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President Advocate Duma Boko with Botswana Sovereign Wealth Fund board members at the Office of the President yesterday. The President said the establishment of the fund would act as a buffer on economic shocks owing to a volatile diamond market and resuscitate the country's economy. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

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A joyful moment for Bosele Primary School learners as they interacted with the first citizen, President Advocate Duma Boko in Gaborone yesterday. On his way from the Office of the President, the President paused to warmly greet the learners, who were on an educational city tour that included visits to Parliament, Ntlo ya Dikgosi and Sir Seretse Khama International Airport. The brief encounter turned into a memorable picture session, with the head of state taking time to appreciate the learners. The moment not only delighted the learners, but also underscored President Boko’s commitment to nurturing Botswana’s future leaders. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

Kgosi Kgari III cautions against ignorance of road safety rules

By Booster Mogapi

MOLEPOLOLE - Kgosi Kgari III has highlighted the vital role that men play in preventing road accidents. Speaking at the Men’s Road Safety Pitso, held at the Ntsweng Heritage Site in Molepolole, he noted that men were at the forefront of the transport industry, tasked with safely carrying passengers and goods. Kgosi Kgari III said the pitso was integral in reminding men of their importance to society and their responsibility on the roads. He thus cautioned against the ignorance of road safety rules, which often led to fatalities or permanent disabilities.

Kgosi Kgari III’s call came in response to the Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) Fund’s concerns about the decline in the male population due to road traffic deaths. Presenting the report, MVA Fund chief executive officer, Mr Michael Tlhagwane said 1 884 died in road crashes from 2020 to 2024, with 1 358 (72 per cent) of the victims being male. Mr Tlhagwane said the disparity was even more stark in 2024, when 271 (78 per cent) of the 346 people who died were male.

He highlighted that such trend was particularly alarming given that the 2022 census revealed males constituted only 48.8 per cent of Botswana’s population. “Shortage of males make it difficult to build strong families. These men are not just statistics, they are fathers, sons, friends and colleagues,” he said. He added that in response to such figures, the MVA Fund decided to intensify road safety awareness among men, prompting the Men’s Road Safety Pitso, under the theme: A re chencheng Borre, Imagine Life Without You. He noted that road accidents were a leading cause of spinal cord injuries, a condition being highlighted on International Spinal Cord Injury Day. He said accidents that caused

such injuries often involved a driver losing control of a vehicle, which then veered off the road and overturned. He added that such incidents, which were often caused by speeding, fatigue and driving while unfit, accounted for 20 per cent of all road accident deaths in Botswana annually. A survivor, Mr Matshwenyego Moloreng, shared his experience to underscore the dangers of reckless driving. He said in 2015, a car accident near Mmanoko left him with a spinal cord injury and a broken right hand. Now wheel-chair bound, he had lost his independence and relied on his family for daily care.

Mr Moloreng urged men to prioritise safety over speed, warning them that speeding was the cause of his life-altering injuries. Mr Mompoti Bontsibokae, the MVA Fund Injury Prevention senior manager, said while the 2024 Road User Risk Awareness Survey showed high road safety knowledge at 85 per cent, the index for obeying traffic rules was a disappointing 58.2 per cent. The gap between knowledge and action, he said, directly explained why male deaths were high. Men who attended the pitso collectively agreed that it was time to take responsibility for their actions and rethink their driving habits. **BOPA**

Suspension of GPO impacts road maintenance

By Mothusi Galekhutle

LETLHAKENG - Motorists travelling along the Mapharangwane–Motokwe route are likely to encounter worsening potholes and overgrown roadside bushes as the Department of Roads has limited materials

to carry out pothole repairs or patching and cannot hire staff to clear the roadsides. The department’s acting chief road engineer, Mr Mpho Sebotho told the Letlhakeng District full council meeting recently that the issues were a result of the suspension of the generation of

Government Purchase Orders (GPOs). Mr Sebotho explained that although pothole patching was ongoing, the department was running low on essential materials such as premix and G5 gravel needed for repairs and could not purchase more until the

GPO suspension was lifted or an interim solution was found. He regretted that with the rainy season approaching, the pothole problem was expected to worsen, causing greater inconvenience for motorists. Regarding roadside bush clearing, Mr Sebotho said although the procurement process for the work was complete, they were waiting for the lifting of the GPO generation suspension. Concerning the maintenance of gravel roads, he said the department could not maintain them because the grader was broken, and outsourcing the service was not feasible due to current financial constraints. In response to concerns raised by Councillor Kolana Kolana of Botlhapatlou Ward regarding government vehicles that travelled long distances, as far as Mabutsane for refueling, Letlhakeng District Commissioner, Mr Ian Tema agreed that such travel was not cost-effective amid the financial crisis. He suggested that bulk refueling could reduce costs by limiting the number of vehicles needing to travel for fuel, thereby saving government funds. **BOPA**



