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President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (centre) receiving a token of appreciation from African Tourism Partners chief executive officer, Mr Kwakye Donkor (left) at the 5th Africa Tourism Leadership Forum in Gaborone yesterday. President Masisi said growing the tourism sector was part of Botswana's economic diversification strategy. With them is Minister of Environment and Tourism, Ms Philda Kereng.

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Maun Sub-land Board official calls for patience

By Esther Mmolai

KHWAI - A Maun Sub-land Board official has called on Khwai residents to exercise patience with regard to plot allocation.

Responding to residents' complaints during a kgotla meeting in the village recently, vice chairperson, Mr Abel Molelo stated that the mother body, Tawana Land Board, was seized with allocating 17 918 plots.

This was its portion of the set national target of allocating 100 000 residential plots by the end of the financial year, he explained.

Mr Molelo said the board was doing everything possible to expedite plot allocation to meet the set target.

He said allocation had been completed in areas falling under the Maun Sub-land Board jurisdiction.

Admitting that there were some delays in Khwai's case due to a number of factors such as overlapping plot boundaries, Mr Molelo said 25 of the 72 plot applications received had been allocated.

He assured residents that the current board, appointed in 2020, would complete plot allocations in the village before the end of its term.

On business plots, Mr Molelo said they were advertised as per procedure but none in Khwai because of the pending geo-technical study issue.

It was reported that Khwai water table was high necessitating a geo-technical study to help determine a solution.

He however said the study should not stop individuals from submitting applications for land.

Mr Molelo said there were many in-fills not affected by the study and promised that the board would consider sound proposals.

Earlier, some residents had complained that industrial plots allocation delays frustrated their business ventures.

One of them, Ms Gabonakgomo Mopalo, said she had long applied for a plot to start a laundry business but kept being moved from pillar to post.

She also alleged that leases for some campsites operating in reserves and parks had long elapsed but they were still operational, an allegation Mr Molelo promised would be investigated.

Ms Cecilia Gwabago expressed concern that some youth had the tendency of laying false claims on other people's ploughing fields and urged the land board to look into such issues thoroughly. **BOPA**



JP Kavindama Primary Hospital midwife, Ms Etjesuverua Katjinothjiwa showing the facility's Postnatal Care Unit on Monday. The maternity wing is one of the services that has been opened to the public at the 70-bed facility which is not yet fully operational. Photo Kedirebofe Pelontle

Partially open JP Kavindama hospital offers more services

By Kedirebofe Pelontle

SHAKAWE - Shakawe residents are over the moon about the availability of more services at JP Kavindama Primary Hospital.

Named after the late Okavango MP, Mr Joseph Polaano

Kavindama, the partially-open facility has been offering pharmacy and laboratory services since 2020 when COVID-19 hit the country.

Services have now been extended to outpatient, social work, counselling and maternity.

In an interview on Monday following the latest development, Kgosi Thaamano Sedumedi expressed happiness that more services were now available for Shakawe residents.

Stating that the development was overdue, he said residents were anxious for the hospital to be fully operational so that they could get all the necessary health services.

Kgosi Abel Mafuta expressed gratitude for the availability of laboratory and maternity services.

The two services were critical to residents from the eastern side of the Okavango River who hitherto had to travel all the way to Gumare for assistance.

Shakawe North Village Development Committee chairperson, Mr Baarabi Lekgowa said the availability of services at JP Kavindama would help reduce the burden on Gumare Primary Hospital as well as the travel costs for patients.

A resident, Ms Cotia Lucas was elated that pressure would be reduced on the Shakawe Clinic which she said was currently overwhelmed.

Ms Lucas said she wished was the Tuberculosis unit was also operational.

The hospital's chief medical officer, Dr Kabo Tshiamo said the staff for the 70-bed facility was ready to serve noting that most of the needed nurses were in post.

He said psychological and eye specialist services were also available.

"The maternity wing will improve services and patient care since there are facilities to observe women post-delivery for any complications that may arise unlike at Shakawe Clinic where they were given a few hours for observation due to limited space," said Dr Tshiamo.

He said the remaining services such as the accident and emergency would come into operation next year. **BOPA**

Third Kanye constituency can balance figures

By Kehumile Moekejo

KANYE - Kanye residents have requested an additional constituency to balance the stipulated population quota for the two existing constituencies while at the same time improving accessibility of services.

Airing their views during a meeting addressed by the Delimitation Commission in Kanye on Monday, they suggested

that some villages be hived off mostly from Kanye South constituency.

Suggesting that the proposed constituency be named Kanye South West, Mr Motsumi Motsumi said it would include villages such as Selokolela, Sesung, Seherelela, Tsonyane, Lobutse, Lefoko, Maokane and Samane, he said.

Sharing the same sentiments, Mr Kabelo Lemme added that the villages of Sese, Segwagwa and

Metlobo should also fall under the proposed constituency.

He said establishment of a new constituency would enhance service delivery in the mentioned areas. "As it is, residents of these villages are disadvantaged because most services are concentrated in densely populated areas like Kanye. This categorisation has nothing to do with background but we are looking at improving accessibility to services," he said.

For his part, Mr Babi Kgosimodimo said the proposed constituency should also include Moshana, Lorolwane, Pitseng, Betesankwe and Maokane.

Proposing that it be named either Kanye South West, Ngwaketse South West or Maokane, he said the latter should serve as the constituency headquarters.

"We can choose one of the names it does not matter much, but Maokane should be the constituency headquarters because it currently has most government services. All these people share a culture and they speak the same language," he said. Even though most meeting attendants suggested that Kanye North should be left intact, Mr Kagiso Moleti said it needed to be divided into two.

He said villages such as Magotlhwane, Kgomokasitwa, Ntlhantlhe, Ranaka and surrounding cattleposts should be removed from Kanye North to make a new constituency named Ngwaketse East.

However, Ms Ntshono Tshwene said instead of an additional constituency, some wards in Kanye South should be hived off to Kanye North to balance the population quota in the two constituencies.

Her views were shared by Kgosi Kwelagobe Mookodi, who said Marapalalo ward should be moved from Kanye South to Kanye North. A member of the commission, Ms Malebogo Masire informed the meeting that a report, with recommendations on constituency boundaries, would be compiled. **BOPA**



SADC executives, Mr Jorge Cardoso (left) and Dr Theminkosi Mhlongo at a farewell dinner hosted for the duo by the SADC Secretariat in Gaborone on Friday. The executive secretary, Mr Elias Magosi commended them for the contribution they made to the SADC community. He urged them to keep on helping the region to grow especially in the area of regional integration. Photo: Felicity Male

Tourism growth critical to diversification

By **Pako Lebanna**

GABORONE - Government has embarked on creating an enabling environment for tourism sector growth as it considers its value chain potential critical for economic diversification and job creation.

This was said by President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi when opening the 5th annual Africa Tourism Leadership Forum in Gaborone yesterday.

He said as part of its economic diversification strategy, government sought to broaden the tourism sector base to encourage meaningful citizen involvement and facilitate the development of different businesses from the tourism industry value chain.

"Botswana's business adaptation of the value chain business is underpinned by the values of citizen economic empowerment, job creation, tourism product diversification and investment growth," Dr Masisi said.

He revealed that six areas had been prioritised for value chain development adaptation among them events, cluster, cultural, dams and community project tourism.

The President said the 2021 Botswana Tourism Policy emphasised product development and diversification as a key driver of growth within the tourism industry.

He said it viewed adventure and cultural tourism as an opportunity to attract more arrivals to complement Botswana's traditional wildlife tourism offering.

President Masisi said the anticipated increased activity would boost economic activity and generate employment in different geographical locations.

He told his audience that Africa, with its good natural habitat, should leverage on continental partnerships to boost tourism in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stressing the importance of collaboration, Dr Masisi said 'the only way to achieve success and tourism growth and job creation, is by coming together, capitalising on each other's strengths and working as one'.

He urged tourism industry players to be innovative in accommodating the needs of the modern traveller, packaging experiences suited to varying preferences and tailoring business to ensure more value for the African economy.

Welcoming delegates, including South Africa, Namibia and Ghana tourism portfolio cabinet ministers, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Ms Philda Kereng said Botswana was proud to have been nominated to host the event for three consecutive years, starting this year.

She said through progressive policies, the country had managed to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and was ready to work with sister African states.

Addressing the meeting virtually, United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) secretary general, Mr Zurab Pololikashvili said his organisation would continue to recommend African states to host

tourism boosting events in order to revive their economic prospects of investing in education, healthcare and other development indicators.

In addition to those attending virtually, a total of 450 participants from 43 states are physically attending the forum, convened by

the African Tourism Partners in collaboration with UNWTO and government through the Botswana Tourism Organisation. **BOPA**



Mr Pule (left), Minister Mokgethi (second left) and Assistant Minister of Education and Skills Development, Mr Aubrey Lesaso (second right) touring a house that was built through the revamped Ipelegeng programme during its launch in Mogobane yesterday. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

Revamped Ipelegeng Programme boasts skills development component

By **Baleseng Batlotleng**

MOGOBANE - Government has launched the refurbished Ipelegeng Programme boasting a skills development component (ISDC).

The objective is to equip Ipelegeng Programme beneficiaries with construction-related, occupational, entrepreneurship and life skills.

Speaking at the combined launch and graduation ceremony of the first batch of beneficiaries as well as handing over of projects completed through the initiative in Mogobane yesterday, Assistant Minister of Local Government and Rural Development Mr Mabuse Pule said the primary aim was empowerment. He said in addition to the mentioned skills, beneficiaries were trained on productivity, mindset change and smart work ethics while at the same time delivering development projects such as maintenance and construction of public buildings and roads.

"The overall goal is to facilitate their graduation from the programme as well as reducing dependency syndrome," he said.

Mr Pule explained that public works programmes were social protection instruments used with the dual objectives of providing temporary employment and generating and maintaining some labour intensive infrastructural projects and social services.

Dating back to the 1960s, the Ipelegeng programme was inspired by the public works approach, he said.

According to Mr Pule,

thousands of public infrastructure and social services were delivered through the programme which had evolved from being a drought relief measure to a permanent scheme.

With the view to improve the programme's efficiency and effectiveness, government decided to re-engineer it, said the assistant minister. "The transformation focuses on forging synergies between complementary government programmes aimed at employment creation and poverty eradication, refocusing the programme on construction and maintenance of public facilities and all labour-intensive public works across ministries," he explained.

Mr Pule said as part of the re-engineering process, his ministry, in collaboration with the then Ministry of Employment, Labour Productivity and Skills Development, developed the ISDC.

For her part, Minister of Labour and Home Affairs Ms Annah Mokgethi said the overall objective was to create short term employment and provide temporary relief to Batswana who had been adversely affected by economic shocks while at the same time delivering development projects.

It was aimed at economic empowerment of individual beneficiaries, local economic development, infrastructure development, environmental conservation and management, crime prevention, mindset change and skills development, she said.

Ms Mokgethi explained that in 2012, government through

UNICEF's assistance, engaged Botswana Institute of Development and Policy Analysis to review the Ipelegeng Programme with the view to assess its relevance, impact, effectiveness and efficiency.

