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KAMPALA - Ministry of Foreign Affairs acting permanent secretary, Mr Clifford Maribe being interviewed by Botswana Media on the sidelines of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit senior officials meeting yesterday. Mr Maribe said NAM was a useful platform that provided opportunities for Botswana government to meet with other countries to discuss and take position on global issues. President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi is expected to attend the 19th NAM summit and the third South Summit of Group 77 and China in Kampala, Uganda, this week. Mr Maribe said the two high level engagements provided Botswana with another opportunity to attract investment from a larger and wider community of international actors.

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“What kept us at middle income will not get us to high income “



Water Utilities Corporation to roll out smart meters



Residents of Somerset Extension during a kgotla meeting addressed by MP Mmolotsi in Francistown on Monday. The legislator informed constituents that the smart meter initiative was aimed at modernising the country's water distribution system. Photo: Thamani Shabani

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) is in the process of rolling out smart meters to the general public.

The initiative is aimed at modernising the country's water distribution system.

Addressing a kgotla meeting in Somerset Extension kgotla on Monday, Francistown South Member of Parliament, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi said the programme would address the many concerns that had been raised by many Batswana, chiefly high water bills.

He said through the initiative the corporation would install smart meters to provide real time data on water usage and leaks. The meters will also allow for remote metre reading and bill payment.

"Hopefully this will not only improve water conservation and efficiency, but also address the issue of high water bills across the country," he said, adding that such was an innovative and potentially transformative programme for Botswana's water sector.

The MP also briefed residents on proposed constitutional changes, such as the direct election of the president, the increase of specially elected Members of Parliament from six to 10, reinstatement of corporal punishment in schools, the death penalty, the legalisation of commercial sex work, as well as the appointment of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) secretary by the president, amongst others.

He said the proposed constitutional amendment changes would be discussed in the next parliamentary session. MP Mmolotsi said a lot of Batswana had proposed for the direct election of the president, but Cabinet resolved that the status quo remain.

He said constitutional amendment review report also proposed that corporal punishment be reinstated in schools, which Cabinet supported. He said the status quo regarding the death penalty remained, and the commission suggested a national referendum so that Batswana could air their views.

In their comments, residents said the constitutional review commission had given the president too much powers. One resident, Ms Keneilwe Siska said concentration of power could lead to abuse and corruption, and it would limit the ability of other branches of government to hold the president accountable.

She said it was important to give the president authority to govern effectively, while also ensuring adequate checks and balances were in place. She supported the suggestion that corporal punishment be re-introduced in schools, saying indiscipline among school children was a concern.

She also called for legalisation of commercial sex work, to help alleviate poverty in some families, a suggestions that other residents opposed.

Another resident, Ms Sophie Galegake also supported the reinstatement of the corporal punishment in schools, adding that it was important to identify the root cause of bad behaviour and find effective ways to address it.

Mr Ezekiel Mfananyana rejected the proposal to increase specially elected MPs, saying such MPs in the past played a crucial role in parliament because they brought in special skills and expertise which were now possessed by many elected members of parliament.

He said even the six was too many and a waste of government resources, noting that they were also given constituency allowance when they did not have constituencies.

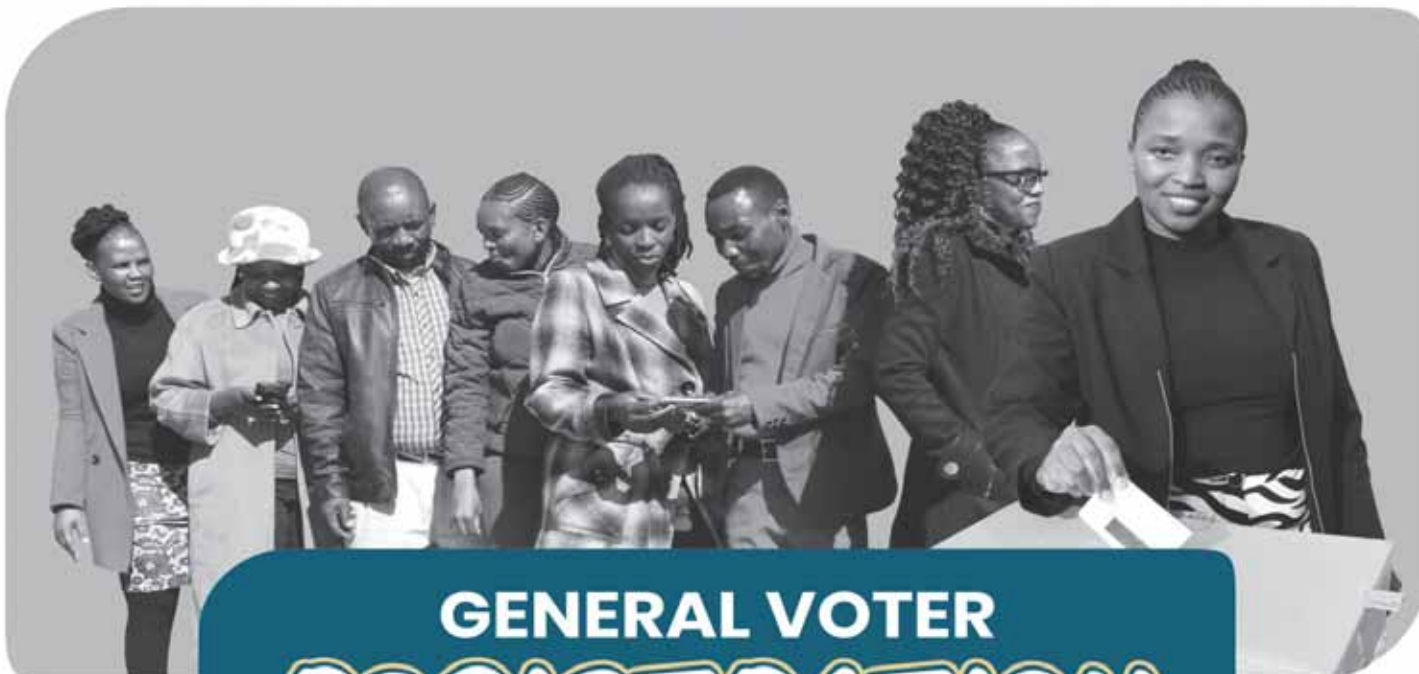
In response to some of the issues raised by the residents, MP Mmolotsi said it was true that initial purpose of specially elected members of parliament was to bring certain skills and expertise into parliament that might not otherwise be represented.

He was of the view that increasing their number might not necessarily achieve the intended goal. He said some MPs argued that the system was outdated and no longer served its intended purpose.

He also said the constitutional review commission proposed that the president should also enjoy a constituency allowance of P232 000 000 per annum. **BOPA**



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Summits present opportunities

By Baleseng Batlotleng

KAMPALA - President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi is expected to attend the 19th summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and the third South Summit of Group 77 and China in Kampala, Uganda, this week.

Speaking on the sidelines of the senior officials meeting yesterday, acting permanent secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Clifford Maribe said the two high level engagements provided Botswana with another opportunity to attract investment from a larger and wider community of international actors.

"NAM is a useful platform as it provides us with opportunities to meet with other countries, discuss and take position on global issues. We discuss, among others, global challenges such as peace and security, and where they feel threatened we come together as countries to discuss and come with resolutions," he said.

Mr Maribe said NAM was formed to promote multilateralism, peace and security. He said challenges facing the movement included the reform of the United Nations Security Council and the Middle-East conflict.

He said the senior officials

meeting and the ministers meetings were preparatory sessions for the summit, which would be attended by over 50 heads of state.

Mr Maribe said the NAM summit would transit to the G77+China summit, and that it was a platform that provided countries with an opportunity to discuss global issues.

He explained that Botswana's foreign policy was anchored on multilateralism and that the country needed to work with others to open opportunities for trade.

He added that President Masisi came up with the Reset Agenda and that it was focused on among others, production of goods and services and adding value to the country's natural resources to generate more revenue to develop the country.

Mr Maribe also said Botswana needed friends to trade with and to get foreign direct investment.

He said NAM provided such an opportunity.

He noted that Uganda would assume the chairmanship of NAM for three years and that of the G77+China for one year.

