo ga se ba nyemise moko ka ba tswetsetse ka go tla ka methale e ba ka lehang go fetola ka fa borre ba dirang dilo ka teng.

O boletse gore maitoko a mangwe a mananeo a bone a go phutha borre, ba agile lefelo la kgotla mo diofising (Rural Administration Centre) go nna ba kopana e le borre ba ba direlang mo lefelong leo.

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OWNER OF PLOT 10480 located at Maun would like to change land use from residential to multi residential. Whoever has any objections to the proposal should forward it to Maun Physical Planning Office in writing within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this notice.

PROPERTIES

RESIDENTIAL PLOT NO 293 for sale at Tawana Ward, Letlhakane measuring 1199 sqm2 with tittle deed. Price P800,000.00. Contact 71671265.

NOTICE OF LOST SURETY MORTGAGE BOND

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of a **Surety Mortgage Bond No. 1892/2016** dated the **15th day of July 2016** passed by **MOLEKANTWA MMAPATSI** in favour of **VIRTERE HOLDINGS PROPRIETARY LIMITED** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Plot No. 42966, Gaborone;
SITUATE: in the Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 740m2 (Seven Hundred and Forty Square Metres);
WHICH
PROPERTY: is held under a Deed of Transfer No. **837/92** dated the **11th day of June 1992** made in favour of **MOLEKANTWA MMAPATSI**.

All persons objecting to the issue of such copy are hereby requested to lodge such objection in writing with the **Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone** within **3 (Three) weeks** from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 26TH DAY OF JUNE 2023



LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **NOTARIAL DEED OF CESSION OF REAL RIGHTS: EXCLUSIVE USE AREAS CRR NO. 201/2018** dated the **18th day of October 2018** made in favour of **ARMA HOLDING INVESTMENT (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED**, in respect of the below mentioned properties, namely;

- CERTAIN:** Parking Bay P65;
SITUATE: on Lot 64517, Gaborone (a Portion of Lot 50384, Gaborone) in Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 22m² (Twenty-Two Square Metres);
- CERTAIN:** Parking Bay P44;
SITUATE: on Lot 64517, Gaborone (a Portion of Lot 50384, Gaborone) in Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 26m² (Twenty-Six Square Metres);
- CERTAIN:** Parking Bay P37;
SITUATE: on Lot 64517, Gaborone (a Portion of Lot 50384, Gaborone) in Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 25m² (Twenty-Five Square Metres);
- CERTAIN:** Parking Bay P9;
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SUBJECT TO: the conditions and reservations as stated in Sectional Scheme File No. **SS 3/2014**

All persons objecting to the issue of such copy are hereby requested to lodge such **objection in writing** with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone **within 3 (Three) weeks** from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 11TH DAY OF JULY 2023

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FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB 000067 / 22

IN THE ESTATE of the late Gaolathe Bucks Moeme who died at Pumola Farm, Lobatse, Lobatse District, Botswana on the 25th day of September 2021.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of twenty-one (21 days) from the date of publication hereof.

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged the Master

DATED at Mochudi on this 24th Day July 2023

The Executor
Mapurele Moeme
P O Box 201724
Mochudi
CELL: 74094977 / 71263211

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOTSWANA HELD AT GABORONE

CASE CVHGB-0003224/22

IN THE MATTER BETWEEN:

EXPRESS LINK (PTY) LTD
and
FASTCRETE READYMIX CONCRETE (PTY) LTD defendant

PLAINTIFF

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a judgment of the Honorable Court, the following properties will be sold by public auction to the highest bidder by Deputy Sheriff of Court D. P. Gabobakwe in the manner hereinafter set out:

DATE: 3rd August 2023
TIME: 10.00 AM
VENUE: Plot 949, Mogoditshane

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:
2 x 2.4 m x 65m Containers

TERMS OF SALE: Cash or Bank guaranteed cheques.
DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 12th JULY 2023.

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: ESHGB 000173/22

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Thapelo Mike Gaolaolwe** Who died at A1 Road Mahalapye, Mahalapye, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 1st day of May 2022.