"The review revealed that the programme was ineffective and had low impact due to absence of smart targets, which resulted in low productivity levels," she said.

Minister Mokgethi said it was therefore recommended that the programme be re-designed to make it results-based.

In addition, it was decided that a well-structured capacity building component for arming participants with production and survival skills to enable them to graduate to better paying jobs or be self-employed should be introduced, said the minister.

She said through the Botswana National Productivity Centre, beneficiaries of the revamped programme had been trained in Smartwork Ethics aimed at inculcating a positive mindset as well as a culture of high performance.

Piloted in the South East District, the programme has already been rolled out to other districts.

Three families have been handed shelter while a total of 53 men and women have been certified in the six trades of brick laying and plastering, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting and tiling.

Two were employed for a period of six months as instructors.

The Construction Industry Trust Fund was charged with providing building and construction training. **BOPA**

Mbanderu's upholding of culture admirable

By **Thandy Tebogo**

TOROMOJA - Vice President Slumber Tsogwane has expressed admiration for the Mbanderu's ability to uphold their culture and customs.

Speaking in Toromoja Saturday during the funeral service for Kgosi Nguvauva Nguvauva's wife, Ms Natalia Nguvauva, both of the Mbanderu tribe, he said while

the tribe continued to uphold its culture, it nevertheless co-existed peacefully with the rest of Boteti tribes.

There were no significant cultural differences between the Mbanderu and other communities of Rakops as they have embraced each other, Mr Tsogwane said.

Addressing Kgosi Nguvauva, the vice president said all stood to learn from him in both times of distress and joy.

For his part, MP for Ngami, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama said despite being difficult to deal with, bereavement brought people together as it compelled them to congregate and show compassion.

Former MP for the constituency, Mr Thato Kwerepe said Kgosi Nguvauva had extended support to others when they were mourning.

He noted that Kgosi Nguvauva had implored the Mbanderu to preserve their culture to prevent it from fading away.

Mr Kwerepe urged the family to continue the legacy left by their matriarch.

Ms Nguvauva, 73, is survived by her husband, eight children, 18 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. **BOPA**

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Teachers get training on environmental conservation

By Portia Ikgopoleng

MAUN - A total of 21 teachers from eight primary schools and one junior secondary school are currently undergoing an environmental conservation teacher training in Maun.

The programme is facilitated by Okavango Wilderness Safaris, through its subsidiary, Children in the Wilderness and First National Bank Botswana.

The participants of the programme, which started on Monday, are teachers from Sankoyo, Gunotsoga, Seronga, Gudigwa, Beetsha, Habu, Tubu, Seronga, Parakarungu and Tshwaragano.

Okavango Wilderness Safaris Stakeholder manager, Mr Moalosi Lebekwe said the programme was tailor-made to upskill teachers to be able to deliver environmental education concepts.

Mr Lebekwe said environmental education was not a fully-fledged subject in the school curriculum, but was featured in other subjects, which arrangement posed a challenge for both teachers and learners to tackle it.

He said it was imperative to teach children about the environment while they were still young so that

they understood the importance of conserving it.

"We need to sustain our natural resources by safeguarding our environment, hence we need to teach our children early so that as they grow they continue to be ambassadors of the environment," Mr Lebekwe said.

He highlighted that the programme identified schools across Botswana then took teachers through environmental education training endorsed by the Children in the Wilderness partners.

FNBB Foundation manager, Ms Onkemetshe Montsheki said the bank recognised the contributions and meaningful role made by the public as their customers, hence it formulated strategies to empower them.

Ms Montsheki stated that education was a focal point for them as they reached out to schools in remote areas to assist underprivileged pupils.

She highlighted that their aim was to contribute to the academic performance of learners, which was why they had donated solar powered lamps to Kajaja, Ngarange and Ikoga schools in the past.

She said they partnered with Children in the Wilderness upon realising how impactful the organisation was in teaching children to conserve the environment at a young age.

In his remarks, Maun Sub-region chief education officer, Mr Brown Sethapelo said the Children in the Wilderness programme had been running in the North West District for over 15 years, and had empowered teachers and pupils with environmental awareness.

He said it was necessary to incorporate environmental education in the school curriculum for children to be taught the importance of conserving the environment at a young age.

Mr Sethapelo pleaded with teachers to share the lessons learnt with other teachers in their respective schools. **BOPA**

Ngwato landboard to allocate plots

GABORONE - Ngwato Land Board is planning to allocate both residential and business plots during this financial year, members of Ntlo Ya Dikgosi have heard.

Answering a question at Ntlo Ya Dikgosi on Monday, Assistant Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Mr Mabuse Pule, on behalf of lands and water affairs minister, said that followed approval of the plots layout design in Moiyabana in May by the Central District Council planning committee.

Mr Pule told members of Ntlo Ya Dikgosi that the layout comprised 488 residential and 26 business plots.

"Ngwato Land Board plans to allocate the plots during the current financial year after completion of the process," Mr Pule said.

Kgosi Nlakidzi Kabelo of Serowe Region had asked the minister to state when he intended to allocate residential plots at Moiyabana as it had been over 11 years without allocation. **BOPA**



Mr Pule (left) and Kgosi Moeti Monyemane during the Ntlo Ya Dikgosi session in Gaborone on Monday. Photo: Gontle Merafhe

Ministry prioritises Molepolole water distribution network

GABORONE - The Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs has, as a long term intervention to further alleviate water distribution challenges within Molepolole, prioritised rehabilitation of its water distribution network in the 12th National Development Plan (NDP 12).

Assistant Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Mr Mabuse Pule said this in response to a question at Ntlo Ya Dikgosi on behalf of

lands and water affairs minister on Monday.

Mr Pule said the project was scheduled to commence during the 2023/2024 financial year.

He added that the medium term solution to address Molepolole water supply challenges was the ongoing Gamononyane-Molepolole North South water carrier connection project, which was under construction, scheduled to be completed by March next year.

Mr Pule told members that

the ministry was only aware of a borehole drilled within the Molepolole Institute of Health Sciences perimeter although it was never equipped on account of being dry.

Kgosi Mompoloki Motswagole of Molepolole region wanted to know if the minister would consider equipping one of the boreholes at Molepolole Institute of Health Sciences to address shortage of water that affected the school community. **BOPA**

Ministry to transfer functions

GABORONE - Plans are ongoing to transfer training functions of the colleges of education to public universities in a bid to strengthen overall quality and efficiency of teacher training provision.

Assistant Minister of Agriculture, Mr Molebatsi Molebatsi said this in response to a question at Ntlo Ya Dikgosi

on Monday on behalf of Minister of Education and Skills Development.

Mr Molebatsi said there were therefore no plans to construct a college of education in the Ghanzi/Kgalagadi region or in any other region in the country.

He said the existing teacher training colleges were constructed to support location efforts in the

1980s and currently the needs of the teaching service had been largely met as over 95 per cent of teachers were citizens.

Kgosi Esau Molehele of Ghanzi East region had wanted to know if the Ministry of Education and Skills Development had any plans to construct a teacher training college in the Ghanzi/Kgalagadi region. **BOPA**

No tree stump removal in fields under ISPAAD

GABORONE - Ntlo Ya Dikgosi has heard that the Ministry of Agriculture will not consider removal of tree stumps in the fields under the Integrated Support Programme for Arable Agriculture

Development (ISPAAD).

Responding to a question at Ntlo Ya Dikgosi on Monday, assistant minister, Mr Molebatsi Molebatsi said that was because ISPAAD was ending this cropping

season.

Mr Molebatsi told Ntlo Ya Dikgosi that removal of tree stumps in the fields was done during the Accelerated Rainfed Arable Programme (ARAP) in

the early 1980s and some farmers benefited from the project.

He added that ISPAAD also went a step further by assisting with inputs and draught power to plough and plant the fields.

"However, ISPAAD has always promoted cluster farming and de-stumping for established clusters was amongst the targeted provisions," he said.

Kgosi Disho Ndhowe of Okavango region had asked the minister if he would consider including removal of tree stumps in the fields under ISPAAD so that people in the region could benefit from the advanced government initiatives such as ploughing fields with tractors. **BOPA**

Pule acknowledges absence of headmen

GABORONE - Assistant Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Mr Mabuse Pule has acknowledged that some of the customary courts are headed by chief representatives without headmen of records.

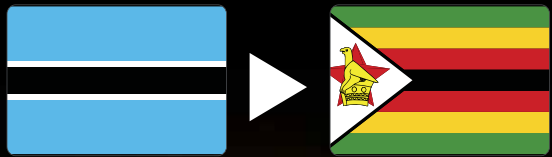
Mr Pule said this in response to

a question at Ntlo Ya Dikgosi on Monday.

The assistant minister also told Ntlo Ya Dikgosi that the establishment of customary courts jurisdiction was mostly determined by the population size of the village, as well as the number of

court cases, both civil and criminal, registered in the village.

Kgosi Lotlaamoren II of Barolong had asked the minister if he was aware that some of the customary courts were headed by chief representatives without headmen of records. **BOPA**



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Botswana hosts 5th Africa Tourism Forum

By Marvin Motlhabane

GABORONE - Small and medium tourism enterprises dominate at least 70 per cent of the value chains presented by the Meetings, Incentive Travels, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) industry across Africa, hence the leadership has the responsibility to make these enterprises thrive and scale up.

Helping these enterprises is said to be critical as they are faced with serious challenges post COVID-19.

Africa Tourism Partners (South Africa) Chief Executive Officer, Mr Kwakye Donkor said this at the ongoing fifth Africa Tourism Leadership Forum themed: Igniting Intra-Africa Tourism Through Inclusive Intra-Africa trade, partnerships and investments which commenced on Monday at GICC.

Mr Donkor said the MICE industry in the tourism sector presented vast opportunities for host country which ranged from career to business gains, including activity suppliers, guides, interpreters, and audio-visual staff to mention but a few.

"However, it is very important that as leaders of the industry we start looking at different ways of doing business within the continent," he said.

Mr Donkor said destination considerations as presented by the MICE industry took into account a series of standards which ranged from the country's political stability, air access, ease of access/VISA, support services, infrastructural development and value for money.

He urged leaders attending the forum to ramp-up their provisions and policies so far as destination considerations were

concerned to host MICE industry and gain economically.

Mr Donkor said the theme implied that throughout the forum discussants should reflect on strategic ways of doing business beyond the pandemic and how best to attract the MICE industry.

In addition, he said the forum was expected to play a substantial role in advancing intra-Africa travel growth, youth and women empowerment, intra-Africa travel facilitation and business-to-business networking.

Mr Donkor said the Africa Tourism Leadership Forum had shown the commitment and resolve to the development of the continent's tourism sector in the last five years.

Botswana Tourism Organisation Interim Board Chairperson Ms Wincey Ramaphoi said the forum provided the opportunity for African member states and other relevant stakeholders to discuss strategies and experiences as well as share best practices through themed roundtables.

The roundtables would consider how tourism could advance recovery for people, the planet and prosperity including cross-cutting aspects of financing and digitalisation, Ms Ramaphoi added.