NAM was founded in 1961 at the height of the Cold War between the West and East global blocs.

It has a membership of 120

countries and Botswana joined in 1970.

Mr Maribe said the G77+China summit would be held under the theme: Leaving No One Behind,

and that the summit brought together developing countries that were members of the United Nations.

He said the two summits

would also boost cooperation in trade, investment, sustainable development, climate change, poverty eradication and the digital economy. **BOPA**



The IEC update on Monday showed that 130 157 new voters registered in the second week, as compared to 75 566 in the first week, bringing the total number of registered voters to 205 723.

Over 200 000 register in two weeks

By Bonang Masolotote

GABORONE -Over 200 000 people registered in the first two weeks of the national voter registration exercise.

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC)'s update on Monday showed that 130 157 new voters registered in the second week, as compared to 75 566 in the first week, bringing the total number of registered voters to 205 723.

According to the update, Good Hope/Mmathethe and Nkange constituencies had the highest number of registered voters with 7

715 and 7 584 respectively between January 5 and 12.

"Tswapong North and Tswapong South also recorded significant numbers, with 6 451 and 6 681 voters respectively."

However, several other constituencies had less than 4 000 registered voters, with Chobe, Maun West, Francistown East, Mogoditshane East and Takatokwane having less than 2 000 registrations for the two weeks period. In an interview, IEC Chief Public Relations Officer, Mr Osupile Maroba said the ongoing registration was progressing well except for few minor challenges

such as some registration clerks reporting late for duty and others pulling out, adding that the commission was addressing such challenges.

He also expressed hope that the number of people registering to vote would increase as the registration deadline approached.

The IEC aims to register as many eligible voters as possible from the more than 1.7 million eligible Batswana as per the Department of Civil and National Registration records.

The exercise, which started on January 5 will end February 3. **BOPA**

President Masisi attends NAM, G77+China summits

GABORONE - President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi will travel to Kampala, Uganda, tomorrow to attend the 19th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) on Friday and Saturday and the 3rd South Summit of the Group of 77 plus China G77+China on Sunday and Monday respectively.

The 19th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) will be held under the theme: Deepening cooperation for shared global affluence and will be chaired by President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda, who will also chair NAM from 2024 to 2026.

A press release from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs says the summit

will discuss global issues of collective concern and interest as well as foster cooperation among the 120 NAM member states.

Further, the release says the summit will be preceded by the ministerial and senior officials meetings which will be held on January 15-18.

Additionally, the press release says the 3rd South Summit of the G77+China, which will also be chaired by President Museveni, will be held under the theme: Leaving No One Behind.

"The summit will explore ways of enhancing South-South cooperation in various areas, including digital economy, trade and investment, as well as poverty eradication.

The meeting will also celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Group of 77," says the press release.

It says Botswana's participation at these meetings is key to the country's support of the collective vision of promoting sustainable global peace, development and security as well as fostering her enhanced engagement in multilateral fora and influence on the global development agenda while advancing the interests of Batswana.

President Masisi will be accompanied by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Lemogang Kwape and senior government officials. President Masisi is expected back to Botswana on January 23. **BOPA**

Defence ministry trains 40 officers on mindset change

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - Employees must be mirrors of their organisations and reflect the desired image to Batswana, including investors and the world beyond with a view of creating an enabling environment for a prosperous nation as espoused in Vision 2036.

Minister of Defence and Security, Mr Kagiso Mmusi said this at the official opening of a three-day Team40 Mindset Change training in Gaborone on Monday.

The training is the ministry's initiative to equip a team of 40 officers with the necessary skills and knowledge, in order to be mindset change torch bearers.

Minister Mmusi said in the three days, trainees would be equipped with skills that would empower and address the core of inner beings of thoughts, feelings and behaviour so that they attained their ideal of being a centre of excellence, an epitome of self-discipline, self-value, professionalism, good governance and high performance.

He said the ministry mindset change roadmap themed; Holistic Mindset Change, My Responsibility! *A re Chencheng; Maikarabelo Ke a Me!*, was a guide to the implementation of the national mindset change campaign. "Mindset change starts with oneself and you can only preach mindset change successfully if you have transformed yourselves," he said.

The minister urged trainees to infuse teachings with enthusiasm and requested them to uphold and utilise identity, governance systems, tolerance of diversity, unique natural and cultural resources and national values of Botho, Botswana, Botlhaga, Bonatla and Bofefo that make Botswana unique.

He further said a positive mindset change rooted in innovation, collaboration and adaptability would strengthen their capabilities to better serve the nation.

"This is the beginning of spadework to uproot the prevailing mindsets that inhabit change,

progress and growth in our ministry including its departments and agencies," he said.

The Team40 comprised personnel within the ministry departments, including Botswana Defence Force, Botswana Police Service, Botswana Prison Service and agencies who were nominated by the ministry as change of agents on the basis of their capability and mutual passion for creating a safe and secure environment.

Major General Hendrick Rakgantswana of BDF said Team40 had begun the transformation journey to mindset change in the ministry as they strived to become high performing organisations in the ministry.

Maj. Gen. Rakgantswana said with self-belief, trainees would change for the better, and thus urged them to embrace the opportunity to develop new perspectives, exchange ideas and discuss best practices to be able to create a ripple effect that would contribute to profound and lasting change. **BOPA**

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Board gears for debt collection drive

By Mmoniemang Motsamai

MOCHUDI - Kgatleng Land Board plans to launch a massive P20 million debt collection drive owed in lease arrears, says the land board chairperson, Mr Mothusi Molefi.

The arrears, he said, were owed by companies and individuals who had been allocated business plots or land and were expected to pay annual lease rentals.

Speaking during the land board's meeting on Monday, he said they would notify debtors with deadline dates to settle their arrears.

He also said they would conduct house-to-house campaigns and business premises for collections.

Furthermore, he said they would do all it took to simplify paying methods as well as to activate social media advertisements that encouraged defaulters to pay

and the importance of paying for leases.

"We will go all out to work on the modalities of making people to pay and to keep on following the debtors until they settled their bills," he stressed.

Mr Molefi also appealed to board members to expedite the 193 appeals and deferred land transfers that were before the land board.

He regretted that they failed to reach the set target of allocating 3 719 plots in the 2023/24 financial year which had been set for land boards to achieve 100 000 plot allocations.

"As at 2023/24 we are at zero. How do we reach this set target by end of April?" he asked.

Mr Molefi also called land

board members and staff to manage customer queries and to improve relations with members of the community.

"We should serve our clients with utmost 'botho' and always put them first," he said.

Mr Molefi also briefed land board members on the slow progress in dispensing secure land title certificates to residents across the four Kgatleng sub land boards.

He noted that Artesia Sub Land Board had distributed 665 certificates, Mmathubudukwane zero while Oodi and Mochudi distributed 26 and 63 respectively.

For her part, Kgatleng district commissioner, Ms Kolobetso Sejakgomo encouraged land board members to work on

reforms or customer focused strategies that would turn around the tarnished image of the land board.

She said her office was inundated with queries from members of the community who complained about the laissez faire attitude of some officials when serving them.

Kgatleng District Council chairperson, Mr Daniel Molokwe also encouraged land board members to mend their relationship with the community and to liaise with other district authorities about their challenges so that there was support.

He also encouraged them to take feedback as a tool for improvement and not rejection. **BOPA**

Fate awaits murder convict as CoA sets to deliver judgement February 23

By Olekantse Sennamose

GABORONE -The Court of Appeal is set to deliver judgment on February 23 regarding the fate of murder convict, Moses Kanika, who is appealing the death sentence issued by the Francistown High Court.

Kanika, through his lawyer, Mr. Reneetswe Rabosotho, expressed no objections to the conviction. He was sentenced to death in 2021 by the Francistown High Court for the murder of his ex-girlfriend, Palalani Tafila, in June 2016. The autopsy report presented during the judgment indicated that Kanika had stabbed Tafila 12 times in the chest and breasts.

Mr Rabosotho argued that the trial judge had failed to properly consider the extenuating factors presented.

He pointed out that Kanika was intoxicated at the time of the offense, and that there was no evidence of premeditation.

"We are convinced that the trial judge did not fully consider the absence of premeditation and intoxication. We have filed our arguments to support our appeal," he stated.