Councillors during the ongoing full council session in Letlhakeng recently. Department of Roads acting chief road engineer, Mr Mpho Sebotho said motorists travelling along the Mapharangwane-Motokwe route were likely to encounter worsening potholes and overgrown roadside bushes as the department had limited materials to carry out pothole repairs. Photo: Mothusi Galekhutle

Behavioural change vital in tackling social ills

By Kelebogile Taolo

FRANCISTOWN - Taking personal responsibility for one’s actions is crucial if the war against HIV/AIDS, non-communicable diseases, gender-based violence (GBV) and other social ills is to be won. Speaking at the launch of the month of prayer against HIV and AIDS and other social ills in Francistown recently, founding partner of Cele Attorneys Ms Cele Lebakeng said because much had already been said and preached about these problems, behavioural change remains a key strategy that could help address them. Ms Lebakeng noted that people have had enough education and what remained now was for them to be responsible enough to take their lives seriously. She called on law-enforcement officers and religious leaders to do more to educate the public about taking responsibility for their lives, which she said would have a positive impact. She said the fact that GBV cases were sometimes reported and later withdrawn showed that some people had little regard for their own lives. She also encouraged the public to avoid exposing children to

GBV, noting that children may copy what they see and thus perpetuate the cycle. Community health nurse in Francistown DHMT Mr Johnson Taruvinga said Francistown’s population density and connectivity to other regions could contribute to higher HIV transmission rates, contributing to its status as a high-prevalence area. He indicated that there was a general decrease in the number of people who test for HIV, citing that men turned up for tests in fewer numbers, which he said was a serious concern. Resonating with this year’s theme: By His Grace, Generation Now, Our Responsibility, End AIDS, Pastor Rickson Teemane of Apostolic Faith Mission Church said the theme aimed to address social issues including HIV/AIDS, non-communicable diseases, GBV, and road accidents, all of which had brought pain to the nation. Pastor Teemane further noted that God’s mercies would save the nation through individuals taking responsibility. “God’s mercies are there every day; His grace is sufficient, but it is also upon us to work hard and do our part by changing behaviour and being responsible for our actions,” he said. **BOPA**

Batawana recognise Kgosi Tawana efforts

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Batawana have hailed Kgosi Tawana II and the newly formed Fauna Conservation Trust of Ngamiland (FCTN) for their efforts in advocating for restoration of ownership of the community assets such as Maun Educational Park and Moremi Game Reserve.

They expressed gratitude during a kgotla meeting held on Monday to officially unveil the Trust, which will be the custodian of all tribal estate and assets.

The residents appreciated Kgosi Tawana's visionary leadership in representing the interests of his subjects.

They highlighted that Kgosi Tawana and the Trust board's efforts to address the ownership issues were testament that they acted in the best interest of the

community.

The issues, which date back to 2018, include the reversal of the ownership of the park, which had been under the management of the department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP).

Batawana were informed that the Trust was awaiting the issuance of the secured land title and handing over of the park.

With regard to Moremi Game Reserve, they were informed that the Trust would not be given a land certificate because Tawana Land Board argued that the reserve, which was state land, was managed under the National Parks Act and as such, the land board did not have the authority to issue a certificate.

Since there was evidence that the facility belonged to Batawana, the land board agreed on benefit sharing arrangement and as such

Batawana will get 70 per cent of all the payments to Moremi while government remain with 30 per cent for administration and management of the facility.

Appreciating efforts made, members of the community said the return of the assets was a big achievement and they advised the Trust's board to develop a strategic plan outlining how the park would be operated and to engage with the community to understand the beneficiation aspect.

Residents also called for formation of sub-committees and inclusion of young people in such committees and the board.

Noting that the board's term is coming to an end next month, the residents unanimously agreed to extend the members' term in office by six months to finalise all pending logistics to pave way for a general meeting where a new

board will be elected as per the constitution.

"The mandate you gave us in 2018 has been accomplished and we appreciate the former president Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi's decision to restore Batawana's ownership of the Maun Educational Park and now we are waiting for the handing over.

It is upon the community to decide on the operational model of the facility," said Kgosi Tawana.

He introduced the Umbrella Community Development Trust and its interim board to the community, explaining that the trust would be the custodian of all tribal assets.

He also indicated that the Trust was ready to commence engagement with all the beneficiaries of the Trust across Ngamiland to update on the achievements so far and solicit ideas that would help in the

development of the strategic plan for the properties.

Sharing a brief history of Moremi Game Reserve, Kgosi Tawana stated that it was established in 1963 as Batawana observed the severe depletion of wildlife due to hunting and his father agreed that the custody of the property be under DWNP for better management but not transferring ownership.