"Governments, as well as public and private entities will share best practices, case studies and lessons learnt on their experiences over the past two years," she said.

Ms Ramaphoi said its goes without saying that the impact of COVID-19 had brought forward the need to diversify economies and boost investment in circular low-carbon and inclusive business models and policies.

She said the pandemic had resulted in the support of digital transformation, innovation and uptake of technology through the tourism value chain, therefore, the day set a platform to discuss ways and means by which innovative financing to promote sustainable investments across the tourism sector could be unlocked.

Ms Ramaphoi said tourism could advance empowerment of women, local and indigenous communities as well as generate opportunities for the youth and engage them in actions for creating more resilience to famine.

She implored delegates to discuss ways and means by which the private sector and member states could enhance inclusion and participation in policy and decision making processes.

Furthermore, she noted incorporating gender-responsive policies, community empowerment and capacity building opportunities at all levels to support growth and sustainability of micro businesses paramount through planned interactive sessions.

The event is convened by African Tourism Partners (UNWTO Affiliate Member) in partnership with UNWTO and BDO South Africa and hosted by Botswana's Ministry of Tourism and Environment. **BOPA**

Iran auto industry moves ahead despite sanctions

TEHRAN - Major Iranian car manufacturers have seen sales growth over the past months despite US sanctions. Iran Khodro (IKCO), Saipa Automotive Group and Pars Khodro, three Iranian major automakers, have sold about 536 000 units of various products during the first half of the current Iranian year, which started on March 20, Iranian Donya-e-Eqtasad daily recently reported.

According to the report, the sales of these car manufacturers increased by about 26 per cent compared to the same period in the previous year.

The growth is a "positive" indicator since it reflects an improved production situation and it swells producers' coffers, said the daily. To overcome the repercussions of the US sanctions, Iranian automakers managed to launch production lines and step into the markets of other countries, including Venezuela which has experienced good relations with Iran over the past decades.

According to IKCO, during a recent exhibition in the Venezuelan capital Caracas, local consumers intended to buy a total of 30 200 Iranian auto products. The exhibition held last month gathered over 150 Iranian companies, including those in the auto sector, to showcase their businesses and technology. IKCO also announced readiness to meet the maximum demands of the

Venezuelan side, including the appropriate after-sales services and training personnel.

Iranian Minister of Industry, Mines and Trade Reza Fatemi Amin said that the trend in the auto industry was growing in different sectors, and the products of parts makers and knowledge-based companies were also improving.

"Automobile companies have started negotiations with foreign automakers, and we are moving forward with our plans regardless of sanctions," the minister was quoted by Donya-e-Eqtasad as saying on August 23. Some new products including economy cars in the country's auto industry would enter the market soon, he added.

Last week, IKCO unveiled a new model TF21, which is equipped with a 16-valve 110-horsepower TU5P engine. According to its CEO Mehdi Khatibi, the hatchback will be available in 5-speed manual and 6-speed automatic transmissions.

The brand plans to manufacture 100 000 units of the TF21 in the first year of production starting September 2023, replacing its previous products of Samand and Peugeot 405 models, he noted.

Also, Saipa Automotive Group unveiled the Shahin Connect car model, which is equipped with the latest automotive technologies, during the Future Cars 2 event held in Tehran on October 19. **Xinhua**



Namibia Deputy Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, Ms Heather Mwiza-Sibungo (left) and Mr Donkor (centre) with Ghana's Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Dr Ibrahim Mohammed Awal at a three-day Africa Tourism Leadership Forum in Gaborone on Monday. Mr Donkor said a combination of COVID-19 and the spillover effects from Russia-Ukraine conflict with related sanctions on Russia may cause a large decline in Africa's tourism. Photo: Godfrey Mpose

Brazil's 2022 growth forecast revised up to 2.76 per cent

BRASILIA - Financial analysts upgraded their forecast for Brazil's economic growth for 2022 from 2.71 per cent to 2.76 per cent, and from 0.59 per cent to 0.63 per cent for 2023, the Central Bank of Brazil said Monday.

According to the bank's weekly survey of the country's leading financial institutions, market analysts lowered the

inflation forecast for the year from 5.62 per cent to 5.6 per cent, and from 4.97 per cent to 4.94 per cent for the next year.

The government's inflation target is 3.5 per cent for 2022 and 3.25 per cent for 2023, with a margin of error of 1.5 percentage points in both cases. Regarding the benchmark interest rate, currently at 13.75 per cent annually, analysts expected it

to remain unchanged until the end of the year and to gradually decline to 11.25 per cent by the end of 2023.

Meanwhile, Brazil's trade surplus was expected to reach US\$56.15 billion in 2022 and US\$56 billion in 2023.

Economists also forecast foreign direct investment to hit US\$68 billion in 2022 and US\$70 billion next year. **Xinhua**

High Court dismisses confession statement

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Gaborone High Court's Judge Michael Leburu says a confession statement by murder accused person, Hamadi Mkuha was not freely and voluntarily made therefore inadmissible as evidence before court.

Judge Leburu made the ruling on Monday stating that admissibility of Mkuha's confession statement was brought to the fore by his attorney, Mr Matlhogonolo Makgane on July 8 as he was questioning its authenticity therefore resulting in the court conducting a trial within a trial.

He said the prosecution had called witnesses, chief among them Magistrate Mr Gaseitsiwe Tonoki, who had recorded the confession statement from the witness to demonstrate its authenticity.

However, Judge Leburu said the second accused person, through his attorney had on the other hand maintained that the confession statement must be rendered inadmissible because it was involuntarily made.

The defence also argued that the statement was not recorded in the accused person's original language, Shona.

Judge Leburu said even though the prosecution had maintained that a confession statement was not a result of undue influence, the accused person had told the court that prior to making the statement, the investigating officer had promised to make him an accomplice witness and that was recorded in the confession statement.

Judge Leburu said Section 228 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence (CP&E) stated conditions under which a confession statement must be recorded to ascertain its admissibility before a court of law.

He said the confession statement must be done by a person voluntarily and without undue influence.

Based on the evidence presented by both parties, Judge Leburu was of the view that the confession was lacking pertinent ingredients as required by law to be admissible as evidence before court.

He said the court was to determine whether the promise made to the accused person by the investigating officer was sufficient to render it non-permissible.

"The court has to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the allegations that he was promised to be used as a prosecution witness were factual and whether he had voluntarily recorded the confession statement," Judge Leburu said.

Meanwhile, Ernest Legwale of Phaphane Ward in Mochudi together with two Zimbabwean men, Mkuha and another who

is still on the run, are facing a single of murder of Thato Meswele on September 10, 2015 in Oodi.

The accused persons, acting jointly and with common purpose, unlawfully assaulted Meswele thereby inflicting serious injuries, from which she died on September 14, 2015.

BOPA



Mkuha (left) escorted by prison officials after appearing before Judge Leburu in Gaborone on Monday. Judge Leburu ruled that Mkuha's confession statement was not freely and voluntarily recorded hence it was inadmissible. With them is co-accused Legwale (right) who is on bail. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande



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Curiosities fed as diamonds sparkle in Francistown

By Portia Ikgopoleng

FRANCISTOWN - Francistowners and their neighbours were last week treated to a rare moment of seeing Botswana's rough diamonds on display during a two-day National Business Conference held at Adansonia Hotel.

The conference was in line with De Beers Group objective of ensuring Batswana get an opportunity to view and appreciate diamonds. In an interview, Ms Phindani Thabiwa and her grandson Jacob Gabotsalwe from Nswazwi expressed gratitude to De Beers for having brought diamonds to the city of Francistown.

Ms Thabiwa said that they were privileged to have been part of the first people who graced the showroom when it was opened for public viewing.

Interestingly, she said that it was by divine arrangement that they found themselves queued up to view the precious stones because they had come to Adansonia Hotel for something else.

"We were dropping somebody off at the gate when a security guard told my grandson tsamaya o ye go bontsha mosadimogolo Teemane and we thought he was referring to a person named Teemane so we walked up here."

They were amazed at the sight of the rough diamonds and the jewellery on display.

All along Ms Thabiwa had thought diamonds were bigger than semi-precious stones that she always saw around A youthful Sethunya Botsile, a Francistown resident said that she found out that diamonds would be on display on Facebook.

She was blown away by the gems' beauty. 'I don't know how to put it in words, it's surreal...' she said after seeing the diamonds Like many Batswana she had only read about diamonds and how they contributed to Botswana's economy.

But now that she had seen them, she felt a special affinity to the stones, as she realised the government used revenue from their sale to give her free education and health services as well as build infrastructure.

She was speaking for many Batswana who have and continue to benefit from the government's benevolence.

De Beers Global Site Holder Sales External communications manager, Ms Kesego Okie said they took advantage of the conference venue to allow Batswana opportunity the gems.

And they had not imagined there was such a great hunger among Batswana to learn about the mineral as had now become apparent.

"Many people wonder how something that is exhumed from the ground can sparkle so much and be so expensive. We are trying to satisfy their curiosity by allowing them to see the diamond" she said.

Not only that, Ms Okie said. The public was taken through the process of mining diamonds,

the cutting, polishing and sorting and the Four C's of Diamonds being Colour, Clarity, Cut and Carat.

Ms Okie said Debeers decided to display the diamonds

at Adansonia Hotel because the venue provided adequate security. She regretted however that people in places far from Francistown had not had the same opportunity, and hoped to

repeat the feat in those places, circumstances permitting.

She said as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility projects for the Conference, De Beers Group donated P150 000

toward community development in Francistown where they identified needs at SOS and Lephoi Centre for the Deaf through the Office of the District Commissioner. **BOPA**



Diamonds on display during a two-day National Business Conference in Francistown recently. Photos: Gaseitsewe Moruakgomo





Mme Masisi o abela bomme matlapa

Ka Malebogo Lekula

KANG - Mohumagadi wa ga Tautona, Mme Neo Masisi, o abetse komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse wa Kang matlapa a a rokang a le mabedi.

Fa a rola semmuso matlapa ao ka Mosupologo kwa Kang, Mme Masisi o ne a tlhalosa fa puso e itlamile go tlhabolola matshelo a banni ba lefatshe leno, go nna a a itumedisang le fa mathata e le lethoko la madi.

A re le fa go le jalo, setshaba se seka sa neela tshwane marapo, ba ititeye ka thupana go bona gore ba nna le seabe le bone go thusana le puso go tlhabolola matshelo a banni ba dikgaolo, segolo bogolo ba ba kgakala le ditlamelo.

Mme Masisi o ne a tlhalosa fa matlapa ao, e le dithuso go tswa kwa Mac Foundation, lekgotla le a tlhalositseng fa le tlhamilwe ke bahumagadi ba botautona ba mo Afrika.

A re lekgotla leo, le itebagantse thata le dikgang tsa bomme ba ba timilweng thari gammogo le dikgang tse dingwe tse di amang matshelo a bomme le bana ba basetsana.

Ka jalo, o ne a kopa komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse go netefatsa gore ba itoma molomo wa tlase go netefatsa gore matlapa ao, a tsenngwa mo tirisong, e bile a ntsha maduo a a nametsang.