Mr Rabosotho further argued that if the high court had considered these factors, it would have reduced the moral

culpability of his client.

"Failure to consider these factors heavily influenced the sentencing," he added.

He emphasised the importance of fair trials that take into account all relevant factors while also acknowledging the need for the courts to protect society.

On the other hand, Mr. Moatlhodi Macheng, representing the Directorate of Public Prosecution, contended that the Court of Appeal should only intervene if the lower court had made errors in its sentencing, which he argued was not the case here.

Although the trial judge did not extensively address the presence or absence of premeditation, Macheng noted that the evidence in the case suggested premeditation.

However, Justice Johan Froneman of the Court of Appeal raised questions. He inquired whether the convict's attempted suicide nine days after the incident indicated remorse, potentially suggesting that he had no intention to kill.

Additionally, he questioned whether the offense could have occurred after a family meeting, where it was resolved that Kanika should end his relationship with the deceased if it was premeditated. **BOPA**



Attorney Ngakaagae (second left) and Seretse (third left) at the Court of Appeal in Gaborone on Monday. Seretse is opposing high court judgment, which orders that his properties be confiscated as they were linked to P60 million NPF fraud case. Judgment will be delivered February 23. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

Seretse opposes judgement on forfeiture of properties

By Bonang Masolotat

GABORONE - Local businessman, Bakang Seretse is opposing a High Court judgement which forfeited his properties arguing that they are not related to the P60 million National Petroleum Fund (NPF) fraud case.

On Monday, Seretse's lawyer, Mr Kgosietsile Ngakayagae, argued before a three-panel of the Court of Appeal judges that the properties were acquired from his client's other sources of income. As such, he said the case against his client was unduly judged by the High Court Judge, Justice Omphitlhetshe Motumise as he relied on hearsay evidence.

"This case fails the very most basic hearsay rule.

You cannot make judicial findings on non-admissible evidence," Mr Ngakayagae said.

In 2021, Justice Motumise ruled against Mr Seretse and his company, Basis Point (Pty) Ltd that the properties in question amongst them, houses and top-

of-the-range vehicles, were proceeds of crime relating to the NPF case.

The items listed for forfeiture included various vehicles such as Maserati Ghibli S, three Mercedes Benz, Lexus LX 450, Land Cruiser 5.6 V8, Toyota Hilux, plots in Extension 11, Lobatse, Gaborone West, farm and Rolex date just 41 watches, among others.

"It is denied that they are proceeds of crime. The state has failed to show evidence of how the said properties are related to crime," Mr Ngakayagae said.

He said Justice Motumise's judgement relied on the state hearsay evidence, which was inadmissible, adding that such information was not even authenticated by its originating sources.

However, the state attorney, Mr Dumisani Marapo from the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) said Mr Seretse and one Mr Kenneth Kerekang without being sanctioned by the Fund moved P60 million from the NPF

account to a new account.

Such move, he said was done so that the NPF management committee could not track the account movement, adding that the reason given for opening a new account was that the money would be used to buy oil stock, which was never bought.

Mr Marapo said after being moved from the NPF account, the money was used for personal gains by the two and hence the state had demonstrated that the properties in question were proceeds of crime.

"If the court finds that the P60 million was tainted, then anything that comes out of the P60 million follow suit," he said.

He also stated that the documents before the court were procedurally submitted as per the law, hence they were able to assist the court in dealing with the matter.

The case is before Justices Johan Froneman, Singh Walia and Edwin Cameron and judgement has been reserved for February 23. **BOPA**



Murder convict Kanika appearing before Court of Appeal in Gaborone on Monday. Kanika is appealing his death sentence judgment. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

Govt decides Kanye District hospital location

By Thuso Kgakatsi

KANYE - Kanye residents have been implored to take heed of government decision to construct the new Kanye District Hospital at the showground with a view to allow progress of development projects in their village.

Member of Parliament for Kanye North, Mr Thapelo Letsholo said this while addressing a

constituency consultative kgotla meeting in Kanye recently where some residents questioned the decision to relocate the hospital to the showground instead of Losabanyana, as initially planned.

The legislator had appraised the meeting that government had made a final decision to construct the hospital at the showground adding that the move would benefit the Kanye residents as the facility

would be a specialist hospital.

He pleaded with residents to accept decision as there have been delays due to discussions about the location of the hospital, adding that funds had been allocated for the project, and that most people were waiting in anticipation as they longed to have a hospital in Kanye.

Mr Letsholo also informed his constituents that construction of the Kanye Stadium was underway at

Mhiko, near Sejelo Police Station at the tune of P10million.

He pointed out that another milestone achieved was construction of a new primary school at Mhiko adding that work commenced last year and considerable progress had been made.

Mr Letsholo shared that through the constituency funds, the district had successfully completed the bridge at Ranaka and Ntlhantlhe, adding that both bridges were now in use and had made life easier for the residents in those villages.

He assured that he was aware of the challenges faced by motorists using the Magotlhwane-Kgomokasitwa-Tshwenyagae gravel road, adding that though the road's upgrade was not included in the National Development Plan, he would continue to advocate for it to be tarred.

He said a positive development was that the district had managed to install streetlights for the Magotlhwane-Kgomokasitwa portion.

Mr Letsholo also noted that a waiting room had been constructed through constituency funds at Moshana Health Post, and expressed optimism that the facility would be upgraded as government had resolved that all health posts should be upgraded to the clinics.

He admitted that internal roads in Kanye North were challenges, but assured that all wards would have a fair share as plans to pave internal roads were underway.

He stated that government had taken a deliberate decision to utilise

constituency funds to pave internal roads in all constituencies, adding that the move would also benefit local people who have ventured into brick moulding.

He encouraged farmers to consult with their respective field officers and establish how they can benefit from the new Temo Letlotlo ploughing scheme.

Mr Letsholo stated that the North-South Water Project, which is aimed at supplying water to the southern parts of Botswana, was nearing completion, adding that the challenge of water supply that is currently being experienced in Kanye would be alleviated.

He added that currently the water networking construction which is intended to improve the water supply with the village has begun, adding that Estate Construction Company has been awarded the tender.

Mr Letsholo implored the residents not to despair as the government was committed to solving the water challenge so that all can have access to water.

Mr Letsholo further advised his constituents to take advantages of various government programmes meant to economically empower citizens.

Village Development Committee Chairperson, Ms Kedibonye Ntokonyane decried the shortage of water in the village.

She also noted that implementation of constituency projects tended to take longer time than scheduled, which negatively impacted other planned projects. / **BOPA**



KAMPALA - The ongoing 19th Non-Aligned Movement summit (NAM) will allow participating member states to discuss various global and regional challenges. NAM is a group of states not formally aligned with or against any major power bloc. The NAM organisation was established in 1961 and consist of 120 member states including the non-UN member state of Palestine as well as 17 other observer countries and 10 observer organisations. The Summit is held under the theme, Deepening Cooperation For Shared Global Affluence. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

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China-Namibia relations poised to deliver significant benefits

WINDHOEK - China-Namibia ties are expected to enhance the southern African country's economic growth in 2024, bringing opportunities to generate tangible and significant benefits for the two peoples, said an independent economic and business researcher Thursday.

Over the years, the two sides have developed a strong economic and political partnership, with China emerging as Namibia's largest source of foreign investment and second-largest trading partner, said Josef Sheehama in an interview with *Xinhua*.

"Opportunities arising from the relationship include increased investment and infrastructure development," he said.

"As Namibia's economy is projected to grow by 3.4 per cent in 2024, according to the Bank of Namibia, the smart partnership with China will elevate Namibia's anticipation to exceed the desired economic growth." Sheehama noted that China has become Africa's largest trading partner, significantly increasing trade volume and allowing Namibia to diversify its export markets.

Furthermore, China's investments in mining, manufacturing and agriculture sectors have the potential to bolster Namibia's industrial capacity and promote economic diversification. From January to June 2023, the trade volume between China and Namibia reached US\$750 million, representing a year-on-year growth of 31 percent, according to China's Ministry of Commerce. Among these, China's imports from Namibia amounted to US\$430 million, showing a year-on-year increase of 21.5 per cent. As of the end of 2022, the cumulative direct investment by Chinese enterprises in Namibia reached US\$180 million. "This cooperation can lead to technology transfer, skills development and increased productivity in these industries," he said.