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

DATED aton thisday of2023

Executrix
Masedi Gaolaolwe
Tshikinyega Ward
P O Box 1957
MAHALAPYE
72984782

IN THE COMMISSION (CONSTITUTED IN TERMS OF SECTION 31 OF THE DEEDS REGISTRY ACT) HELD AT GABORONE

CASE NO: _____ 2023

In the matter of:-

KEBAIPHE NCHADI KGATI

Applicant

PARTICULARS OF APPLICATION (Section 31 (7), Deeds Registry Act)

TAKE NOTICE that **KEBAIPHE NCHADI KGATI** of address **Plot 114/115, Unit 10, Kgale Mews, Gaborone International Finance Park**, has made application to the Commission for an order in the following terms;

- An order declaring that the Applicant lawfully acquired Lot 24458, Block 9, Gaborone as inheritance from his late brother Frankel Selebogo.
- An order declaring that the Late Frankel Selebogo lawfully acquired Lot 24458, Block 9 Gaborone from the late Turupa Mangwa.
- An order allowing the transfer and registration of Lot 24458, Block 9, Gaborone to the Applicant in terms of Section 31 of the Deeds Registry Act as the Applicant is unable to procure transfer and registration thereof in the usual manner and according to the sequence of the successive transactions.
- That the Respondent(s), if any, be ordered to pay costs of this suit.

TAKE NOTICE that any person(s) desirous of objecting to the grant of the orders sought is required, within 2 months of publication hereof, to submit in writing to the Registrar of Deeds (Chairperson of the Commission) and to the attorneys of the applicant, full particulars of the grounds upon which the objection is based, together with any sworn declaration or documentary evidence in support of the objection.

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER upon expiration of 2 months of publication hereof, the Commission shall inquire into the application and make any appropriate orders.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 26TH DAY OF JUNE 2023.

PUSOENTSI MOREENG LEGAL
Plaintiff's Attorneys
Plot 114/115, Unit 10, Kgale Mews
Gaborone International Finance Park
P O Box 53129, Broadhurst
GABORONE
(Ref: MPM/tt/PML00008)



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Molamu said the Rock and Roll music festival was organised to raise awareness on gender based violence and was a response to the recently launched Mindset Change Campaign.

Artistes embrace mindset change

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Metal Bench Promotions Company in collaboration with Rock and Roll band and other local artistes held a music festival at Lunar Garden in Maun to raise awareness about gender based violence related issues.

The event was one of the Mindset Change Campaign post launch youth activations held at some hotspots across the country's 57 constituencies over the weekend.

The event coordinator, Kebonyemodisa Molamu explained in an interview that the event was aimed at imparting information which would guide young people to make well informed decisions about their lives as well as to encourage members of the community to change their attitude towards GBV and people practicing the rock and roll culture.

In addition, he said, the event was a response to the recently launched Mindset Change Campaign which called for all to introspect and do things in a different way.

He said gender based violence,

was a national crisis which needed all to act, and as such they saw it fit to bring together young people and rock and roll culture lovers to communicate important messages through music.

"Violence threatens the lives of more young women and men and leave them mentally scarred hence we saw it fit to stand up and prevent it as well as promote love and positive relationships. Members of the community should understand that violence is not the way to solve problems but it hurts more than they think," he added.

Molamu, said both women and men experienced gender based violence but the majority of victims were women and girls.

Through the festival, he said, they wanted to condemn harassment of both women and men in the creative environment and also encourage the community to view people who were into rock and roll culture as responsible persons eager to play a key role in eradicating social ills faced by the country.

He said many people had hard

time understanding the culture of rock and roll with some associating it with rebellious people because of their black leather gear.

He reiterated that the social movement was a way of life and their style was one of peace.

Molamu noted that some people

practising the rock and roll culture were devoted Christians who joined the movement because of the love for the music as a powerful medium of expression to communicate important information to audience.

As the rock and roll movement, he said, they were committed to

working closely with other local artists to help government in the fight against ills such as GBV, road accidents, alcohol and substance abuse, high unemployment among youth.

He also said they advocated for strong and united families. **BOPA**

Beyond U'S to showcase local talent

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - An all local act afro house and afro tech music show will be held at Sky View Lounge, Gaborone on August 5.

Beyond U'S, an initiative by Tefo Foxx, will showcase local talent to give them an opportunity to shine.

Tefo Phokoje, Popularly known as Tefo Foxx said in an interview that the concept was meant to celebrate Botswana talent through an exclusive music show.

"We do not have a lot of events locally which focus on just local acts and with these genres hence the event," he said.

He said so far Benny T, BentiqSoul, Shawn Lee, JembeSoul, KZar, Osaka Sun and KELE had confirmed their participation.