A re go dira jalo, go tlaa tlotlomatsa maiteko a lekgotla la bahumagadi ba botautona ka jaana ba tlaa bo ba dirile pharologanyo mo matshelong a banni ba dikgaolo, segolo bogolo bomme ba ba tlhokileng lesego mo botshelong.

A re tsholofelo ka matlapa ao, ke go rutuntsha bomme ka methale ya itshetso gore ba kgone go ikemela ka bonosi kana ba tlhame ditlhopho go itlhamela ditiro mme ba kgone go bona letseno la go itshetsa le ba malwapa a bone.

Mo go tse dingwe, Mme Masisi o ne a kgothatsa setshaba go tsibogela dikgang tsa kgokgontsho ya bong, e a reng e tsere phekelo e sele go ralala lefatshe ka bophara.

O tlhalositse fa kgokgontsho e na le manokonoko a a ngomolang pelo ka jaana e ama itsholelo ya malwapa mme kwa bofelong e gomagamotse go phutlhamisa itsholelo ya lefatshe.

O ne a kopa dikgosi go

sekaseka melao mengwe ya dingwao go bona gore a ga e rotloetse kgokgontsho ka tsela epe, gammogo le setshaba ka kakaretso go ema kgatlhanong

le mmaba kgokgontsho go aga tshaba e e itekanetseng.

Mme Masisi o ne a kgothatsa banana go nna le mowa wa boithaopo ka go tsena mo

dikomiting tsa ditlhabololo tsa motse, ka jaana a re boithaopo jwa bone, bo ka thusa go tla ka megopolo e e tlhabologileng e tsamaelana le diphetogo tsa botshelo jwa segompieno.

Mo mafokong a gagwe a kamogelo, Kgosi Basadi Seipone o ne a iteela ofisi ya ga mohumagadi wa ga Tautona letsogo, a re e ntshitse tlhogo mo go jwaleng thuto e e nonngeng mabapi le dikgang tsa kgokgontsho ya bong.

Kgosi Seipone a re maiteko a gagwe a na le motlhala o o bonalang, ka jaana a phatlalatsa le dithuso tsa itshetso ka go farologana go thusa go nonotsha bomme ba ba tlhokileng lesego mo botshelong, mme a re seo, fa se ka tsewa ka maatlametlo, se ka thusa go fokotsa manokonoko a kgokgontsho mo malwapeng.

Modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo ya Kang, Rre Fred Mogomotsi, o ne a lebogela matlapa ao, mme a kopa bomme go di goga kwa tlhogong go tla go tsaya dithuto gore kamoso ba kgone go ikemela ka bonosi.

A re go dira jalo, go tlaa fokotsa go ikaega ka dithuso tsa puso gammogo le letseno la borre ka dinako tsotlhe.

Fa a afa malebo, mothusa tona wa dikgaolo le tlhabololo magae e bile e le mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Kgalagadi Bokone, Mme Talita Monnakgotla, o ne a lebogela matlapa ao, a tlhalosa fa a tlaa thusa go menagane mo go buleng diphatlha tsa mebereko ka jaana kgaolo e aparetsewe ke lethoko la ditiro.

Le ene fela jalo, o ne a kopa bomme le borre go tsaya sebaka seo, go itlhabolola go ka tsosolosa itsholelo tsa malwapa a bone.

BOPA

Batho boora Seno ba kopa sekole

Ka Ikotlhaeng Rantopele

KANYE - Batho boora Seno, dikhilomethara di ka supa go tswa Kanye, ba kopa sekole se sebotlana ka mo bogompienong bana ba tsena kwa Lotlhakane East le Kanye.

Banni ba kopile jaana mo phuthego ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke mopalamente wa Kanye Bokone, Rre Thapelo Letsholo bosheng.

Modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse, Mme Ireen Wamakhubo a re ba kopa sekole se sebotlana go itsa go pega bana go ya sekoleng kwa Lotlhakane East le Kanye.

Mme Wamakala a re motse o godile mme ga o na ditlhabololo jaaka sekole, kokelwana le tsela, a re bana ba a sokola go tsena sekole kgakala.

A re ba kopa gape le kokelwana go itsa gore e re fa motho a sa tsoga, segolo jang bosigo, go bo go sena kwa a ka isiwang teng ka le tsone dipalame di a bo di se yo.

Monni wa motse, Mme Motlalepula Moutlwaditse o supile fa ba na le dingwaga ba pega bana ba sekole.

Mme Moutlwaditse a re ba kopa ditanka tsa metsi kwa ditsheng tse di sha ka batho ba ba nngang koo ba sokola go latela metsi kgakala.

Mme Gabafele Ramakatane ene o kopile gore ba tsosediwetere ya mafudiso ka lenaneo la Ipelegeng.

A re batho ba tlogela diheke di sa tswalwa, dikgomo di bo di sena mo masimong.

A re beng ba dikgomo le bone, ga ba di tlhokomele.

Mo go tse dingwe banni ba kopile go tseyediwa motshelagabo mo tseleng e e yang kwa masimo, ba supa fa go na le beng ba dikonteraka ba ba hatang motlhaba kwa molapong wa Phokojeng o ba ntseng ba nosa mo go one.

Batho ba, ba re ba dira tshenyoe e maswe mo ba tlogelang dikhuti tse di ba paledisang go tsamaya ka dikara tsa ditonki.

Banni ba ikuetse mo mogolwaneng wa mapodisi ka bogodu jwa loruo jo bo diragalang kwa kgaolong ya bone ba re magodu a dikgomo a bolaya dikgomo tse di dusang, morago ba bo ba phuthela dinamane ka matlalo le ditlhako ba latlha.

Mogolwane wa mapodisi kwa Kanye, Assistant Suprietendent Mogogi Mathaba o supile fa a tlaa kopana le boora Seno, go bona gore ba ka tsaya kgato efe.

Fa a tsibogela dikgang tse, Mopalamente Letsholo o ne a bolela fa a tlaa tswelela a bua ka sekole sa motse wa bone. **BOPA**



Mme Masisi (molemeng), a abela Rre Mogomotsi (fa gare) le mothusa modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse wa Kang, Mme Tebogo Bareeleng matlapa ka Mosupologo. Mme Masisi o gwehlile bomme go tsena dithuto tsa go dirisa matlapa ao, go ya go dira ka natla go tlhabolola matshelo a bone go falola manokonoko a lehuma. Senepe: Malebogo Lekula

Kgosi Letsholathebe o tlaa bolokwa ka Matlhatso

Ka Masego Tabengwa

LETSHOLATHEBE - Kgosi Gillard Letsholathebe wa Letsholathebe mo kgaolong ya Bokone Botlhaba o tlaa bolokwa kgwedi eno e tlhola masome a mabedi le boferabongwe kwa Letsholathebe.

Kgosi Letsholathebe o tlhokafetse morago ga go lwala ka lobakanyana, a le dingwaga di le masome marataro le borataro.

Mo potsolosong le **BOPA**, morwadia Kgosi, Mme Unaswi Mokgethi a re Kgosi Letsholathebe o tlhokafetse kgwedi eno e le lesome le boferabobedi kwa kokelong ya Nyangabgwe kwa Francistown.

Mme Mokgethi o tlhalositse fa Kgosi Letsholathebe a tlhomilwe Kgosi ya Letsholathebe ka ngwaga wa 2006, morago ga go tlhokafala ga ga rraagwe ebong Kgosi Thomas Letsholathebe ka 2005.

A re pele ga a tlhonga mo setilong, Kgosi Letsholathebe o ne direla kwa moepong wa Afrika Borwa gammogo le kwa sesoleng sa Botswana.

Mokwaledi wa makgotla a Setswana mo kgaolong ya Bokone Botlhaba, Rre Segopotso Sakwape o boletse fa loso lwa ga Kgosi Letsholathebe, e se tatlhegelo ya ba lelwapa fela, mme lephata la gagwe le kgaolo ya Bokone Botlhaba ka kakaretso

di latlhegetswe ke mogaka yo o neng a rata e bile a rotloetsa kagiso bobo.

A re mo godimo ga moo, Kgosi Letsholathebe e ne e le motho yo o bonolo, a dira tiro ya gagwe ka boineelo le ka bopelotelele, mme e bile a tlotla nako fela thata.

Rre Sakwape a re o simolotse go bereka le Kgosi Letsholathebe ka 2019, fa a goroga mo kgaolong ya Bokone Botlhaba, mme go fitlha a tlhokafala jaana, ga a ise a nne le kgopakgopano epe le ene.

Kgosi Letsholathebe o tlogela bana ba le barataro, basimane ba le bane le basetsana ba le babedi, bommonawe ba le babedi, monna le mosadi mmogo le batsalwa le ene ba le bararo. **BOPA**

Go robala le go ja sentle go botlhokwa

Ka Masego Tabengwa

MASUNGA - Go le gantsi fa go buiwa ka boitekanelo, batho ba na le go akanya fa itshidilo mmele e le yone konokono mo go rotloetseng boitekanelo jwa mmele wa motho.

Le fa gontse jalo, go na le dingwe tse le tsone di lejang di le botlhokwa mo go dibeleng

Barui ba Ghanzi ba kgala tsamaiso

Ka Mothusi Galekhutle

TSOOTSHA - Barui ba re ba tshwenngwa ke mokgwa wa go tsenyetsa dikgomo manyena kwa mmarakeng.

Ba supile matshwenyego a kwa dithuto-puisanong tse di neng di itebagantse le twantsho bogodu jwa leruo kwa Tsootsha bosheng.

Ba re dingwe dikgomo di tsenyediwa manyena mo dikololing le masaka a mmaraka, mme ba re selo seo se rotloetsa bogodu jwa leruo.

Barui ba re e bile go na le bareki bangwe ba dikgomo ba ba tsamanyang ba tsere manyena a dikgomo kwa mmarakeng, gore fa ba reka kgomo e se na manyena, ba kgone go a tsenya gone foo.

Mo potsolotsong le **BOPA** bosheng, go tsibogela matshweyego a go tsenya dikgomo manyena kwa mmarakeng, mogolwane mo ofising ya bakenti kwa Ghanzi, Dr Kefilwe Kebonyeng-Makgetho o supile fa e se tsamaiso e e siameng.

Dr Kebonyeng-Makgetho a re tsamaiso ke gore fa kgomo e ya mmarakeng e bo e na le tshipi ya mong wa yone, tshipi ya kgaolo le manyena a a kwadisitsweng ka fa tsamaisong.

A re ntswa bareki ba kgomo ba na le boikarabelo jwa go reka kgomo e na le manyena a a kwadisitsweng ka fa tsamaisong, go tsenya dikgomo manyena kwa mmarakeng go rotloediwa ke barui ka gore le bone ba rwele boikarabelo jwa go isa kgomo kwa mmarakeng e na le manyena.

Dr Kebonyeng-Makgetho a re ba ba fapogang tsamaiso ya manyena, ba ka otlhaiwa ka fa molaong, fa ba ba rekang dikgomo ba ka gapelwa diteseletso tsa go gweba.