For the economist, China-Namibia relations also offer opportunities for Namibia's tourism sector.

He said the growing middle class in China has shown increased interest in international travel. Namibia's diverse wildlife, natural beauty and cultural heritage make it an attractive destination.

"By promoting tourism exchanges and collaboration, Namibia can benefit from increased tourist arrivals, generating revenue and employment opportunities," he said. The latest Tourism Arrival Statistical Report published by the Namibian Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism showed that the number of Chinese visitors to Namibia increased to more than 1,500 in 2022.

Namibia also welcomed its first group of 20 tourists from China in May 2023 after a three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sheehama also highlighted the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which can further boost trade, strengthen relations between the two countries, and promote the partnership between the Chinese community and Namibians.

"If fully explored, the BRI could contribute to the country's economic growth and create employment for Namibians. Improved infrastructure tends to attract more foreign direct investment and supports long-term economic growth," he concluded. *Xinhua*



WINDHOEK - NamPower Managing Director Kahenge Haulofu (left) and Fang Xiang, general manager of China Energy International Group (Namibia), at a signing ceremony in Namibia. Photo: Xinhua

Zimbabwe advises artisanal miners to stop operations due to rains

HARARE - The Zimbabwean government has advised small-scale and artisanal miners to stop mining until the rainy season ends.

In addition, all miners

including large and medium-scale miners should take precautionary measures to safeguard their operations during the current rainy season due to heightened risks of flooding, drowning,

weakened ground and ground subsidence, Minister of Mines and Mining Development Zhemu Soda said in a statement on Monday.

His call comes after 15 artisanal miners were trapped for four days at the Redwing Gold Mine in Mutare.

The collapse of a shaft led to their entrapment, with rescue efforts initially hindered by unstable ground.

They were successfully rescued on the fourth day. Zimbabwe is expected to experience a "short and sharp" rainfall season this year owing to the El Nino weather phenomenon. Authorities said the rains, which started in late December, could end by February. *Xinhua*



HWANGE - Engineering vehicles at an open cast mine operated by Zhong Jian Investments, a Chinese coal mining company, in Matebeleland North Province, Zimbabwe. Photo: Xinhua

WEF urges cooperation amid global economic uncertainty

DAVOS - The World Economic Forum (WEF) on Monday called for a boost to global cooperation, to meet the demands of economic uncertainty. More than half of chief economists said in their outlook for this year, released during the 54th Annual WEF meeting, that they expect the global economy to weaken in 2024.

Meanwhile, seven in 10 said the pace of geoeconomic fragmentation will accelerate.

"Uncertainty is the key word for most economies around the world, including China. The

positive is that China is one of the very few large economies in the world that is not struggling with inflation, that is not struggling with very high interest rates at present," said Saadia Zahidi, managing director of the WEF.

In the face of escalating global division and uncertainty, the 54th WEF meeting has assembled leaders from around the world for a week of dialogue aimed at enhancing cooperation and cultivating partnerships.

Under the theme "Rebuilding Trust," the meeting will focus on four priorities: achieving security

and cooperation in a fractured world; creating growth and jobs for a new era; harnessing artificial intelligence as a driving force for the economy and society, and formulating a long-term strategy for climate, nature, and energy.

Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of the WEF, underlined the urgency of rebuilding trust in a fragmented world with growing social divides.

He emphasized the need to move beyond crisis management and address root causes.

The forum will showcase

the latest proposals on global security, trade, economic growth, jobs, climate and nature action, energy transition, technological disruption, and health and well-being.

WEF President Borge Brende highlighted the necessity of innovative public-private collaboration, saying that "the Forum provides the structure for developing research, alliances, and frameworks that promote cooperation throughout the year." The annual meeting will serve to deepen connections between leaders, he added. *Xinhua*

UN chief calls for humanitarian cease-fire

NEW YORK - UN secretary general Antonio Guterres on Monday again called for an immediate humanitarian cease-fire in Gaza as the conflict turns 100 days.

There is one solution to help address all the issues of the unprecedented level of civilian casualties and catastrophic humanitarian conditions in Gaza, the fate of the hostages, and the tensions that are spilling over across the region, he told reporters.

"We need an immediate humanitarian cease-fire." Apart from the atrocities in Gaza, the cauldron of tensions in the occupied West Bank is boiling over with heightened violence compounding an already dire fiscal crisis for the Palestinian Authority.

Tensions are also sky-high in the Red Sea and beyond and may soon be impossible to contain, he warned.

"I have serious concerns about daily exchanges of fire across the Blue Line.

This risks triggering a broader escalation between Israel and Lebanon and profoundly affecting regional stability," said Guterres. "I am profoundly worried by what is unfolding. It is my duty to convey this simple and direct message to all sides: stop playing with fire across the Blue Line, de-escalate, and bring hostilities to an end in accordance with Security Council Resolution 1701."

One hundred days into the conflict, the humanitarian situation in Gaza is beyond words. Nowhere and no one is safe. Traumatized people are being pushed into increasingly limited areas in the south that are becoming intolerably and dangerously congested, said the UN chief.

While there have been some steps to increase the flow of humanitarian assistance into Gaza, life-saving relief is not getting to people who have endured months of relentless assault at anywhere near the scale needed.

The long shadow of starvation is stalking the people of Gaza, along with disease, malnutrition and other health threats, he said. An effective aid operation in Gaza -- or anywhere else, requires certain basics. It requires security.

It requires an environment where staff can work in safety. It requires the necessary logistics and the resumption of commercial activity. The obstacles to aid are clear, he said. The United Nations and its partners cannot effectively deliver humanitarian aid while Gaza is under such heavy, widespread and unrelenting bombardment. Since the outbreak of the conflict on Oct. 7, 152 UN staff members have been killed in Gaza the largest single loss of life in the history of the world organization.

The aid operation faces significant hurdles at the Gaza border. Vital materials, including life-saving medical equipment and parts that are critical for the repair of water facilities and infrastructure, have been rejected with little or no explanation,

disrupting the flow of critical supplies and the resumption of basic services. The aid operation also faces major impediments to distribution within Gaza, he said.

"We are seeking to ramp up the response. But we need basic conditions in place," Guterres said.

The parties must respect international humanitarian law, respect and protect civilians, and ensure their essential needs are met.

And there must be an immediate and massive increase in the commercial supply of essential goods. The UN and

humanitarian partners cannot alone provide basic necessities that should also be available in markets to the entire population," he said. Nothing can justify the violence by Hamas.

At the same time, the onslaught on Gaza by Israeli forces over these 100 days has unleashed wholesale destruction and levels of civilian killings at a rate that is unprecedented during his years as UN secretary-general.

The vast majority of those killed are women and children. Nothing can justify the collective punishment of the Palestinian people, said Guterres. *Xinhua*