"We want to push this as a day event, and Sky View provides the perfect, safe and inclusive environment for this experience," said Tefo Foxx adding that he hoped for more support from Botswana.

Based in Pretoria, Tefo Foxx has made a mark in the entertainment space particularly the afro tech.

He said he learnt a lot during his stay in South Africa while pursuing his career, and felt now was the time to engage with fellow country artistes.

"I have had privileges and I am excited to share and engage with my people here at home, after all home will always be home no matter how far one goes. I am happy that I am doing this in my country," he stated. **BOPA**

Uganda team seek funding ahead of para 2023 Games

KAMPALA- Uganda's wheelchair basketball team is in final preparations ahead of 2023 African Para Games slated for September 3 in Accra, Ghana.

The Uganda Wheelchair Basketball Federation is currently seeking a fund of 100 million shillings (US\$28 000) to set up a training camp for the team, according to federation chief Mayanja Sulaiman.

It's the first time for Uganda to compete in a team sport at a major Paralympic Games, a milestone partly attributed to better wheelchairs, Sulaiman told *Xinhua*.

"We want to raise over 100 million shillings in order to run a training camp for two weeks for the wheelchair basketball team that will represent the country," said Sulaiman.

Uganda have already been drawn against host nation Ghana and Algeria.

Other teams participating in the Para Games in Accra include Morocco, South Africa, Central Africa Republic, Angola, Kenya, DR Congo, Nigeria and Senegal.

The government has allocated 47.7 billion shillings for talent development and international competitions, of which 1.2 billion shillings will be used to support parasport, according to data revealed by the National Council of Sports.

Uganda qualified for the Para Games after finishing second behind Kenya in the East African Zonal Qualifiers in Dar es Salaam.

The wheelchair basketball competition in Ghana will be the 2023 African Championships, which will also determine which African nation proceeds to the Repechage tournaments for Paris 2024 Paralympic Games next April. *Xinhua*

Official apologises for referee assault

BEIJING - A Chinese football club official has made a public apology for physically assaulting a referee.

Duan Xin, team leader of Liaoning Shenyang City, slapped the referee in the face after he was shown a red card for protesting the latter's decisions during Sunday's game against Nanjing City.

On Monday evening, Duan offered a public apology, saying he



Jockeys displaying their skill in the Thoroughbred 1 400 category at Gabs July Horse Race at Sebele Grounds in Gaborone recently. The race was won by Edge of Winter (centre), followed by Silver Sky (left) in position 2 and Highway Star (second right) in position 3. About 45 horses from different parts of the country participated in the race. Among the horses, which dominated the race was Barbie Girl from Draaihoek which won 2 races, Edge of Winter from Motokwe, Mainsten and Kiss my Dust which also won 2 races each. The winning horses will be racing at Ghanzi Show over the weekend. Photo: Felicity Male

Two BSSA swimmers at championships

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE- Botswana Swimming Sports Association (BSSA) has sent two swimmers to the ongoing World Aquatics Championships in Fukuoka, Japan.

The two are Adrian Robinson and Maxine Egner. Robinson has already competed in the 100m and 50m breaststroke, clocking 1:03:79 and 28.67 respectively.

He was ranked 37th out of 59

swimmers in 50m.

"Though he did not advance to any semi-finals, we are happy with the performance he has put in, considering the calibre of swimming that he was exposed to," said BSSA's public relations officer, Gwendolen Harry. Egner, who arrived in Japan on Tuesday, swimmer will start her competition on Thursday with 100m freestyle, and will compete in the 50m freestyle on Saturday.

Harry said Egner had a good

training block and had been tapering leading up to the World Championships. She said the association's expectation of the duo was that they would do their best in different competitions and clock improved times, adding that the goal was also to eventually achieve an Olympic B qualifying time. She explained that the main reason for sending the swimmers to the World Aquatics Championships was to expose them to high competition.

She said although Robinson did not clock a personal best time in the two events he featured in, they were happy that he had improved on his times.

"We appreciate and understand that they are up against seasoned swimmers, but if they can make it to the semi-finals in some of the events, we will be happy," she said.

The championships started on Sunday, and ends on July 30. *BOPA*

Turkey team heads to Chengdu for FISU games

ISTANBUL- The first batch of Turkey's delegation, including athletes and coaches, departed on Monday from Istanbul to attend the 31st FISU World University Games in Chengdu.

Mehmet Gunay, president of the Turkish University Sports Federation, told *Xinhua* that Turkey athletes were excited to experience China's rich cultural and historical traditions.