Batawana Tribal Advisory Council chairperson, Mr Tshematshe Monwela also shared history of the Fauna Conservation Society of Ngamiland as tribal authority-led institution from pre-independence to 1974.

At the time, he explained the Trust lacked the technical know-how of running the reserve hence the decision to allow the government to assist in that regard and report back to the community.

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China-aided road project gains momentum

By Lindi Morwaeng

MOGODITSHANE - The long-awaited road linking Mmopane and Block 8 in Gaborone is finally taking shape with the design phase expected to be completed by December.

Mogoditshane/Thamaga District Council chairperson, Mr Molatedi Selala shared an update on the progress of the project during the full council meeting on Monday.

Mr Selala said data collection for the project, which was funded under the China Aid Programme, was conducted between July 28 and August 29 by China.

He said a consortium of Guangxi Communications Design Group and Shanghai Jianke Engineering Consulting had since been appointed as the design and supervising engineers.

"The Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council will serve as the implementing authority on behalf of the Government of Botswana. We remain grateful to the Government of the People's Republic of China for this act of goodwill, which will strengthen mobility, boost economic growth and improve the quality of life for

our people," Mr Selala said.

Furthermore, he said the council signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chinese contractors on August 22, marking a major milestone in the partnership.

Meanwhile, he said preparatory works such as corridor clearance, relocation of services, and addressing property encroachments were ongoing.

Beyond road infrastructure, the chairperson also gave updates on other critical developments.

He revealed that compensations for property damage in Gabane had so far reached P5.6 million but indications were that funds would likely get depleted before all beneficiaries had been covered.

On issues of electrification in the district, Mr Selala said Mogoditshane Block 8 would soon benefit from a transformer installation project, allowing residents to apply for electricity connections at standard rates.

He further revealed that 2 276 out of 2 922 streetlights in the district were operational translating to 77 per cent illumination.

He further noted that the council had also completed 20 tower-light projects and refurbished vandalised ones through engaging local artisans.

However, he raised concerns that electricity funding was insufficient, therefore causing challenges in sustaining tower-light operations.

In addition, Mr Selala touched on community-led initiatives such as the Mmopane clean-up campaign which saw residents clear illegal dumping sites and restore neighbourhood cleanliness.

He urged residents to maintain the spirit of unity and to report offenders.

Despite financial challenges, Mr Selala emphasised that the council's roadmap for 2025-2027 was on course, with accountability mechanisms in place to ensure transparency and measurable progress.

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Kgosi Tawana II of Batawana (second right) and other traditional leaders arriving at a kgotla meeting at Boseja Ward, Maun on Monday, to unveil the Fauna Conservation Trust of Ngamiland. The trust will serve as the custodian of all tribal estate and assets. Photo: Esther Mmolai

Sovereign Wealth Fund buffer on economic shocks - Boko

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - The establishment of the Botswana Sovereign Wealth Fund will act as a buffer on economic shocks owing to a volatile diamond market and resuscitate the country's economy.

Speaking during the Botswana Sovereign Wealth Fund board meeting in Gaborone yesterday, President Advocate Duma Boko said the establishment of the fund was a wake-up call to the realities of the over dependence on one commodity.

"It is worth noting that Botswana has over the years relied on only one commodity, which has served us very well thus far and in the process, we perhaps became a little complacent and believed in the diamond story almost exclusively and have now been put out of that complacency in a way by the turbulence in the diamond industry," he said.

President Boko said there was need to take the first bold step to

establish the Botswana Sovereign Wealth Fund in order for the nation to pursue the country's economic diversification drive and move it from a mono-sectorial diamond dependent economy to the one that strived and was driven by different sectors.

The sovereign wealth fund, he therefore said would save up for posterity and drive investment both internally and externally.

The establishment of the Botswana Sovereign Wealth Fund is in accordance with International Monetary Fund's 2024 Article IV Consultation Report recommendations, which cautioned that Botswana's heavy reliance on diamond revenues has led to wide fiscal swings, from surpluses in boom years to deficits during downturns.

To address these structural imbalances, the IMF recommended establishing a sovereign wealth fund that would help smooth government expenditure, stabilise the economy and preserve wealth

for future generations.

The IMF emphasised that such a fund must be supported by clear legal mandates, robust governance and strong integration into the country's broader fiscal framework.

According to the IMF's report, while sovereign wealth fund could provide a valuable institutional framework, achieving meaningful savings would require Botswana to implement stricter fiscal policies than those observed in recent years.

The IMF noted that Botswana had consistently posted fiscal deficits averaging nearly 4 per cent of GDP over the past decade.

To generate the necessary savings for a sovereign wealth fund, the IMF recommended that Botswana target a budgetary surplus of 1 per cent of GDP on a sustained basis.