Ka jalo, o ne a kopa morafhe go ba loma tsebe ka barui le bareki ba ba tloang tsamaiso eo.

A re kanoko ya dikgomo mo kgaolong ya Ghanzi, e supile fa barui ka bontsi ba sa tsenye dikgomo tsa bone manyena.

O tlhalositse gore ntswa go letlelesega gore morui o ka fetisetsa manyena a a sa a dirisang kwa go yo mongwe, seo se tshwanetse sa dirwa ka tetla ya ofisi ya gagwe, a re go tshwanetse ga dirwa kopo pele.

Dr Kebonyeng-Makgetho o ne a gakolola gore tiriso ya manyena a dihutshane e simolotse.

A re manyena a dinku le dipodi a ja P20 .

A re tsholofelo jaanong ke gore fa podi kgotsa nku e ya mmarakeng e bo e na le manyena. **BOPA**

botsogo jwa mmele le tlhaloganyo.

E rile a bua kwa letsatsing la go ipelela botsogo le itshidilo mmele la badirelapuso ba Bokone Botlhaba bosheng, ngaka kwa kokolong e e ikemetseng ya Angel kwa Masunga, Dr Bongisa Mokute a tlhalosa fa go ipha nako e e lekaneng ya go robala bosigo le go ja dijo tse di itekanetseng, go le botlhokwa mo boitekanelong jwa batho.

Dr Mokute a re batho ba tshwanetse ba robala dioura tse thataro go ya kwa go tse di robang bobedi, go neela mmele sebaka sa go ipaakanya bosigo le gone go lapolosa ditlhaloganyo.

Setlhogo sa letsatsi le, e ne e le Botsogo jo bo itekanetseng ke Tlhaloganyo e e itekanetseng, ka jalo ngaka a re batho ba tshwanetse ba itse fa mmele le tlhaloganyo e le di ya thoteng di bapile.

A re se mmele o se dirang se ama maikutlo le tlhaloganyo mme

tshotlhe di ame mmele wa motho.

Dr Mokute o ne a tlhalosa gore, fa sengwe sa bobedi joo, se ka itlhomolosiwa go ka ama botsogo jotlhe jwa motho ka bophara.

A re go botlhokwa gore batho ba je dijo tse di itekanetseng gore ba nne le botsogo jo bo itekanetseng ka dinako tshotlhe, a supa fa go le gantsi fa motho a sa tsoga sentle, ditshekatsheko tsa ba bongaka di supa modi o o bakang seo, e le dijo tse motho a di jang.

Dr Mokute a re e re le ntswa dijo dingwe di le botlhokwa mo go berekeng ga dikarolo di tshwana le boboko le tse dingwe, fela fa di sa itekanela go ka kgobera botsogo jwa mmele le tlhaloganyo.

Fa a itebaganya le itshidilo mmele, o supile fa batho ba na le go retelelwa ke go inakanya le yone, ka ntlha ya go tshwarwa ke mananeo a ditiro tsa bone tsa tsatsi le letsatsi.

A re mme fela go botlhokwa gore ba nne ba itshidila.

Ngaka a re go botlhokwa gape gore babereki, segolo jang ba ba tsayang nako e ntsi ba le mo diofising, ba nne ba ipha nako ya go emelela mo ditlong, ba tsamayatsamaya go ithapolola, a tlatsa ka go re go nnela ruri mo setilong go ka ba bakela ditlhabi tsa mokwatla.

Dr Mokute a re go nna ba tlhometse matlho ruri mo dibalampakgolong le gone go ka ama matlho a bone.

Go ntse go le foo, o ne a re go botlhokwa gore ba nne ba etela ba bongaka fa ba lwala le ba sa lwale, go ya go tlhola seemo sa botsogo jwa bone.

Modiri mo ofising ya ga molaodi a direla mo ofising e e gokaganyang ditiro tsa HIV/AIDS mo Bokone Botlhaba, Mme Keadiretse Mothusi a re puso e ne ya bona go tshwanela go beela

kwa thoko letsatsi la botsogo la badirelapuso.

Mme Mothusi a re letsatsi leo, le fa badirelapuso sebaka sa go itshidila mmele le go lapolosa ditlhaloganyo, e le tsela nngwe ya go rotloetsa boitekanelo jwa mmele, selo se a boletseng se ka thusa gore ba ntshe maduo a a nametsang mo ditirong.

Mothusa Kgosi ya Masunga, Kgosi Thabo Monaga le ene o gateletse botlhokwa jwa itshidilo mmele.

Le fa go ntse jalo a re go na le ditiro dingwe tsa mo malwapeng jaaka go rema matlhaku tse batho ba ka di dirang e le tsela nngwe ya go itshidila.

Letsatsi leo, le ne la simolola ka mogwanto go tswa kwa kgotleng ya Masunga go ya kwa lebaleng legolo la metshameko la motse oo, kwa badirelapuso ba neng ba itshidila mmele ka metshameko ka go farologana. **BOPA**



Badirelapuso ba inakantse le metshameko ka letsatsi la go ipelela botsogo le itshidilo mmele kwa Masunga bosheng. Dr Mokute wa Angel Private Clinic o ba gakolotse go nna ba ipha nako e e lekaneng ya go robala bosigo le go ja dijo tse di itekanetseng, ka go dira jalo go ka ba fa boitekanelo. Senepe: Masego Tabengwa

Tsayang boikarabelo jwa go lwantsha kgokgontsho

Ka Portia Rapitsenyane

PAJE - Mookamedi wa lephata la matlhoko a leruo mo kgaolong ya legare, Dr Jaone Sebina a re fela jaaka mongwe le mongwe balemi, barui le babereki ba bone ba tshwanetse ba supe gore ba tsaya boikarabelo jwa go lwantsha dikgang tsa kgokgontsho ya bong.

A re go a bonala ka dipego tsa letsatsi le letsatsi gore dikgang tsa kgokgontsho ya bong di a diragala lefatshe ka bophara.

O ne a bua jaana ka Matlhatso kwa balemi, barui le badisa ba neng ba kopanetse kwa Kokoro's Feedlot gaufi le Paje go rutwa ka dikgang tsa kgokgontsho ya bong.

Dithuto tseo di ne di rulagantswe ke ba Kokoro's Feedlot le ba lephata la bong.

Dr Sebina a re morui o tshwanetse a itshupe fa a tshwaragane le puso go lwantsha dikgang tsa kgokgontsho ya bong ka go ne a ela tlhoko gore o kgala dikgang tsa kgokgontsho a bo a dira tse di tshwanetseng.

A re morui o tshwanetse a nne sekai ka go tsaya bana ba badisa ba gagwe kana ba babereki ba gagwe fela jaaka ba gagwe mme a seka a

ba kgokgontsha.

A re go le gantsi dikgang tsa kgokgontsho di dirwa ke bahiri kwa merakeng le kwa masimo fa tse dingwe di diragala mo matlhong a bahiri mme ba sa di tsibogele.

Dr Sebina a re morui le ene fa a na le modisa o na le tshwanelo ya gore e re a bona kgokgontsho e diragala jaaka mo dinakong tse dingwe bana ba basetsana ba ba santseng ba le bannye ba fetolwa basadi kana bana ba ba kabong ba le kwa dikoleng ba rontshiwa tshwanelo ya go ya dikoleng, a bo a e tsibogela.

Ka jalo a re ga go na yo o tshwanetseng go leba kgokgontsho e diragala mo matlhong a gagwe a bo a e tlhokomologa.

O ne a kopa balemi le barui go ipelafatsa ka go bona ba fetola matshelo a badisa kana babereki ba bone le bana ba bone ka go tlotlomatsa dikgang tsa bong.

Dr Sebina o ne a rotloetsa balemi-barui go itsane mme ba itse baigisanyi ba bone le go itse dithata le dinonofo tsa baagisanyi ba bone gore ba kgone go thusanya.

A re balemi-barui fela jaaka mongwe le mongwe le bone ba tshwanetse ba itse ditshwanelo tsa

bone.

O tlhalositse fa mongwe le mongwe a tsholwa a gololesegile e bile a na le ditshwanelo tse di lekanang mme motho e le ene a ikgodisang kana a inenyafatsa a bo a felela a wetse kwa tlase.

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NEW YORK- Mohammed (left) speaking at the UN headquarters in April. She recently said participation of women at all levels had played a pivotal role in changing the way UN approached peace and security. Photo: Xinhua

UN calls for promotion of women participation

NEW YORK - The international community should step up efforts to promote women's participation in conflict-prevention and peacebuilding, United Nations deputy secretary general, Amina Mohammed, said recently.

The participation of women at all levels 'has played a pivotal role in changing the way we approach peace and security over the last 20 years,' Mohammed told a UN Security Council open debate on the theme: Strengthening Women's Resilience and Leadership as a Path to Peace in Regions Plagued by Armed Groups.

"When we open the door to inclusion and participation, we take a giant step forward in conflict-prevention and peacebuilding," she said.

Despite decades of evidence that gender equality offered a path to sustainable peace and conflict prevention, 'we are moving in the opposite direction,' Mohammed said, noting that 'progress has been slow.'

Between 1995 and 2019, women constituted on average just 13 per cent of negotiators, 6 per cent of mediators and 6 per cent of signatories in major peace processes, Mohammed said.

Women's participation in peace processes, and influence over decisions that affect their lives, continue to lag far behind, creating a real barrier to inclusive, durable, and sustainable peace, she pointed out.

The UN deputy chief called for dismantling patriarchal norms that exclude women from power, putting forward more women mediators and negotiators as well as securing greater and more predictable financing for women peacebuilders at the frontline.

"We need full gender parity including through special quotas to accelerate the inclusion of women -- across

election monitoring, security sector reform, disarmament, demobilization, and justice systems," she said. *Xinhua*

Singapore raises national climate target

SINGAPORE - Singapore's deputy prime minister, Lawrence Wong, announced on Tuesday that the city-state has raised its national climate target to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 as part of its Long-Term Low-Emissions Development Strategy.

He said at the Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW) that Singapore will enhance its 2030 Nationally Determined Contributions by aiming to peak its emissions earlier and reduce its emissions to around 60 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent in 2030, which is 5 million tonnes less than the previous commitment of peaking the emissions in 2030 at 65 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent.

"This five million tonnes improvement is significant," Wong added.

"It is equivalent to reducing our current transport emissions by two-thirds."

He said that Singapore will submit the enhanced targets to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as parties to the Paris Agreement meet at COP 27 next month, in line with the Glasgow Climate Pact.

To achieve net zero emissions, the Singaporean government will need to encourage businesses and individuals to be more energy efficient, reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions and adopt green energy alternatives, said Wong.

He said that the government decided that a better approach is not to reduce or hold back the carbon taxes but to provide targeted relief to businesses and

consumers so that it has the right price signals for the economy as a whole and the government will extend help to those who need it.

Wong announced earlier this year that Singapore will raise the carbon tax from the current five Singapore dollars per tonne of CO2 equivalent to about 50-80 by 2030.

The carbon tax in Singapore is applied broadly, covering about 80 per cent of its emissions today.