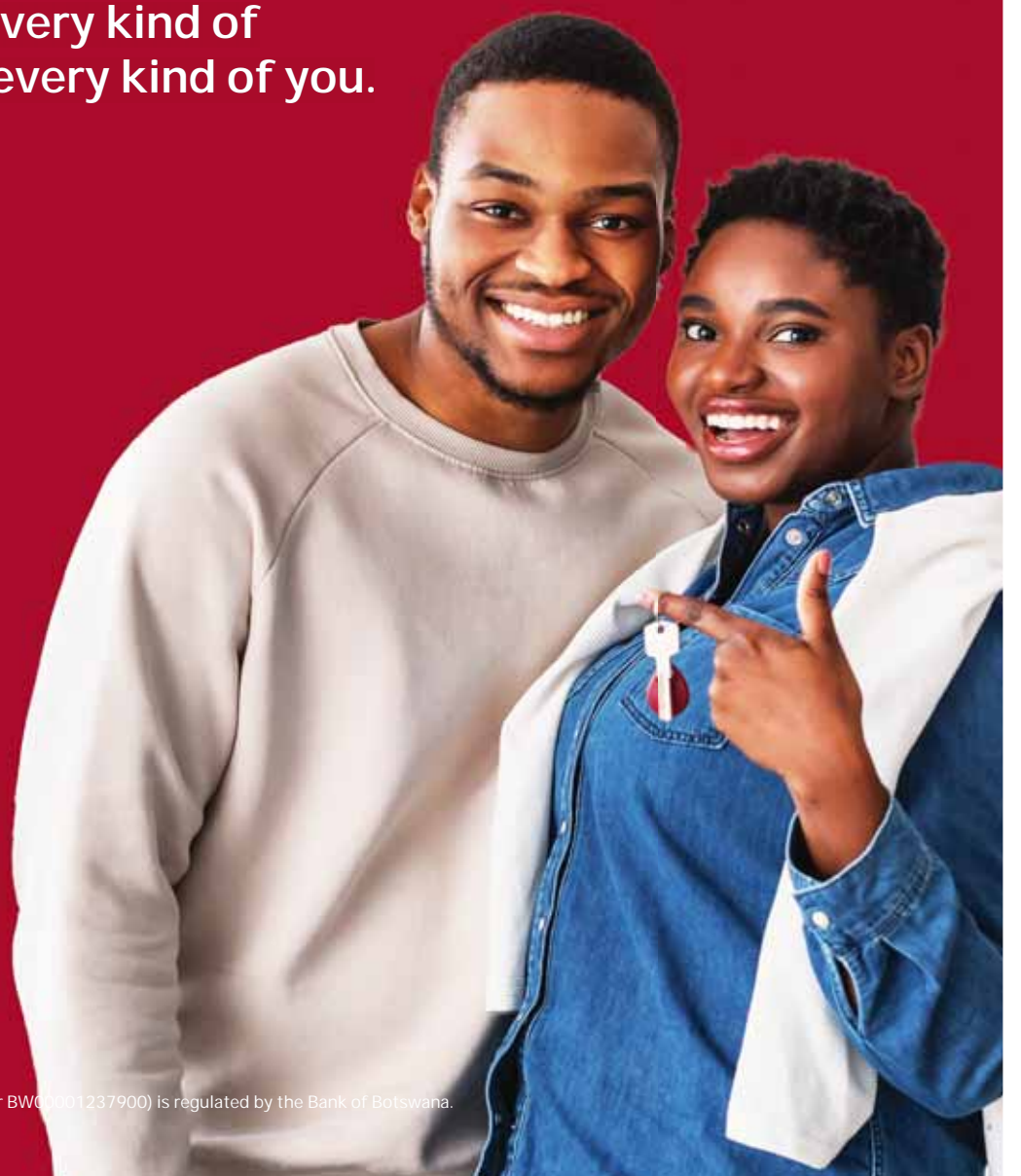
NEW YORK - Guterres briefing reporters on the situation in Gaza at the UN headquarters in New York, on Monday. Guterres called for an immediate humanitarian cease-fire in Gaza as the conflict turns 100 days. Photo Xinhua



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Zambia receives cholera vaccine

LUSAKA- Zambia on Monday received the first batch of 1.4 million doses of oral cholera vaccine to be administered to people in cholera hotspots in the

country.

The vaccines will be administered to eligible people aged one and above in selected high-risk areas in Lusaka, the

country's capital, which is the epicenter of the current outbreak.

The vaccine is part of the 1.7 million doses pledged by the World Health Organisation (WHO),

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Minister of Health Sylvia Masebo said the other batch would soon arrive in the country, and the

vaccine would be given to people in cholera-prone areas.

She said the government would not conduct mass vaccinations but would conduct targeted vaccinations due to the limited vaccines available, adding that each person would be given one dose, unlike the recommended two doses, so as to cater to more people.

"The vaccines we have received are not adequate for a countrywide non-selective response.

Therefore, they will be deployed in a phased manner in targeted high-risk areas for us to achieve impact in controlling transmission, illness, and death from cholera," she said.

The minister thanked the cooperating partners that have worked with her ministry to secure the vaccines and other resources necessary for the fight against cholera.

According to the minister, government was committed to ensuring that the current outbreak was swiftly controlled. Cissy Byenkya, the acting UN resident coordinator, said the successful implementation of the vaccine program was key in addressing the waterborne disease.

She said the UN family in Zambia would continue to support the country in the ongoing efforts to contain the disease, adding that the support was being provided in many areas, such as the provision of volunteers, distribution of chlorine and oral rehydration solutions as well as technical support.

She, however, said the UN family was concerned that the current outbreak was more severe compared to previous outbreaks with more cases and deaths. The UN official further expressed concern that most of the affected people were young.

Zambia has been battling cholera since the waterborne disease broke out in October last year, with 45 out of 160 districts being affected.

So far, the cumulative cases stand at 9 580 following 418 new cases in the past 24 hours, while a total of 374 people have died following 12 new deaths in the past 24 hours. *Xinhua*



MORONI - Pan Chunxi, head of the Chinese medical team to the Comoros, examining a patient at the El-Maarouf Hospital in Moroni, capital of the Comoros recently. The medical team from south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region arrived in the Comoros in 2022 to provide medical services for local patients and training for local doctors. Photo: Xinhua

Presidential primary kicks off in Iowa

WASHINGTON DC - The 2024 US presidential primary kicked off on Monday night as Iowans prepared to caucus for their Republican presidential candidate in extreme cold weather.

Republican voters are caucusing in school gyms, churches, and community centers across Iowa, a Midwestern state, as record-low temperatures are gripping the Hawkeye State and have caused concerns about turnout.

"Today is turning out to be the coldest Iowa caucus day in history, dating back to 1972," the National Weather Service office in Des Moines, Iowa, wrote on X, formerly Twitter.

The frigid conditions have affected the presidential campaign in Iowa, with several stops cancelled ahead of Monday's caucuses.

Former US President Donald Trump, who seeks to return to the White House, is leading by a wide margin in national and Iowa polls of potential Republican voters. Other Republican presidential contenders include former US Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy, and former Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson. About four in 10 Republican caucus goers chose immigration as the most important issue facing the United States while about one-third paid more attention to the economy, according to AP VoteCast.

Other priorities for them include foreign policy, health care, abortion, and energy.

Though only 40 delegates will be up for grabs in Iowa for the Republican National Convention later this year, the first-in-the-

nation caucuses on Monday are an early litmus test of a presidential contender's viability, as well as an initial signal of where the election is headed.

Since President Joe Biden is running for reelection, the Democratic Party's 2024 primary will be mostly a formality and not have much bearing on the race.

Iowa Democrats are also meeting on Monday but will focus on only party business with delegate-determining voting underway via mail-in ballots until early March.

The 2024 presidential election "feels both sleepy and explosive at the same time," Kyle Kondik, managing editor of Sabato's Crystal Ball, a politics-focused

publication of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics, wrote in an analysis earlier this month.

"The former feeling stems from a primary season that does not seem all that competitive," Kondik explained. "The latter feeling comes from the unprecedented specifics of the potential Biden versus Trump rematch."

The US primary season will last through June. The Republican National Convention, in which delegates will officially select the party's presidential nominee, will be held in July, while the Democratic National Convention will take place in August.

The 2024 Election Day falls on November 5.

Earlier this month, Eurasia Group, a political risk consultancy founded by American political scientist Ian Bremmer, published 'Top Risks' predictions for 2024, with 'The United States versus itself'" on the top.

"The United States is already the world's most divided and dysfunctional advanced industrial democracy.

The 2024 election will exacerbate this problem no matter who wins.

With the outcome of the vote essentially a coin toss (at least for now), the only certainty is continued damage to America's social fabric, political institutions, and international standing," Bremmer said. *Xinhua*



HUBEI - Students learning floral art during a night school class in Wuhan East Lake High-tech Development Zone of Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province. Photo: Xinhua

NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR DE- REGISTRATION OF AN AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Agricultural Management Association Act No. 18 of 1986

In accordance with the **Agricultural Management Associations Act number 18 of 1986 Section 24 (1)**, notice is hereby given of intention to de-register the following Agricultural Management Associations.