The IMF also advised that the new sovereign wealth fund adopt a 'financing fund' model, linking inflows and outflows directly to the national budget, which is seen as a more stable alternative to savings based on mineral revenues.

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Absa Bank Botswana managing director, Ms Keabetswe Pheko-Moshagane (left) during Absa Green Energy roundtable in Gaborone recently. Ms Pheko-Moshagane said Absa introduced green energy loan in an effort to champion renewable energy and sustainable practice. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

Absa launches green energy loan

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - ABSA Bank Botswana has advanced Botswana's green energy agenda with the launch of Absa Green Energy Loan recently.

The loan product, designed for retail clients who wish to install solar energy solutions in their homes, provides comprehensive financing of up to P500 000. The facility aims to help households embrace clean, renewable energy while contributing to Botswana's sustainable energy transition.

Speaking at the launch, Absa managing director Ms Keabetswe Pheko-Moshagane highlighted

that Botswana received 1.3 billion gigawatt hours of solar energy annually across its land area, placing the country among those with the highest levels of solar radiation globally.

"However, despite this vast solar potential, the actual capacity we have harnessed remains limited," she noted.

She added that the bank would partner with local solar installers to support businesses, create jobs, and contribute to Botswana's broader economic transformation, while tapping into the nation's abundant solar resources.

"By embracing this solution, each of us has the opportunity

to showcase the benefits of solar energy in our own homes and advance Botswana's journey toward energy sufficiency," she said.

She further pledged Absa's continued partnership with government, private sector, and development partners to deliver bankable projects and foster an enabling ecosystem for renewable energy growth.

She emphasised that Absa was committed to championing renewable energy and sustainable practices, at a time when the region faced growing pressure to reduce reliance on coal-fired power, driven by global decarbonisation commitments. **BOPA**

Smallstock sector poised for growth

By Naomi Leepile

WERDA - Botswana's smallstock industry is set for a major transformation and shift from a subsistence activity to a key economic driver.

Speaking at the smallstock association meat festival in Werda on Saturday, acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti highlighted government initiatives and partnerships aimed at unlocking the sector's full potential. The event themed: Creating a conducive environment for smallstock, was the third annual to be held in Werda.

Dr Dikoloti said the festival was not just an event, but a statement of vision and faith, determined to move smallstock production from a means of survival to an engine of wealth creation, food security and national pride.

He emphasised that government's strategy was to transform traditional farming methods into modern and market-driven agribusinesses.

The minister acknowledged the unique strengths of the Kgalagadi region, noting that its harsh, semi-arid climate gave smallstock an advantage, as they required less feed and were well-adapted to the environment. That, he said, allowed farmers to produce high quality meat for both domestic and international niche markets.

He added that government was taking bold steps to support such transformation. He indicated that the recently established Meat Industry Regulatory Authority (MIRA) was in place to ensure transparency, fairness and competitiveness in the meat sector.

"MIRA would uphold grading and quality standards, which in turn would reduce exploitation and open

doors to lucrative export markets," he said.

Furthermore, he said Botswana had built a global reputation for beef traceability and similar systems were being extended to smallstock.

He noted that goats and sheep from Werda could now be traced from kraal to market, a move he said met the strict certification demands of export markets.

Dr Dikoloti also highlighted significant investments aimed at boosting the sector.

"Government, in partnership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), has invested US\$112 million (more than P1.5 billion) to commercialise the small livestock and poultry sub-sectors," he said.

The project, he said was expected to benefit 100 000 households by improving market access and making such enterprises commercially viable.

Dr Dikoloti called on the private sector to invest in crucial infrastructure such as cold storage hubs, transport logistics and marketing and branding facilities to improve market access for farmers.

He said research and development were also being advanced through the National Agricultural Research Development Institute (NARDI), focusing on productivity, genetics, fodder production and disease resistance to combat the challenges posed by climate change.

He urged producers to forge partnerships and pool resources to access finance more easily and negotiate better market terms. He emphasised that government was working with financial institutions to open up credit lines for farmers and reviewing agricultural policies to be more sustainable and inclusive, with a view to empower youth and women.

Dr Dikoloti encouraged youth and women to seize the opportunities the sector offered, stating that smallstock was more than livestock, but a pathway to jobs, exports and lasting prosperity for the country. For his part, Werda SmallStock Association chairperson, Mr Joseph Louw, explained that the event aimed at improving livestock in the Kgalagadi region, uniting farmers as well as marketing their smallstock.

However, he said farmers in the area were faced with challenges, including the rising numbers of stock theft, which he attributed to the dilapidated border fence with South Africa.

He added that the poor state of the border fence made it easier for diseases like foot and mouth disease (FMD) to spread and threaten the local livestock.