"It is important for us to build relationships with the Chinese people while learning about China's rich and ancient cultural customs and historical richness," he stated.

Gunay added that China had prepared well for the games, talking up the facilities constructed using high technology and environmentally-friendly systems.

Turkey are bringing 155 athletes to the Games, with high hopes of success in taekwondo, fencing, archery, and gymnastics. Yilmaz Goktekin, head coach of Turkey's artistic gymnastics team, said five Turkish gymnasts would participate in the games.

"If they perform well, they could be in the top five. But of course, this is the competition. It doesn't forgive even the slightest mistake," Goktekin told *Xinhua*.

The coach added that besides the excitement of the competition, the athletes are also eager to see the high-tech innovative products on show in Chengdu.

"China, as you know, is always at the forefront of technology. We will go there and see. We have to be open to such things [high-

tech] now. We will experience them, and we will try to make use of them," Goktekin said.

Sevval Tarhan, a shooting athlete, said she previously visited Beijing and attended a championship there in 2019. Chinese people are very warm, very friendly. China is a very welcoming country. At the same time, there are a lot of places to visit and see. And I have to say: It is an immaculate country," Tarhan said.

Tarhan added that she was very excited to see pandas for the first time.

"I am curious about Chengdu. They say it is the city of pandas.

I want to see the pandas," she said. Discussing the high-tech features of the Universiade, such as electric vehicles and robots, Tarhan praised them for being all environmentally beneficial and efficient.

"It will be a nice experience because I see a lot of driverless vehicles on the internet. I see videos of them. I will be experiencing it for the first time," she said.

The Universiade will take place in Chengdu, southwest China's

Sichuan Province, from Friday through August 8, featuring a total of 18 sports. *Xinhua*



Gunay

Cycling challenge August 12

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - This year's Dimension Data Route73 MTB challenge will see cyclists and spectators enjoy the event under new technology as Cycle4Life Cycling Club, together with Dimension Data Botswana, deliver a connected cycling experience.

Dubbed the Connected Race, the Dimension Data Route73 MTB challenge, which will be in its sixth edition, will be held on August 12 at a venue yet to be announced and will feature the 73km and 54km distances as well as 30km corporate and fun rides and the kiddies ride.

A racemap GPS tracker device has been introduced for use during this year's edition, but will only be used in the 73km challenge.

In an interview, race director, Mmuso Phonchi explained that they introduced the tracker, which could also be downloaded as a Racemap application, with the aim to bring the fans as close to the action as possible by leveraging on the data analysis generated during the race and delivering it to them in innovative ways.

Phonchi said with such technology in place, they decided to stop giving the first 100 registered and paid cyclists race shirts as a way to further improve cyclists and audience or spectator experience and bring the race closer and have a more interactive content on race day.

"Cyclists are therefore encouraged to wear their previous editions' branded Dimension Data Route 73 MTB shirts as we welcome this technology into our race environment.

However, we will review the issue of race shirts for the 2024 edition, which we know cyclists and supporters wear proudly at various cycling events," he said.

He further explained that the introduction of new technology into this year's challenge would bring the much needed growth in the sport, enhance the overall experience as well as create further opportunities for expansion.

Cycle4Life Cycling Club president, Themba Giddie said the Connected Race technology would be more useful to cyclists to appreciate their climbing ability and strength.

Giddie added that coaches and team managers who also found it useful in developing programmes for their teams, were sharing route specific instructions and tactics for further improvements and development.

"This is an exciting inclusion in this race and in future we might not use the normal timing to track and time riders, but only the racemap device," he said.

Meanwhile, the new technology further allows for accreditation and approval with Union Cycling International (UCI).

That will not only benefit local riders but the country as well as hosting a UCI event, brings along economic, tourism and social benefits.

"Accrediting Route73 MTB challenge is something we have in mind.

However, this is an expensive process that will need all stakeholders on board to realise this," Giddie said.

He indicated that the Route73 MTB challenge had the best routes and distances that inspired and challenged riders competitively.

On the other hand, registration for Dimension Data Route73 MTB challenge has already started and riders can register online at www.ucbtiming.co.bw or www.timing.lifecycle.co.bw or go personally to Ultimate Cycle Base Botswana or Sebele Mall's Grip Runner. **BOPA**



Giddie said they would be using RaceMap App for live tracking of cyclists as it streamed race real-time through the Internet for spectators and organisers. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

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