No.	AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION	DISTRICT
1	Tswelelopele Small Stock AMA	Ghanzi
2	SHECHO Small Stock AMA	Ghanzi
3	KOMBM LIVESTOCK AMA	Ghanzi
4	Renose Horticulture AMA	South East
5	Baitiredi Horticulture AMA	South East
6	Atlegang Horticultural AMA	South East
7	Legae Horticultural AMA	South East
8	South East Fodder AMA	South East
9	RUWA AMA	South East
10	Mabogo Dinku AMA	South East
11	Motlhala wa Kgomo Poultry AMA	South East
12	Glen Valley Horticulture AMA	South East
13	X-Generation Bee AMA	South East
14	Selosesha AMA	North East
15	Riverside AMA	North East
16	Baikopanyi AMA	North East
17	Tshimokgolo AMA	North East
18	Tshukudu AMA	North East
19	Kagisano Small Stock AMA	Southern
20	Tselakopo Small Stock AMA	Southern
21	Letlhabile Gampudi Horticultural AMA	Southern
22	Tsogang Horticultural AMA	Southern
23	Matsaaganeng Horticultural AMA	Southern
24	Mosadi Mpelega Smallstock AMA	Southern
25	Bokamoso Egg Production AMA	Southern
26	Maitlamo Chicken Egg AMA	Southern
27	Ngwaketse South Youth AMA	Southern
28	Mmathethe NO. 1 AMA	Southern
29	Maphoko Fruits and Vegetables AMA	Kweneng

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Agricultural Management Association Act No. 18 of 1986

In accordance with Agricultural Management Associations Act number 18 of 1986 Section 6 (1), notice is hereby given that a group of farmers have applied for registration as an Agricultural Management Association at Palapye in the Central District, under the name TSWAPA FRUITS Agricultural Management Association.

Representation of objection in respect of the said application should be made to the Commissioner for Agricultural Management Associations, Division of Agricultural Co-operatives, P/Bag 00298, Gaborone, and copied to the applicants whose address appears below, within 30 days after this notice has appeared in the Government Gazette.

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Puso e okeditse dipalo tsa Ipelegeng

Ka Portia Rapitsenyane

MAUNATLALA - Mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Lerala/Maunatlala, Rre Sethabelo Modukanele a re puso e okeditse dipalo tsa Ipelegeng gape ka 10 000 mo godimo ga 10 000 yo go neng go okeditse ka ene Botswana jotlehe ngogola.

Koketso ya monongwaga ke ya dikgwedi tse thataro, go simologa Firikgong go fitlhelela Seetebosigo.

A re go dirilwe jaana go sena go lemogwa gore seemo sa leuba ga se ise se kokobele.

Rre Modukanele o supile fa mananeo a mangwe a a tshwanang le la go fokotsa ditlhwatlhwa tsa dijo tsa leruo a tlaa tswelala go fitlhelela seemo se tokafala.

O buile jaana kwa phutheng ya kgotla ka Labone kwa Maunatlala a ile go lekola banni.

Rre Modukanele a re mo go tsweladiseng go thusa Batswana, puso e ne ya simolola lenaneo la Temo Letlotlo le Batswana ba tswelatseng ka go le ikwadisetsa.

A re ka lenaneo la Temo Letlotlo e le gone le simologang, bangwe ga ba ise ba le tshaloganye mme go tlhokega gore ba kope thuso mo balemising ka gore lenaneo lengwe le lengwe fa le simolola, le nna le dikgwetho mme go sa reye gore ga le a siama.

Rre Modukanele a re le fa bangwe ba supa fa lenaneo le tsile

thari, ba tswelale ka go ikwadisa ba se ka ba ineela ba tloga ba lebela lenaneo mo go ba bangwe.

O ne a tshalosetsa banni fa Temo Letlotlo e kgaoganya batho ka fa ba tshelang ka teng mme bontsi jwa Batswana ba tlaa le akola mahala, ka jalo ba seka ba etsaetsisiwa ke sepe.

Rre Modukanele a re pele go ne go pitikololwa mmu go lengwa fela molemi a bo a meta selekanyo sa bolemo mme gompieno puso ya re molemi a bo a le teng a bone gore a ka boammaaruri motho o lemetswe le gore a dipeo di tsene mo mmung.

A re Temo Letlotlo e fa molemi boikarabelo jwa gore e nne ene a nnang le lefoko la bofelo mme a duele molemi a sena go wetsa tiro.

O kopile balemi ba kgaolo ya gagwe go dirisa mananeo a puso ba seka ra diiwa ke dipuo tsa batho tse di kgalang lenaneo mme bone ba le dirisa.

A re go tlaa nna le dingwe tse di tlaa nnang di baakannwa lenaneo le ntse le tswelatseng mme a gwetha Batswana go tlhafaletsa go itirela dijo, bogolo jang ka mananeo a tshwana le la Temo Letlotlo.

Rre Modukanele o ne gape a rotloetsa banni ba kgaolo ya Lerala/Maunatlala go ikwadisetsa ditlhopho gore ba tlhophela puso e ba e batlang.

A re thulaganyo ya go ikwadisetsa ditlhopho e ne e tshwanetse go nna

mo ngwageng o o fetileng mme ka mabaka a gore go ne ga nna le kgang kwa kgotleng ya diitshoko, e ne ya tlosolosediswa mo ngwageng

ono. Mopalamente a re molao- motheo wa lefatshe leno o supa fa ditlhopho tsa lefatshe di nna ka kgwedi ya

Phalane mme go ikwadisetsa ditlhopho e le yone tsela ya gore ba tle ba tlhophhe. **BOPA**



Tautona Masisi le Mme Masisi ba le kwa phutheng ya bobegadikgang e a neng a e buisa morago ga go ikwadisetsa go tlhophela kwa Moshupa ka Mosupologo. Tautona o gwethile Batswana ba ba dingwaga di fetileng 18 e bile ba na le Omang yo o mo tirisong gore ba ikwadisetse go tlhophela puso e ba e batlang ka kgololesego. Senepe: Godfrey Mpuse

Tautona o rotloetsa Batswana go ikwadisetsa ditlhopho

Ka Moshe Galeragwe

MOSHUPA - Tautona Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi o gwetha Motswana mongwe le mongwe wa dingwaga tse di lesome le borobabobedi go ya kwa godimo, a na le Omang yo o mo tirisong go ikwadisetsa ditlhopho.

Tautona a re go ikwadisa ke matlhogolatsela gore e re fa ditlhopho di bidiwa, yo o lekanyeng go tlhophela a bo a na le tse di tshwanetseng, tse di mo letlang ka fa molaong go tlhophela bopa puso e a e batlang.

O supile gore ditlhopho tsa setshaba tsa monongwaga ke tsa bolesome le bororo go tshwarwa, mme di dirwa jalo ka tsamaiso ya puso ya batho ka batho.

O tshalositse gore puso ya Botswana e bopiwa ka mokgwa o o tletseng thitibalo go dirisiwa tsamaiso ya puso ya batho ka batho, e e letlang diphathi tsa sepolotiki go ipapatsa di gololesegile.

“Ke rapela gore ngwao e, le mokgwa o, re seka ra di latlha, re di nonotshe ka go di nosetsa, re nonotshe lefatshe la rona le go kitlana ga batho ba rona, gore e re re opela re re Batswana re be go raya sengwe se se wetseng,” Tautona o tshalositse jalo.

Tautona Masisi a re go dibela puso ya batho ka batho go tlaa dira gore Motswana a tsamae a ntshitse phega, a ikgantsha ka Botswana kwa go nang le motlhala le mokgwa o o eletsegang teng.

“Ke sone se Rre Kgalelang Motsete a neng a bua ka sone fa a

tlaa kwala mafoko a pina ya rona ya setshaba.

Go tuma ga rona go tshwanetse ga tswa mo go tse re di dirang tsa go ikagela puso ka tsamaiso ya puso ya batho ka batho nako le nako,” ga tlhalosa Tautona Masisi.

A re serodumo sa lefatshe la Botswana le tlotlo di tlhoka Batswana go di dibela.

Ka jalo a re go botlhokwa gore mo mosepeleng wa go baakanyetsa tsamaiso ya go bopa puso, go seka ga kgopagopediwa ope.

Dr Masisi o gakolotse gore ka letsatsi la ditlhopho go seka ga nna ope yo o ka bonwang kwa matlhophelong a le mo kaparing ya mebara ya phathi epe e e emetseng ditlhopho, kana go dira sepe fela se se tsamaelanang le ipapatso.

O gateletse gore le morago ga go tlhophela, lekgotla la IEC le fiwe tshwanelo ya go ntsha maduo a a tlhomameng.