Besides, Wong said government

German Chancellor vows to help rebuild Ukraine

BERLIN - German Chancellor, Olaf Scholz, on Monday vowed to provide wide-ranging assistance in rebuilding Ukraine, including aid for agriculture, health sector and restoration of the country's energy networks.

"Together with our partners, we will support Ukraine as long as necessary," Scholz said at the opening of a German-Ukrainian Business Forum in Berlin.

The restoration of the country will be 'a generational task,' he said. Rebuilding Ukraine will cost US\$349 billion, according to an analysis released last month by the World Bank, the European Union (EU) and the Ukrainian government.

This figure is equivalent to one and a half times Ukraine's gross domestic product (GDP) before the start of the conflict with Russia.

"Ukraine's needs for recovery and reconstruction are massive and growing," said World Bank president, David Malpass, earlier this month.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian prime minister, Denys Shmyhal, estimated that the cost of reconstruction in the country will



Scholz

be as much as US\$750 billion.

Scholz promised that German companies will invest in Ukraine, emphasising that 'whoever invests in the reconstruction of Ukraine today invests in a future EU member state.' Ukraine has been a recognized candidate for membership of the EU since June, and Scholz reiterated Germany's support for its accession.

"I am very serious about this commitment, with all that it entails," he said. *Xinhua*



COLOMBO - Hindu devotees celebrating Diwali (festival of lights) at a temple in Sri Lanka on Monday. The festival lasts five days and is celebrated during the Hindu lunisolar months of Ashwayuja and Kartika. Photo: Xinhua

Minister urges media to take stance against sanctions

HARARE - The Zimbabwean media should take an editorial stance against the Western sanctions on Zimbabwe and help expose ways through which Zimbabweans have been affected by the embargo, the country's Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services minister said Monday.

Minister Monica Mutsvangwa said it was time for Zimbabwean journalists to repel the propaganda from the West that seeks to divide and cause disunity among Zimbabweans.

The minister was speaking at the inaugural edition of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) anti-sanctions summit held in Harare, Zimbabwe, which brought together Zimbabweans and media players to discuss ways of ring-fencing the sector against the punitive effects of the more than two-decades-old sanctions.

"The media has a special role to inform and educate the nation on the misinformation and disinformation peddled by the West and its allies that these sanctions are targeted at a few individuals," Mutsvangwa said.

"The media must unmask this big lie and expose the reality on the ground that the sanctions are choking.

The lies are meant to turn us against each other and derail the development agenda."

The summit was held on the eve of the SADC anti-sanctions day held on October 25 each year since 2020.

The anti-sanctions day was set aside by SADC for member states to stand in solidarity with Zimbabwe and collectively call for the unconditional lifting of the embargo imposed more than two decades ago.

Mutsvangwa applauded SADC for championing a collective resentment of the sanctions, and said Zimbabwe was grateful to the African Union and all countries that

joined forces at the United Nations General Assembly in September "to crusade an anti-sanctions hymn condemning these unruly embargoes against Zimbabwe."

She suggested the summit should pronounce and reawaken solidarities for the creation of an anti-sanctions communication strategy. *Xinhua*



HARARE - Minister Mutsvangwa has urged Zimbabwean media to take an editorial stance against the Western sanctions on Zimbabwe and help expose ways through which citizens have been affected by the embargo. Photo: Xinhua

Kenya investors outline roadmap to boost economy

NAIROBI - Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA), an investors lobby, on Monday rolled out a new roadmap to revitalise the growth of the circular economy in the country, tackle environmental pollution, and boost human health.

Officials said that businesses have rallied behind circularity principles that have presented a durable solution to the plastic waste menace in rapidly growing urban centers.

Carole Kariuki, the chief executive officer of KEPSA, said that dialogue among investors and policymakers had gained steam to embed circularity in national development plans. Kariuki opined that Kenya has emerged as a circular economy hub in the region, backed by friendly policies, regulations, uptake of green technologies, and robust citizens' involvement.

Tomorrow, Kenya will host the Seventh Annual Circular Economy Conference convened by the lobby in partnership

with the Rock Group, an international consultancy firm, the European Union, and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

It is expected that more than 300 delegates including policymakers, industry executives, and innovators will participate in the one-day conference to be held in a hybrid format and agree on a new vision for circularity in Kenya.

Karin Boomsma, project director at KEPSA-affiliated Sustainable Inclusive Business, said that businesses must transform their production and consumption models, and integrate waste recycling into their corporate social responsibility to help eradicate plastic pollution in cities and rural towns.

Charles Karangwa, IUCN's Regional Head for Land Systems and Kenya Country Representative, stressed that investing in circularity would be key to the realisation of a sustainable, green, and resilient future for citizens and their natural assets. *Xinhua*



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Zambia celebrates 58th independence anniversary

LUSAKA - Zambia on Monday marked the 58th anniversary of its independence from British colonial rule with commemorative events in various parts of the country.

President Hakainde Hichilema called on citizens to safeguard the peace, which was attained with great sacrifice by freedom fighters.

The theme for this year's commemoration is Promoting Inclusiveness towards a Sustainable Social and Economic Recovery.

The main event in Lusaka saw the president Hichilema leading dignitaries, including Namibian President Hage Geingob, the

guest of honour, in laying wreaths at the Freedom Statue in commemoration of people who died during the struggle for independence.

The ceremony was characterised by solemn music by the army while scores of people watched as the dignitaries laid wreaths. The two leaders later went to the Embassy Park, a burial place for the country's presidents, where they laid wreaths.

The event later moved to the State House for a national honours and awards investiture ceremony where people were awarded medals in recognition of their contribution in various sectors to the country's development.

In his address on the eve of independence, the president Hichilema called on citizens to remember the sacrifice of the forefathers made during the struggle for independence.

He said the freedom fighters laid a foundation for the country, adding that the peace currently being enjoyed should not be taken for granted because people sacrificed their lives.

According to him, the country was now anchored on the rule of law and the respect for fundamental freedoms because of the firm foundation laid by freedom fighters.

The government, he said, was committed to continuing to

provide a conducive social and economic environment in order to improve people's living standards.

He further said the theme

resonated well with the government's vision of having a united nation and prosperity for all. *Xinhua*

Namibia reports rough diamond sales improvement

WINDHOEK - Namib Desert Diamonds (NAMDIA), Namibia's rough diamond marketing and sales company, posted a sales revenue increase of 78.7 per cent to US\$128 million during the 2021/22 financial year, according to its annual report and dividend declaration announcement released Monday.

During the period under review, NAMDIA made 10 sales totaling 222 978 carats, up 53.8 per cent compared to the previous year. According to the report, NAMDIA's buying average carat price was US\$536.55 compared to the selling average carat price of US\$574.21.

"After two particularly challenging years shaped by the COVID-19 pandemic, the remarkable recovery of the diamond industry came as a welcome relief.

The reporting period saw NAMDIA continuing to improve operational efficiency and refine the business strategy to remain relevant to our customers and shareholder," said NAMDIA CEO Alisa Amupolo in a statement.

NAMDIA also declared a dividend of 150 million Namibia dollars (about US\$8.12 million) to the shareholder, the Namibian government, while profit after tax amounted to 144.7 million Namibia dollars, compared to 13.3 million Namibia dollars the previous year.

"As we embark on the next five years and chart the future, we are looking forward to partnering with a unique and distinctive collection of industry capability that NAMDIA boasts and leveraging on the global reservoir of knowledge through

smart partnerships," she added.

Namibia's Deputy Minister of Finance Maureen Hinda-Mbuende also commended NAMDIA's efforts, stating that "Namibia's prominence and provenance are being reinforced on the global diamond market and promise to yield more returns and accomplishments as they continue to carve out a footprint in the global value chain."

Namibia is the world's sixth largest diamond producer, and much of the southwestern African nation's rough diamonds are produced from marine sources. *Xinhua*

Geingob urges nations to speak against carbon emissions

WINDHOEK - Namibian President Hage Geingob on Monday urged nations to speak against carbon emissions that are destroying the planet and rise against poverty and inequalities creating tensions and division.

Speaking on the occasion of United Nations Day, which fell on Monday this year, Geingob in a statement said nations should speak with one voice against conflicts and diseases that are compromising global developmental progress.

Namibia's commitment to multilateralism is deep-rooted and the country pledged to strengthen global governance as the most effective way to respond to current and future global challenges, Geingob said.

"Namibia understands solidarity and partnership as key enablers of our developmental aspirations.

On this basis, Namibia continues to implement its national development plans and Harambee Prosperity Plans, which are aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals to achieve the common agenda of development, growth, and progress," he said. *Xinhua*



LUSAKA - President Hichilema attending a ceremony marking the 58th Independence Day in Zambia on Monday. Photo: Xinhua

Zim to conduct polio vaccination campaign after outbreaks in neighbouring countries

HARARE - Zimbabwe will conduct two rounds of oral polio vaccination (OPV) throughout the country to protect children below the age of five years following an outbreak of the disease in neighbouring countries, the Ministry of Health and Child Care said Monday.

"There is an outbreak of polio disease in neighbouring countries and children under five years are at high risk of contracting polio," said the ministry in a statement. "To protect children under five years, the Ministry of Health and Child Care is conducting two rounds of oral polio vaccination campaign targeting all provinces in the country."

The first round of vaccination is scheduled for October 27-30 and the second round for December 1-4, the ministry said.

Zimbabwe reported its last polio case in 1989 and the disease was successfully interrupted in 2005.

Since then, the country has managed to maintain its polio-free status but of late, the country's polio eradication programme has faced some challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and high attrition rate of qualified

staff, according to the Ministry of Health and Child Care. The ministry said recently, the major challenge has been the reported wild poliovirus 1 (WPV1) in Malawi and Mozambique and the circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2), also from Mozambique.

"Most worrying is the proximity of the WPV1 to Mudzi District and the cVDPV2 to Nyanga/

Mutasa districts (in Zimbabwe) in an environment of low oral polio vaccine and inactivated polio vaccine coverage," the ministry said.

"In view of the imminent threat of WPV importation, the country is planning for two rounds of polio vaccination targeting all children 0-59 months old with two drops of bivalent oral poliovirus vaccine." *Xinhua*



DHAKA - Vehicles passing through a waterlogged street in Bangladesh. Most parts of the country are witnessing gusty winds and heavy rain over cyclone Sitrang that is heading towards the South Asian country's vast coastline. Photo: Xinhua

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WHO stresses vaccines as flu season ramps up

COPENHAGEN - Vaccination continues to be one of the most effective tools in combating both influenza and COVID-19.

As a result, the World Health Organization (WHO) regional office for Europe urged all those eligible to get their influenza and COVID-19 booster shots as soon as possible.

"With COVID-19 and seasonal influenza co-circulating, the health of vulnerable people, including the elderly, the immunocompromised, pregnant women and newborns, is at greater risk," said WHO regional director Dr Hans Kluge at a press conference on Monday.

Since early September, regional cases of COVID-19 have tripled, according to WHO Europe, and in the second week

of October, the European region accounted for nearly 60 per cent of new global cases and 42 per cent of new global deaths.