Consequently, Mr Louw urged the minister to introduce standardised pricing for smallstock nationwide. He noted that current prices were too low and prevented farmers from making profit or sustainable living. **BOPA**

Programme inspires girls to pursue careers in STEM

By Kehumile Moekejo

JWANENG - A cumulative total of 100 young people have graduated from the Jwaneng Mine Maranyane Bokamoso Programme since inception three years ago.

The initiative is a partnership between Jwaneng Mine and Dare to Dream Foundation, intended to empower and inspire girls and differently-abled learners from Jwaneng Mine's area of influence to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Speaking at the third graduation ceremony for 33 learners on Friday, Dare to Dream Foundation founder, Captain Kgomo Phatsima noted that the programme had effectively impacted the lives of participants, with 20 from the first cohort currently enrolled for various mining courses at the Botswana International University of Science

and Technology (BIUST).

"I am honoured to announce that 20 of the first cohort started their mining journeys at BIUST last year, pursuing courses such as Geology, Civil Engineering and Mining Engineering. Six have secured places at University of Botswana and other institutions like Botswana Accountancy College and the last seven have decided to retake their Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) to pursue mining careers in the next intake," she noted.

She also noted that the second cohort of graduates had just started in various tertiary institutions across the country, with only four re-writing their BGCSE to align their grades with STEM-related courses.

Consequently, Captain Phatsima implored the last graduates to cease the opportunity presented to them and use it to turn their dreams into reality.

"The spark has been lit, show us why Debswana has invested in you, spread your wings to the fullest and make your mark," she said.

Jwaneng Mine finance manager, Ms Nametso Masuku said the programme would continue to benefit participants in various areas of their lives, beyond the primary mandate.

She noted that the mentorship, experience and job shadowing entailed in the programme would go a long way in igniting ambition and enhancing their confidence in bridging gender gaps in STEM-related careers.

"The impact of Maranyane Bokamoso goes far beyond the lessons taught, it is visible in the confidence that you carry today, the friendships that you have formed and the determination that you look ahead with. You are participants, you are not just graduates of this programme, you are ambassadors of

what is possible when opportunity meet potential," she said.

She applauded graduates for successfully completing the programme, through their dedication and determination.

However, she noted that their graduation was not the end but the beginning of greater things ahead.

She urged them to use what they had acquired to contribute toward innovative ideas that could propel the country to greater heights.

Jwaneng deputy mayor, Mr Mothibedi Watshipi noted that the programme would go a long way in bridging the gap between theory and actual experiences that participants had, thereby shaping their futures in the STEM career chain.

"Programmes like this one bridge the gap between theory and practice and between potential and reality. They show that education is not just about passing exams but about shaping futures," he said. **BOPA**

Ba gakololwa go tlhokomela masea

Ka Mmoniemang Motsamai

MOKATSE - Banni ba motse wa Mokatse le Modipane ba gakolotswe go tlhokomela masea a dingwaga tse di kwa tlase ga bothlano.

Mooki yo mogolwane mo kgaolong ya Kgatleng, Mme Josephine Bafo, a re dikokelwana di simolole go amogela dikgetsi tse dintsi tsa bolwetse jwa letshololo.

Fa a buwa mo phuthengong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke modulasetilo wa khansele ya Kgatleng, Rre Thabo Komane bosheng, a re go setse go itsege gore ngwaga le ngwaga mo kgwedding ya Phatwe go simolola koketsego ya bolwetse jwa letshololo.

Mme Bafo o rotloeditse banni go tlotla go tlhapa matsogo, go phepafatsa tikologo le go bona gore bana ba ja dijo di tshwana le merogo le dinawatse di nang le dikotla le go ba nosa metsi a a phepa.Mo go tse dingwe, o netefaditse banni ba Mokatse

fa go na le ngaka e e thusang balwetse mo kgaolong, mme a akaretsa metse e mabapi le Oodi. O boletse gape fa go na le mooki wa bolwetse jwa tlhaloganyo kwa sepateleng se segolwane sa Deborah kwa Mochudi. Mme Bafo o bile a rotloetsa banni go lwantsha kgokgontsho ya bong.

A re malwapa ka bontsi a feletswe ke boleng ka jaana kgokgontsho e bakiwa ke gore gantsi bana ba tlhokile motheo o o tiileng.

Mo go tse dingwe, banni ba Mokatse bone ba ngongoregetse gore ba tlotlwa ke mananeo a mantsi a ditlhabololo ka jaana ba akarediwa ka fa tlase ga motse wa Modipane.Rre George Monametsi o boletse fa se, se dira gore mananeo a ditlhabololo a felele kwa Modipane.

Kgosi Keabetswe Molefe wa Mokatse o kopile gore ba agelwa sekolo se se botlana ka jaana bana ba tsamaya sekgala se se leele go latela sekole kwa Modipane.