“Re seka ra itirela maduo ka gore a ka tsenya batho tsebetsebe ba sa itse gore ba dumele afe,” Tautona a tlhalosa.

O tswelatseng a re go tlaa nna le balebedi go tlhomamisana gore tsamaiso e salwa morago, bangwe e le baemedi ba diphathi, ba makgotla a a ikemetseng le ba ba tswang kwa mafatsheng a sele.

O gateletse gore babega dikgang ke ba-tsaya karolo mo go tlhomamiseng gore dilo di dirwa ka fa molaong.

“Le bolele fa e le gore go na le phapang e e tlhokang go kgalemelwa gone foo, go sireletsa

tsamaiso ya ditlhopho.”

E rile a buisa babegadikgang morago ga go ikwadisetsa ditlhopho ene le mohumagadi Mme Neo Masisi, Tautona Masisi a re lekalana la IEC le filwe boikarabelo jwa go rulaganyetsa ikwadiso le go tsamaisa ditlhopho le sa kgorelediwe ka gope.

O tshalositse gore go botlhokwa gore ba ba emetseng ditlhopho ba amogele maduo jaaka a ntse.

O gateletse botlhokwa jwa go sala molao morago le gore mofenyi o tshwanetse a fiwa thotloetso gore a kgone go busa ka tshosologo.

“Nna ke tlaa itshupa ke le sekao. Fa a le teng yo o ka mphenyang ke tlaa nna wa ntlha go mo atla ke bo ke bega gore ke tlaa bereka le ene gore re neelane go le kagiso le go solofetsa gore go tlaa nna thitibalo.

Mme le bone ke ba kopa jalo, gore a tsa maloba e nne tsa maloba, re tlhoma lebelo sesha,” ga tlhalosa Tautona Masisi.

A re go botlhokwa gore babegadikgang ba anamise tsamaiso ya ditlhopho, segolo bogolo ba gatelela botlhokwa jwa go sala tsamaiso morago.

“Bolelelang batho gore re mo lefatsheng le le busiwang ka molao motheo; go busa yo o tlhophilweng ke batho ba bantsi.”

Tautona Masisi a re se se tshwenyang mo kgaolong ya Afrika o ka re go na le mokgwa wa go itebala babusi ba gana go suta, ba batla go se kotama le fa nako ya bone ya go busa e kgabagantse. **BOPA**

Bogosi ga bo amane le sepolotiki

Ka Keagetswe Motsumi

MOLEPOLOLE - Magosi a tshwanetse go iphapha mo dikganyeng tsa sepolotiki go itsa ketsaetsego mo morafeng.

Se se builwe ke mothusa kgosi wa Bakwena, Kgosi Lawrence Mhaladi kwa bokopanong jwa dikgosi jo bo neng bo rulagantswe ke mopalamente wa Molepolole Bokone, Rre Oabile Regoeng ka Mosupologo.

Kgosi Mhaladi a re magosi ga a a tshwanela go inaakanya le tsa sepolotiki ka jaana e le bone baeteledipele ba tetlanyo ba ba tshwanetseng go bereka ba sa tseye letlhakore.

“Ke buisiwa se ke gore go mo dipaakanyetsong tsa ditlhopho, ka jalo nnang podi matseba le seka la iphitlhela le raelesegile,” ga bua Kgosi Mhaladi.

A re magosi ke one a a thusang mo tshwaraganong ya motse go fenyisa diemo tsothle tse morafe o kopanang le tsone.

O tshalositse fa a tshwenngwa ke gore seemo sa dipolao tse di sa tlwaelesegang tse batho ba tsewang dirwe e setse e nna selo modiro mo motseng.

“Se ke selo se se botlhoko, a re itshekatshekeng mo dikgotleng tsa rona ka gore fa go diragala matlho a leba boeteledipele,” ga tlhalosa

Kgosi Mhaladi. A re o itse gore sengwe sa dilo tse di ka fokotsang masula a a tswelatseng ka go gola ke fa boeteledipele le banni ba motse ba ka nna seopo sengwe.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, Rre Regoeng o boletse fa diemo tse di diragalang mo Molepolole di ka senya seriti sa motse, ka jalo a re boeteledipele bo tshwanetse go kgalema diemo di ise di golele pele.

“Fa go nna le diemo mo motseng a boeteledipele bo ntshe lentse go itsa go tsisa boithlobogo le dikgoberego mo morafeng,” ga bua Rre Regoeng.

A re nngwe ya seru se se apesitseng motse wa Molepolole ke tiriso botlhaswa ya ditagi e e setseng e baka maitshwaro le mokgwa o o sa eletsegang mo bananeng.

O ne a tswelala a kopa magosi go tshwaragana le batsadi go tsisa kgalemo mo baneng, a re seo se ka thusa go tsisa boitshwaro.

O kaila fa go ruta bana boitshwaro jo bontle go ka thusa gore ba tsepame mo ditlhwatlhwa tsa bone. Go sale foo, magosi ba supile fa ba sa itumelele sebaka se ba lephata la kabo ditsha ba se tsayang mo go beyeng ditsha mo kgaolong.

Ba re ba buisiwa seo ke gore ditlhabololo di tsaya sebaka go goroga mo dikgaolong tsa bone. **BOPA**

Mopalamente o lekodisa morafe ka melao e mesha

Ka Gaone Fati

MOSOLOTSANE - Banni ba Mosolotshane kwa kgaolong ya Shoshong ba lekodisitse ka molao wa ba-na-le bogole o o tlaa netefatsang gore ga ba kgethololwe ka seemo sa bone e bile ga ba kgokgontshiwe mo Setshabeng.

Tekodiso e, e dirilwe ke mopalamente wa Shoshong, Rre Aubrey Lesaso kwa phuthagong ya kgotla ka Labotlhano kwa Mosolotshane.

Rre Lesaso o supile fa molao o o tlaa sireletsa ba-na-le bogole o bo o letla gore mananeo a a tlhabololang batho le bone ba a akole, ba lemogwe ba bo ba nne le ditshwanelo tse di tshwanang le tsa batho botlhe.

O tlhalositse fa molao o supa fa ba-na-le bogole ba sa tshwanela go kgorelediwa go gola mo tirong le dicitso tsa bone.

A re ba tshwanetse go neelwa sebaka sa go bereka mo diofising ba bo ba tlhofaleliwa go ka tsena le go tswa fa ba berekelang teng fa e le ba ba dirisang dikolotsana.

Rre Lesaso a re ba tshwanetse go neelwa thuto mo go maleba, a bo a rotloetsa batlhokomedi go ba ntshetsa mo pontsheng gore ba kgone go akola ditshwanelo tsa

bone.

O boletse fa bangwe ba ba-na-le bogole ba fitlhwa mme se se ba itsa go bona dithuso tse ba di tlhokang le go akola mananeo a a ba lebaneng.

O tlhalositse fa molao o supa fa ope yo o tlaa kgokgontshang mona-le bogole a tlaa otlhaiwa.

Mopalamente o ne a supa gape fa babereki ba tlaa okelediwa dikatso.

O tlhalositse fa babereki ba mo malwapeng le badisa, dikatso tsa bone di tlaa simolola ka P1 500 e le tsone dituelo tse di kwa tlase fa babereki ba puso ba maemo a a kwa tlase ba tlaa simolola ka P2 500.

O supile gape fa bomme ba ba batlang go gweba ka mmele ba sa letlelelwe ka fa molaong ka gore seo se ka nyenyefatsa seriti sa lefatshe.

Rre Lesaso o tlhalositse fa molao o supa fa ope yo o tlaa thubetsang ngwana wa dingwaga tse di kwa tlase ga lesome le bobedi, bagolo ba dingwaga tse di masome a supa le go feta le ba-na-le bogole, ba tlaa atlholelwa lesa.

O tlhalositse fa go otlhaya bana ka thupa kwa dikoleng le gone go boela mo tirisong mme a supa fa bana ba tlaa otlhaiwa go sa gatakwe ditshwanelo tsa bone.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, Kgosi

Tsietsego Molefhe wa Mosolotshane o supile ngongora mabapi le metsi a a letswai mo motseng.

Kgosi Molefhe o tlhalositse fa metsi a a sa siamela botsogo.