"This is not a time to relax," Dr Kluge said.

"In the past month, we have also seen an early spike in seasonal influenza cases, leading now to increased positivity in patients hospitalised with severe acute respiratory infections."

However, according to Dr Kluge, the surge had not led to either the previously seen levels of severe disease, as deaths and intensive care unit (ICU) admissions had only seen minor increases, or to the crippling effects previously seen on economic or social life.

"We must continue to do our utmost to prevent infections, protect the vulnerable and

prepare our health systems to manage multiple threats," he said.

On the occasion of World Polio Day, held on Monday, which also marks 20 years of keeping the WHO European

Region free of indigenous wild polio, Dr Kluge noted a parallel since the region was declared polio-free in 2002.

"Vaccines are safe and vaccines work.

For polio, as for COVID-19

and influenza, vaccines can and do save lives.

The other main policy responses for COVID-19 are continued surveillance and securing access to antivirals for at-risk populations." *Xinhua*



GENEVA - The WHO headquarters in Switzerland. Dr Kluge said with COVID-19 and seasonal influenza co-circulating, the health of vulnerable people, including the elderly, the immunocompromised, pregnant women and newborns was at greater risk. Photo: Xinhua

Mount Kilimanjaro fire under control

DAR ES SALAAM - A fire that broke out Friday night on Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, has been extinguished, a senior official has said Monday.

Eliamani Sedoyeka, the permanent secretary in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, said the fire was put out Sunday by a team of more than 600 firefighters from various institutions.

"The firefighters are still monitoring in case there are some pockets of fire that could go up in flames," Sedoyeka told *Xinhua* in an interview over the phone.

Asked to what extent the fire has caused damage, Sedoyeka said initial assessment had shown that about four square kilometres of vegetation of the mountain's 1 712 square kilometres of vegetation had been destroyed.

He said the putting out of the fire would be followed by investigations to establish the cause of the fire that broke out at about 3 900 metres altitude on the south side of the mountain but he could not rule out human error.

On Sunday, the Kilimanjaro regional commissioner Nurdin Babu said more than 600 firefighters were mobilised to put out the fire on the mountain.

Babu said the firefighters were drawn from the Tanzania Fire and Rescue Force, the Tanzania National Parks, police, scouts, members of the militia and the private sector.

In October 2020, a fire broke out on the mountain and destroyed 95.5 square kilometres of vegetation and 12 huts, two toilets and solar equipment used by tourists climbing the mountain.

Mount Kilimanjaro, with its snow-capped peak and about 5 895 metres above sea level, is

one of Tanzania's leading tourist destinations. Roughly 50 000 trekkers from across the world attempt to reach the summit of the mountain annually. *Xinhua*

Former cop pleads guilty in death of Floyd

WASHINGTON DC - A former police officer of Minneapolis in the US state of Minnesota on Monday pleaded guilty in the death of African American man George Floyd.

Alexander Kueng, 29, pleaded guilty to one count of aiding and abetting in manslaughter after prosecutors and Kueng's defense attorney agreed to recommend a sentence of 42 months in prison. Kueng is the second to plead guilty to the state charge, following his former colleague Thomas Lane, who pleaded guilty earlier this year.

A third former officer, Tou Thao, previously rejected a plea deal and agreed on Monday to go forward with a trial by stipulated evidence on one count of aiding and abetting manslaughter. Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison said Kueng's guilty plea 'hopefully can bring comfort to Floyd's family and bring our communities closer to a new era of accountability and justice.'

Floyd, 46, died on May 25, 2020, after an encounter with Minneapolis police, during which officer Derek Chauvin knelt on his neck for more than nine minutes. Kueng, Lane and Thao were also present and on duty.

Chauvin was sentenced in a federal court to 21 years in prison earlier this summer for violating Floyd's civil rights.

The sentence is running concurrently with Chauvin's state

sentence of 22.5 years after he was convicted for second and third-degree murder, as well as

second-degree manslaughter. Floyd's death sparked outrage and protests across the United

States in the summer of 2020 against police brutality and systemic racism. *Xinhua*

Tanzania, DRC to cooperate on promotion of ICT

DAR ES SALAAM - Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) on Sunday signed a memorandum of understating to strengthen cooperation on the promotion of information and communications

technology (ICT).

A statement by the Directorate of Presidential Communications issued late Sunday says the agreement was signed by responsible ministers from both countries at the start of a two-day

state visit by DRC President Felix Tshisekedi to Tanzania.

The statement says the signing of the agreement was witnessed by Tanzania President Samia Hassan and Tshisekedi at State House in Dar es Salaam.

The statement says the two leaders agreed to strengthen cooperation in ICT because the sector was one of the leading sectors in the creation of employment for the youth.

President Hassan added that through the East African Community (EAC), the two countries planned to construct road infrastructure through the central corridor that would connect the two countries.

Tanzania and DRC are members of the EAC together with Kenya, Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan and Uganda.

The statement adds that the two leaders also agreed to revive the joint commission on bilateral cooperation with a view to boosting trade that has been on the decline for the past 10 years. *Xinhua*



President Hassan



President Tshisekedi



VALLETTA - Malta's finance minister Clyde Caruana presenting the 2023 budget plan in parliament on Monday. The country plans to spend US\$501.4 million in 2023 to ease the impacts of the rising energy costs. Tax cuts would have saved families with two working adults US\$503 a year, Caruana said, while subsidising energy costs would save them electricity costs and car fuel. Photo: Xinhua

Expo to boost China, Kenya ties

NAIROBI - Kenya will host the fifth edition of the Kenya International Industrial Expo (KIIE) that is expected to boost Sino-Kenya ties, organisers said on Monday.

Gao Wei, managing director of Afripeak Expo Kenya, told journalists in Nairobi, that 130 companies mainly from China and other countries would showcase their products for the expo scheduled to take place on November 3-5.

"The Kenyan pavilion will also accommodate 20 local companies who will present their products and will have an opportunity to link to potential overseas buyers," Gao said.

He observed that more than 5 000 professionals and merchants from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and other countries were expected to attend the exhibition, saying that the trade show would display advanced general and construction

machinery, hardware, solar and other renewable energy products, auto parts, chemical products as well as medical equipment from China.

Pius Rotich, general manager in charge of investment promotion at the Kenya Investment Authority said the expo provided an opportunity for Kenya to enhance its industrialisation drive through linkages and partnerships with Chinese firms.

Rotich added that the exhibition also provided a unique platform for both government and private sectors from China and Kenya to cooperate on agriculture, manufacturing, healthcare and construction, which were the key sectors of priority for Kenya.

"This expo is coming at a time when the government is working hard to revive businesses that had been affected by the pandemic and slowed down during the electioneering period," he noted.

Rotich revealed that the trading

platform was also ideal for Kenyan companies seeking new markets for tea, coffee, avocados and flowers in China. *Xinhua*

Continent faces multiple crisis - African Union chief

DAKAR - Africa is confronted with multiple crises related to terrorism, internal conflicts, climate and health, the African Union (AU) chairperson and Senegalese president Macky Sall has said on Monday.

"We must admit that the picture is not bright," Sall acknowledged at the opening ceremony of the 8th edition of the Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in Africa, held in Dakar with the theme; Africa in the Face of Exogenous Shocks: Challenges

Ending violence critical for sustainable peace

JUBA - South Sudan should focus on ending intermittent communal violence at local levels in order to achieve steady peace progress during the recently extended transition period, a United Nations official has said on Monday.

Sara Nyanti, the Deputy Special Representative in the UN Mission (UNMISS) and Resident Coordinator in South Sudan, called on all parties to the 2018 revitalised peace deal to accomplish the pending critical tasks before the end of the transition period in February 2025.

"We must be frank to admit that much more critical work remains to be done at the local levels, the extension of the peace agreement needs to be translated into a reduction of incidents of sub-national violence and inter-communal conflicts," she said during celebrations to mark the United Nations Day in Juba.

Nyanti, who welcomed the recent graduation of some of the first batch of unified forces, underscored the need for an all-inclusive constitution-making process to pave way for free, fair and credible elections, to mark the end of the transition and

the beginning of South Sudan's journey as a truly democratic nation.

"We know that without peace, there can be no sustainable development. This is why we are working with the government and communities as an impartial partner to help deliver sustained peace, humanitarian assistance, security and development," said Nyanti.

Minister of Peacebuilding Stephen Par Kuol emphasised the need for parties to work in unity to conclude the implementation of the outstanding issues.

South Sudan descended into conflict in December 2013 following a political dispute between President Salva Kiir and his then-deputy Riek Machar.

The conflict that caused a split within the national army led to the killing of tens of thousands and displaced millions both internally and externally.

The 2015 peace deal signed under international pressure to end fighting collapsed due to renewed violence in July 2016. The 2018 revitalised peace deal remains the only path to achieving sustainable peace and security in the youngest nation. *Xinhua*

of Stability and Sovereignty.

"The African continent has now become one of the epicenters of terrorism," he noted, stressing the terrorism on the continent was not solely an African affair.

"To bring about confidence and acceptance, multilateralism must serve the interests of all," said Sall, who believes that the threats to peace and stability also lie in the deep economic crisis shaking the world.

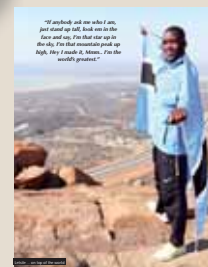
He hoped that the High-Level Advisory Board on Effective

Multilateralism, set up by the UN secretary general, would be useful in examining major issues, such as peace and security, climate, the international financial architecture and the digital space.

The two-day forum is an international meeting on peace and security, during which African leaders of state and governments, related actors meet and discuss with stakeholders and experts from various backgrounds. *Xinhua*

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Vintage vibes takes Boteti by storm

By Thandy Tebogo

LETLHAKANE - Vintage Vibes event mesmerized night crawlers as they packed Thwaza Vintage Garden rocking bold and colourful vintage outfits and hairstyles over the weekend.

Thwaza presented an entertaining walk down the memory lane through vintage vibes, which Boteti revellers have been yearning for.

The event took night crawlers from the 80s to the 60s fashion.

The event organiser, Boitumelo alias Thwaza Tumagole, said it was time that Boteti had an event similar to events taking place in Gaborone as most revellers travelled as far as Gaborone and South Africa for entertainment.

That, she said, was how the idea of vintage vibes came about. The intention was to do it in relation to the 60s, but decided to change the name and coin it to her garden's name.

The promoter of the event, Shandy, said they came up with the theme because it was what the market demanded.

She indicated that all their events had a theme and the vintage vibes was their seventh.

The aim, she said, was to offer their supporters the type of entertainment that they longed for.

One of the outstanding retro fashionistas, Tshegofatso Langwane, said her attire was inspired by an actor called Seonthaoele on *Bophelo ke Sempheko* in the SABC television drama series.

She was advised by her friend to dress up like Seonthaoele and the idea sparked attention from everyone.

Langwane donned clothes from her grandmother's closet and augmented her bums using a pillow, which was instrumental in depicting her idea of the 60s fashion.