A re ba kopa khansele go ba



Kgosi Fanuel Mokalake (mojeng) wa Modipane le batsena phuthego kwa Modipane bosheng. Banni ba supile fa ba ngongorega ka lehuti la matlakala le le kwa Dikwididi le go lebegang e tla nna boremelelo jwa matlakala a a tswang Gaborone le metse e e mabapi, ba tlhalosa fa se, se le diphatsa mo leruong la bone.
Senepe: Mmoniemang Motsamai

thusa ka dikakanyo tsa go ka ikagela sekolo, ka go setse go na le setsha se ba se sekileng. O supile fa a sa itumedisiwe ke ditsela tse di

tšenang mo motseng, a bolela fa di le mo seemong se se maswe.

Modulasetilo wa khansele, Rre Komane o ba itsisitse fa Kgatleng jaanong ele lehelo le go dirilweng moalo wa ditlhabololo (planning area), ka jalo go ka seke go letelelwe ope go dira jaaka a batla.

Ka jalo, o kopile banni go netefatsa gore leruo la bone ga le saile gongwe le gongwe, a bolela fa khansele e simolotse go phutha matimela. O ne a re o itlama go

diragatsa lenaneo la kgopho metsi a a leswe (storm water drainage) ka jaana metsi a sa laolesege.

A re o ikaelela gape go dira mananeo a a farologaneng a go leka go phutha madi gore khansele e nne le letseno le le ka dirang ditlhabololo.

Rre Komane o boleletse banni gape fa puso e tswletse ka go dira mananeo a ditlhabololo go leka go tsosolosa itsholelo, mme a ba rotloetsa go nna pelo telele. **BOPA**

CIPA e rotloetsa bagodi go itshetsa ka dikitso

Ka Keetile Bontsibokae

MOLEPOLOLE -Khamphani e e kwadisang dikgwebo le dikitso ebong Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) e kuile mokgosi kwa bagoding gore ka ele bone letlotlo la dikitso tsa ngwao ba tshwanetse ba itse bothlokwa jwa go sireletsa dikitso tse, gore ba kgone go oba seatla ka tsone.

Mogolwane go tswa kwa CIPA, Mme Kutlwano Jairos o

sedimososeditse bagodi gore le bone fela jaaka bataki, ba na le sebaka sa go gweba ka dikitso tsa bone go na le go di aba mahala kgotsa tsa sologela ba eseng batlhami ba tsone mosola.

O buile se kwa moketeng wa matlhogoputswa o o neng o rulagantswe ke mopalamente wa Molepolole Borwa Rre Shima Monageng le Bagaka Ba Pele kwa Molepolole bosheng.

A re ba itemogetse gore bontsi jwa bagodi ga ba itse gore CIPA

e kwadisa le dikitso tsa ngwao.

Mme Jairos a re bagodi ke bone tshoso-e-rweleng mo dikitsong tsa ngwao mme a ba sedimosetsa gore CIPA e amogela dikitso tsa tsa go nna jalo, a bo di sirelediwa.

“Re a itse gore bogodu jwa dikitso bo teng bo ile magoletsa.

Fa le di sireleditse jaana go nna motlhofo gore le kgone le dira dikgwebo ka tsone di sireleditswe,” ga rotloetsa Mme Jairos. **BOPA**



Motlhokomedi wa melemo le dipilisi kwa kokelwaneng ya Morama kwa Ghanzi, Mme Naomi Tjihambuma (bobedi molemeng) le bagolwane ba lephata la botsogo ba amogela melemo le dipilisi go tswa kwa Central Medical Stores bosheng. Mme Tjihambuma o tlhalositse fa melemo e tla thusa go fokotsa letlhoko le le ntseng le apesitse dikokelwana kobo ka letshoba. Senepe:Malebogo Lekula

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MAOKANE - Go itse ngwao le go e tshegetsa ke selo sa bothlokwa se banana ba tshwanetseng ba ikamanya le sone.

Se se builwe ke mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Jwaneng/Mabutsane Rre Omphemetse Kwapa kwa moletlong wa dikgafela kwa Maokane ka Labotlhano.

Rre Kwapa o tlhalositse fa ngwao e kaya se motho a leng sone, ka jalo go le bothlokwa gore banana ba atamelane le bagolo go e anywa mo go bone.

O ba rotloeditse go botsa bagolo ka sepe sa ngwao se ba sa se tlhaloganyeng gore ba akole dikitso tsa bone fa ba santse ba le teng mo botshelong.

Fa a itebaganya le moletlo wa dikgafela, Rre Kwapa o boletse fa go ipelela dikgafela go etelela pele thebolo ya letsema la paka e e latelang ya temo.A re go maleba gore pele go bololwa go ya go lema, go isiwe malebo kwa Modimong go lebogela thobo ya paka e e fetileng.