She also rocked a knot hairstyle using a radio tape also an inspiration from her grandmother, who related that they used a radio tape to plait their hair. Old sewing machines, an English roadster bicycle, and traditional drinks were displayed.

The event was graced by FME deejays who kept attendees on the dance floor.

The other DJs were DJ Leco, DJ Scan and Deejay Kutloscope among others. **BOPA**



Moonstone Brass Band performing during the Botswana Clash of Brass Bands competition in Gaborone on Saturday. It beat four bands to get position one. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

'Embrace cultural identity'

- Every tribe has distinct culture seen through food, language
- Positive things in culture should be passed throughout generations
- Lobola practice should be reviewed, changed to motivate all to marry

By Lindi Morwaeng

THAMAGA - Botswelero Pottery, a non-profit community project in Thamaga, held a cultural event to promote the spirit of self-sufficiency and resuscitate their ailing business.

The Saturday event was also intended to promote and market the business to the community.

Residents were taken on a tour of the premises and had a glimpse of the production process of the hand-made clay ware.

Attendees were also treated to traditional cuisine and entertainment. Local businesses were also given an opportunity to market their products.

Guest of honour, Tiny Healy, said all must embrace their cultural identity.

She told Thamaga residents to be proud of their cultural uniqueness.

In addition, she said every ethnic tribe had a distinct culture which could be seen through the food and the language.

Healy, therefore, encouraged the younger generation to use

proper Sekgatla words when they speak as well as uphold cultural practices such as *go ntsha ditlhogo* a practice in the Setswana culture where one's uncles are presented with gifts to show appreciation of the role they played in the family.

Furthermore, Healy said, Batswana were known for their warmth as demonstrated through greetings, adding those were positive things that should be passed throughout generations.

However, she said some things in the Setswana culture were regressive such as lobola.

She it should be looked at and changed to accommodate people who wanted to marry, but did not have the means to pay the required bride price.

MP for Thamaga/Kumakwane Palelo Motaosane reiterated that the proper cultural practices of Sekgatla-sa-ga-mmanaana were lost. "*Bakgatla ba-ga-mmanaana ke bajaki ba ngwao le ka leleme,*" he said denoting that their ethnicity and cultural identity was lost to other cultures. However, he said when

Botswelero pottery was established in the 70s, it aimed to capacitate women and teach them vocational skills to alleviate them from poverty.

He, therefore, expressed concern that with that said, the organisation was still stagnant though with resources it could have been a big project by now.

He said the trust should strive to diversify the business enterprise and incorporate other products such as production of roofing material to create employment opportunities and realize growth.

He commended the organisers of the event for coming up with a market day initiative and suggested that it be turned into an annual event and be marketed immensely to attract not only Thamaga residents but people from other places.

Board member of Botswelero Trust, Aminah Makhwa, said she was one of the first students when Botswelero Trust was established in 1971 by missionaries.

She said it was established to capacitate women most of whom were struggling to fend for their

families as their husbands spent most of the time working in the mines in South Africa while they remained behind to look after children.

The women did not have formal education but through Botswelero Trust they were taught vocational skills in the form of carpentry, sewing and pottery.

She, however, expressed desire to see the project successful and sustaining itself.

She encouraged youth to join other women and learn the craft to sustain themselves since unemployment was rife.

One of the organisers, Ms Botlalo Keipeile, said the event was organised to sell Botswelero to Thamaga residents and resuscitate the business through a market day event.

She said the business was stagnant because pottery was a craft so if they lost employees, it was difficult to transfer the skills to new ones. However, she pointed out that they were in the process of looking for sponsors to fund purchasing equipment to increase production. **BOPA**

Only Eleven Angels branded drinks allowed

By **Thamani Shabani**

FRANCISTOWN - Premier league debutants, Eleven Angels, have taken a decision to ban bottled water and drinks from their home games.

Only bottled water and drinks branded with the team's name will be allowed.

Speaking at the launch of Eleven Angels commercialisation

strategy recently, the club's consultant, Gibson Matenge, said the team had introduced bottled water and ginger drink branded with their logo and campaign message.

He said the club was also planning to introduce biltong, which would be sold at all the team's games.

The consultant explained that Botswana Investment and

Trade Centre (BITC) facilitated the club's first commercial transaction with a company based in Francistown to produce the branded water and ginger drink.

He said the contribution of Eleven Angels to the local economy should be visible as it was in line their slogan: Love Francistown and Buy Locally to Stimulate the Local Economy.

Also, Matenge said the club had entered into a number of partnerships and seized opportunities such as the club business enterprise, merchandise, as well as the club's future products.

He said the club had been granted tax benefits by the Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS) for all companies associated with it.

"The companies should be

licensed and fully complaint because Eleven Angels (PTY) LTD have been given a tax benefits by Botswana Unified Revenue Services for all business partnerships," said Matenge.

He said Eleven Angels, a company that owns Eleven Angels Football Club, had business opportunities and partnerships through its value of affiliation of its brand valued at P54 million.

He said the philosophy was to emancipate the club from the shackles of poverty, create limitless opportunities for the young people, identify talent at grassroots level and develop into a full product ready for market demand.

"Our players that we developed are now fully employed in our club and other premier league clubs," said Matenge.

A representatives of Diagnofirm Medical Laboratories, one of the club's partners, Tapiwa Makunde said the company was happy to be associated with Eleven Angels and that their contribution would be to provide diagnosis testing to all the players.

Makunde said Diagnofirm Medical Laboratories believed that a healthy body could create all the wealth needed because it was able to meet all its targets.

Sean Kgokong from Lawa Transport Services, another partner, said his company would ensure that the club's merchandise was circulated.

He, however, encouraged players and supporters to rally behind the brand and be ambassadors in good standing so that the club, commonly known as Bafana Ba Makeishane realised its dream. **BOPA**

BONA 2027 committee engages Francistown leaders

By **Anastacia Sibanda**

GABORONE - The Botswana-Namibia AFCON 2027 bid committee (BONA 2027) continues to engage stakeholders.

Last week, the committee was in Francistown, as a potential host city, to apprise the city leadership of the journey thus far.

BONA 2027 chairperson, Ashford Mamelodi, said in an interview that their Francistown engagement followed visits to other local authorities of potential host areas including Lobatse, Gaborone and Maun.

Mamelodi said they also made them aware of the planned facilities audit and to request them, through relevant offices, to be on hand to assist where necessary during the audit.

He said it was important that they visited all potential host areas so that leaders were informed and could also start mobilising Batswana about the possibility of Botswana and Namibia hosting this mammoth event.

He said the Francistown meeting was informed that as a likely host, the city must assist

in not only pointing out the official city match venue, Obed Itani Chilume Stadium, but also identifying training fields, including those that were still under construction or were to be built.

Mamelodi said he was happy that the Francistown district commissioner, Chabongwa Matseka, had informed them of the city's readiness to assist as required and that the residents and leadership were also looking forward to welcoming visitors in 2027, should the joint bid succeed. He said the city clerk, Lopang Pule, had advised the bid committee to also present to the full sitting of the council for councillors to be fully informed.

"The city clerk also recommended that the bid committee should work hard on communicating activities around the bid as this would assist in rallying support of the people of Francistown and neighbouring villages," he said.

Mamelodi also echoed advise that the BFA should start building a national team that would be ready to compete at AFCON in 2027. **BOPA**



King Joe (right) showcasing his spinning skills during Francistown Spin Extravaganza on Saturday.
Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Spinners rock extravaganza

By **Thamani Shabani**

FRANCISTOWN - Dark billowing clouds of smoke painted the Francistown spinning arena on Saturday as powerful roars from BMW car engines permeated the already charged atmosphere.

The raucous cheering from the jubilant crowds reached a fever pitch to welcome the spinning extravaganza following a two-year reprieve occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some of the highlights of the day came from one of the visiting performers, Bam Mesh, from Venda in South Africa while a local spinner, Goitseone Leepile aka The General raised the bar of the high-octane show held at the Francistown spin

arena with his awe-inspiring driving skill.

Other featured locals included Mothusi Alfred, King Joe, Kagiso Nkwebi aka the Magistrate, VMUD real name Thuso Mudongo, Thabang Phiri (Bosphiri), Thabo Mudongo also known as Timpower, and Steven Given, the Ghetto Child.

Right from the outset, spinners displayed absolute control of the cars sending fanatics into wild cheers.

The drivers would get out of the moving car and strike a pose before quickly jumping back into the spinning vehicle.

All these happened at lightning speed and could only be performed by someone who put in a lot of time perfecting the craft.

The high revs, varying

motions from circular to sideways, forward and backward were the order of the day and tickled revelers' fancy.

One of the stunts that sent petrol-heads into a wild frenzy was the stand-still burnout, whereby the driver pulled up the handbrake while simultaneously applying the foot on the brake pedal and accelerating, causing the back and front wheels of the car to spin whilst the vehicle is stationary, creating a lot of smoke- in the process.

One of the fan's favorites, The General relayed in an interview that he would like to see many young people especially girls become part of the spectacular.

"The management should now focus on women to make spinning more attractive," he disclosed. **BOPA**



Mamelodi

Run Maun Marathon Saturday

- ...final touches tomorrow
- Out of the 502 runners, seven will be from South Africa

By Portia Ikgopoleng

MAUN - The inaugural Run Maun marathon is set to be the most thrilling event ever staged in the tourism destination village with up to 502 runners participating.

Participants will, on Saturday, compete in the 42.2km race, 21km, 10km as well as the 5km fun run.

The marathon will start from Maun Sport Complex at 5am.

In an interview, Botswana Tertiary Students Sport Association (BOTESSA) president, also chief organiser, Keorapetse Setlhare said of the 502 runners, seven were from South Africa. He said all ground work had been done with final touches expected to be completed tomorrow.

He said shorter routes would be from Maun Sport Complex around Thito, Kgosing, Tawana Landboard, Ngami Totoya and back to sport complex.

Longer routes would traverse as far as Maun New Mall, airport, Sedie, Matlapana roundabout, Engen traffic lights and Caltex traffic lights, Maun Lodge and back to the sport complex.

"Routes have been made available on our social media platforms for over a month now. The markings will be done on Thursday so that they are visible to athletes and other road users," Setlhare said

Again, he said, organisers had identified water and

route marshals who would be guiding runners so that they would not get lost given that some would be in Maun for the first time.

He added that they would also provide water since Maun was currently experiencing high temperatures.

"Water will be abundant in every corner and we advise athletes to take as much water as possible," he said.

Meanwhile, Setlhare regretted failure to secure a main sponsor for the marathon.

"We are confident that we shall attract sponsors in future. This year, it was difficult as many companies want to see first what we can do then they can come on board," he said.

Furthermore, he indicated that they had been working closely with the Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) for guidance to stage a professional marathon.

In other issues, he said Prottime Sport had offered its timing equipment and he thanked the company for the support.

He also indicated that the National Anti-Doping Office would be part of the marathon to test and educate athletes on doping, adding 'all winners would undergo a compulsory test upon finishing the race.'

Runners are encouraged to collect their race fit at Maun Sport Complex this week to avoid any inconveniences on the day of the marathon.

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