Rre Kwapa a re ka tsamaiso kgosi o tshwanetse a bolotsa letsema morago ga go amogela dikgafela, a re thebolo e ya kgosi ke go supa seabe sa gagwe mo go eteleleng pele tsotlhe tse di amanang le go tshagediwa ga ngwao.

Ka go rialo, Rre Kwapa o ne a

kopa morafe go ithuta jaaka ditiro le merero ya Setswana di dirwa, ga mmogo le go tlotla kgosi ka e le ene pinagare e ditiro di direlwang mo go yone.

Kgosi Isaac Banyaditse wa Maokane o ne a re go le pele fa a amogela morafe kwa kgotleng, a tlhalosa fa go rola dikgafela kwa kgosing e le mogkwa wa go ipeela thobo e e tlaa tshetsang morafe fa go santse go letilwe pula e namagadi le thobo ya paka e e latelang.

Kgosi le lekoko la gagwe ba ne ba amogela dikgotla tsa Maokane tse tlhano di eteletsewe pele ke ya Kgosing fa di ne di tsena ka kopelo e e tletseng boitumelo.

E ne ya re kwa morago kgosi a diragatsa pitso ya pula ka go gasetsa thothi ya bojalwa jwa Setswana mo lefaufaug.

Fa a rola maikaelelo a moletlo, Kgosana Molale Mabego o ne a supa fa go ipelela dikgafela e le sesupo sa maikemisetsa a morafe wa Maokane a go tsweledisa ngwao ya Setswana.

A re e ke yone thulaganyo ya go ipelela lesego le Modimo o le neileng morafe mo temong.

O ne a tswelala ka gore morago ga dikgafela go lepiwa pula ya bobedi ya sephai e e tlang morago ga ya kgogolamoko, ke gone kgosi a bolotse letsema. **BOPA**

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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE DAVID KALANEMOKOKWE-ESHGB-000134/25

IN PURSUANCE of **Section 31 of the Administration of the Estate Act (Cap 31:01)** the heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased person specified above are hereby invited to attend a Next of Kin meeting on **18th day of September 2025 at 1100 hours** at the **before -Felicity S. Sigweni**. At the Master's Office, Gaborone High Court Building.

At the respective meeting, the next of kin meeting are to recommend person(s) to be appointed as Executors(s) /Executrices Dative, identify beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to the estate their deceased relative.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN. ESHFT 000433-24 FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

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CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 38901 Gaborone;
SITUATE: In Gaborone West Extension 41;
MEASURING: 413m2 (Four Hundred and Thirteen Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Fixed Period State Grant **No. 1021/97** dated the **16th day of September 1997** made in favour of **IDAH KENALEMANG**;

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.

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Beijing stages Nanjing Massacre dance drama

BEIJING - An international version of *Deep in Memory*, a dance drama that conveys the cruelty and pain brought by invading Japanese troops in the Nanjing Massacre, was staged in Beijing on Saturday night.

Dancers from China, the United States, Germany and Japan took part in the performance at the Beijing Tianqiao Performing Arts Center, marking the world premiere of the international version.

Directed by Tong Ruirui, the story follows survivors and witnesses of the Nanjing Massacre, which took place when invading Japanese troops captured Nanjing during World War II.

Approximately 300 000 Chinese civilians and unarmed soldiers were killed in a six-week rampage that began on December 13, 1937.

Chinese dancer Yang Zheng played the lead role of Chinese-American writer Iris Chang, the author of *The Rape of Nanking: The Forgotten Holocaust of World War II*, who, in the dance drama, establishes links with the main historical figures from the book, including John

Rabe, Minnie Vautrin, Li Xiuying and Shiro Azuma.

The international version was created this year to commemorate the 80th anniversary of victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War.

It will also be staged in France in November.

Inspired by Iris Chang's 'power of one' philosophy, Tong holds firm belief in the power of dance.

"I believe that the power of a dance drama can bring more people into this period of history. If audiences go on to read Iris Chang's book to learn about the history and the historical figures after watching it, then our work has made all the difference," she said.

Pierre Theron, a viewer from France who got to learn about the Nanjing Massacre for the first time when watching the dance drama, said that he was emotionally touched, adding that the dance drama could tell the period of history in a way that the global audience could understand. *Xinhua*



Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Lesego Chombo, recently toured the Shorobe Basketry Cooperative, where women artisans showcased their intricate handwoven baskets. She commended the cooperative for preserving traditional skills while creating livelihoods and encouraged members to focus on producing unique, high-quality pieces capable of reaching international markets.

Photo: Esther Mmolai

Carnival to elevate Maun beyond delta

By Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

MAUN - The inaugural Maun International Safari Carnival (MISAC) scheduled for September

27 to 30 at the Mall of Maun seeks to position Maun as a tourism powerhouse and not just a gateway to the Okavango Delta.

The idea also aims to close the gap that exists in the region's tourism calendar.

"Maun is the tourism capital of Botswana, yet it lacks a signature event that reflects this status. MISAC is the flagship initiative that aims to confirm Maun's rightful place as the gateway and indeed the destination of safari experience in Botswana," said MISAC coordinator, Adam Bharazawo in an interview.

He emphasised the festival's wider developmental goals that included improving the lives of the communities.

"MISAC is about creating opportunities particularly for youth, women, and small businesses. We want this festival to be a catalyst for economic empowerment and mindset change," he said.

Among its key mandates is need to promote vocational skills as an equally valuable and dignified career path and not a fallback option for those who did not perform well academically, Bharazawo said.

He said the festival sought to change the narrative by showcasing the potential and

importance of trades such as carpentry, plumbing, culinary arts and fashion design among others.

"For a long time, vocational training has been seen as a backup plan and that has to change because these are the skills that can drive innovation and self-reliance. We are calling for vocational institutions to update their curricula to international standards, to produce graduates who are ready for the global market," he said.

The carnival will gather tourism stakeholders, cultural groups, entrepreneurs, and the wider community to showcase Botswana's cultural richness.

"Attendees will get to enjoy a fun day filled with games and activities, including an immersive delta experience as a unique setup that will bring the essence of the Okavango Delta right to the people," he said.

Part of MISAC's social responsibility efforts, Bharazawo said the organising committee planned to identify and support teenage single mothers in the region, with the aim to empower them through vocational training opportunities, equipping them with practical skills to become self-reliant and better support their families. **BOPA**

Xin wins best actress at Venice Film Festival

VENICE - Chinese actress Xin Zhilei won the best actress award Saturday night at the 82nd Venice Film Festival for her role in *The Sun Rises on Us All*.

Directed by Chinese filmmaker Cai Shangjun, the film, known in Chinese as *Ri Gua Zhong Tian*, portrays a tragic romance of former lovers entangled by fate and unable to find redemption.

Xin plays the leading female role.

She was presented with the Golden Lion trophy by Chinese actress Zhao Tao, a member of the international jury for this year's competition.

In her acceptance speech, Xin expressed that she felt both honoured and proud to stand on the festival's stage as a Chinese actress.

She also thanked the film's crew and offered words of encouragement to young girls.

"To all the girls out there, if you have a dream, dare to imagine it and go after it, you never know, it might just come true."

The 82nd edition of Venice Film Festival ended Saturday at the Lido island of the Italian lagoon city, with 21 films competing in the main competition. *Xinhua*



VENICE - Xin Zhilei after winning the best actress award at the 82nd Venice Film Festival in Italy on Saturday. She won the award for her role in *The Sun Rises on Us All*. Photo: Xinhua

Tiriac pledges sponsorship

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Romanian tennis legend and renowned businessman, Ion Tiriac, has pledged to sponsor the two-week International Tennis Federation (ITF) professional tournaments to be hosted in Botswana next year.

Tiriac, who met with the Botswana Tennis Association (BTA) on Friday, also pledged

to build tennis infrastructure in schools and Judo centres.

BTA president, Oaitse Thipe said in an interview that they were happy to have met with the former Romanian Olympic Committee president and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) founder.

Thipe indicated that Tiriac, who won the French Open men's doubles title in 1970, was a former coach of Boris Becker and Marat Safin.

He added that Tiriac, a businessman with a net worth of around \$2 billion, was passionate about sport participation.

The BTA president said the pledge came at the right time, owing to the association's objective to host high-level events so players could continue to earn more points on the pro circuit.

He said Tiriac's sponsorship of the prize money for the men's ITF 15 000 tournament was a welcome development.

The men's tournament would be held in June next year, ahead of the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup.

He said the BTA would sponsor the women's pro tournament 15 000 and Tiriac would sponsor the men's tournament.

Thipe said the tournaments would also ensure that the men's and women's teams were well-prepared for their upcoming competitions.

He further said the men's team would compete in Davis Cup Africa Group IV, while the women's team would compete in Billie Jean King Cup Group III.

Thipe also indicated that Tiriac had also promised to help increase participation in the sport, particularly the young players.

"He is passionate about having more children. In the upcoming months, we are going to be doing tennis festivals, not only at the tennis centre here but in various parts of the country such as Lobatse and Maun, as that will help us to increase our base," he said.

Meanwhile, Thipe said Botswana would host the under 14 and under 16 zonals next year and the event was expected to attract about 140 players from across the region. **BOPA**



Romanian tennis legend and renowned businessman, Ion Tiriac, has pledged to sponsor the two-week International Tennis Federation (ITF) professional tournaments to be hosted in Botswana next year. Photo: Courtesy Botswana Tennis Association

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