Kgosi o ngongoregile gape ka letlhoko la dikoloi tsa boipelego le kgotla a re le baka gore tiro e seka ya dirwa sentle.

Fa ba akgela, banni ba ne ba ngongorega ka seemo sa sekole se segolwane sa Mothamo.

Ba supile fa seemo sa sekole se sa itumedise, ba re bana ga ba nne sentle, fa pula e na dikobo le dibuka di a koloba.

Ba kopile gore seemo seo se baakannwe ka gore se ama ditlhaloganyo tsa bana go bo go isa maduo kwa tlase.

Ba tlhalositse fa bangwe bana ba sa tlhole ba tsena sekole sentle ka lebaka la seemo sa sekole.

Banni ba ne ba supa ngongora mabapi le babereki ba mo malwapeng, ba re fa ba sena go amogela ga ba tlhokomele se ba se hiretsweng le ntswa puso e laola gore ba okelediwe madi.

Fa a araba, mopalamente o supile fa seemo sa metsi a a seng monate se tlaa baakannwe mo nakong e khutshwane.

A re ba lephata la metsi ba mo thulaganyong ya go tsisa metsi go tswa Mahalapye mme tiro

eo e tlaa dirwa ka bofebo e bo e atolosiwa le dikgaolo tse dingwe.

O tlhalositse fa go dira tanka e e tlhatswang metsi go tsere nako ka go ne ga nna le tiego ya dilo dingwe tse di neng di saletse kwa morago mme a supa fa ba kgonne go baakanya.

Rre Lesaso o supile fa dikoloi tse di neng di solofeditse di tlaa goroga mo nakong e khutshwane ka di setse di tsenyeditse kopo.

Fa a tsibogela kgang ya babereki, o gakolotse bahiri le babereki go nna le tumalano ya mokwalo e e supang ditiro tsotlhe tse ba di dumalaneng le dikatso ba bo ba baya menwana go na le basupi go itsa dikgogakgogano.

Rre Lesaso o ne a rurifatsa fa a itse ka seemo sa sekole sa Mothamo, a supa fa a se lekotse bosheng.

A re sekole se segologolo e bile se makgasa.

O tlhalositse fa se na le bana ba le 800 mme se tshwanetse go neela bana ba le 300 fela boroko.

A re bana ba pitlagane e bile ba nna fa go sa nnang sentle teng.

O tlhalositse fa seemo sa sekole se tlaa baakangwa, a supa fa go tlaa okediwa matlwana a borutelo le a boroko.

O rotloeditse batsadi go gakolola bana go tlhokomela didirisiwa tsa sekole le dikago ka

gore go senya bana, ditlamorago tsa tshenyho di bo di kokonela bone gape.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, leloko la komiti ya ditlhabololo kwa Moralane, Mme Lebogang Motadi o ne a kopa ba lephata la kabo ditsha go ba abela ditsha tsa bonno.

Mme Motadi o supile fa bontsi jwa batho ba sa kgone go bona thuso sentle kwa go ba boipelego ka gore ga ba na bonno.

O ne a kopa le gore ba agelwe matlo a babereki ba puso, segolo thata barutabana ka gore ga ba na boroko e bile ga go na matlo a ba ka a hirising mo motseng.

Mme Lebogang o ne a tlhalosa fa bana ba na le dingwaga tse tharo ba sa fiwe paka ya sekole, mo go dirang gore ba tsene sekole ba sa lebege.

O tlhalositse fa bontsi jwa batsadi ba sa kgone go reka paka, ka jalo a kopa gore kgang eo e potlakelwe.

Fa a araba, modiri wa tsa ditlhabololo Rre Aleseng Diratsagae o tlhalositse fa a itse ka seemo sa paka ya bana, a supa fa ofisi ya gagwe e baakanya seemo seo.

Rre Diratsagae o solofeditse batsadi fa e tlaa re pele ga bana ba tswalela setlha sa ntlha ba bo ba filwe paka yotlhe. **BOPA**



In line with the provisions of the **Retirement Funds Act (2022)** (the Act) which require retirement funds administrators to trace beneficiaries of death claims, **NMG Administrators Botswana** is currently assessing beneficiaries for deceased members of the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund listed below. This is to ensure that all possible beneficiaries or dependants are known and considered by the Trustees in apportioning the Death Benefits in pursuit of their fiduciary responsibility. The social investigations for the other known beneficiaries/dependants are also ongoing and the already engaged concerned parties should ignore this call.

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCIS TOWN

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000451-22

IN THE ESTATE of the late **SUSAN JULIUS-ESHFT 000118-22** who died at at Nyangagwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District, Botswana on the 29th day of January 2022.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15 DAY OF JANUARY 2024



Lawrence Mpugwa PO Box 1012 FRANCISTOWN CELL: 71289983

AND TO: Master of the High Court Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Deed of Transfer No. 1152/2008** dated the 22nd day of **May 2008** made in favour of **STRETCHING LENGTH (PTY) LTD** in respect of the below mentioned properties, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 21667, Gaborone
SITUATE: in Gaborone Township Extension 55;
MEASURING: 2500 m2 (Two Thousand Five Hundred square metres);

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 9th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023

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 Plot 54373 CBD, Gaborone
 P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana
 Plot 17396 Boseja Ward Maun, Botswana

Tel: (+267) 316 3125 Fax: (+267) 316 3124
 Email: info@aja.co.bw
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Akheel Jinabhai (Managing Partner) | Mark McKee (Consultant Partner) | Topina Chitima (Partner) | Oben Dindi (Partner)

Final Liquidation and Distribution Account

Master's Reference: ESHGB -000144/18

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Segakolodi Kgosi** who died at **Phakalane Plot No. 21568, Gaborone**. Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on **28th May, 2018**.

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the twenty-one(21) days stated above.

ROOSEVELT KGOSI, The Executor, P. O. Box 176, MAHALAPYE.
Cellphone No. 75982243
Telephone No. 4710610

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Apply to **Landmark Projects PO Box 601928 Gaborone before January 31st, 2024.**

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NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of deed no. 291/78 dated 8th November 78 made in favour of Phineas Mutsheba in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being LOT 148, Francistown

SITUATE: Francistown Administrative District

MEASURING: 5000 m² (English square feet)

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Francistown within three (3) weeks from the last publication of the notice .

DATED: 29 DECEMBER 2023 P O BOX 80271 GABORONE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Mr Toto Gaosego – ESHFT-000029-23 who died at Nyangabwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, and Francistown District, Botswana on the **14th day of January 2023**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned **within 30 days** after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS 12th DECEMBER, 2023.

Tebogo Segametsi Gaosego
 P O Box 71789563
 Business Centre, FRANCISTOWN

AND TO: Master of the High Court
 Private Bag F13
 FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act

[Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estate Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High court at

FRANCISTOWN HIGH COURT on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business related to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time
1.ONKEMETSE JANE MMUALEFE	GFHFT-000026/23-24	06-03-2024	0900 AM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023

FOR MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

ESHFT 000153- 2 3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Dimakatso Molosiwa ESHF 000153-23/** who died at Bobonda ward, Chadibe in the Central- Tutume District in the Republic of Botswana on the **01/05 2023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtor and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned **within 30 days** after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 30th DAY OF AUGUST 2023

Semakaleng Molosiwa
Executor Dative
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AND TO: Master of the High Court
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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

THE OWNER OF PLOT 14976
Xhosa II Mahalapye propose to erect boundary wall. any clarification contact Mahalapye District Council Physical Planning at 471 8600 / 471 3323 in 14 days.

CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL plot 26107 Mogoditshane Block 10 to multi residential

I BARULAGANYE KEBA KOLANE of residential Plot in Bobonong, Dandane ward wishes to change land use of my plot from residential to multi residential, any objection contact Bobirwa District Council on 261 9274, within 14 days from publishing date.

MRS TSHEPISO MELAO owner of plot no 941 Ditshegwane Village would like to change use of land from industrial to commercial. Any objection please contact Cellphone No 72 635 264 or physical planning Letlhakeng District Council Phone No 594 3256/ 594 3135 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

GAOLEFUFA KEBABONYE OWNER of plot 458 at Maalosoangwana ward, Mmaphashalala wishes to subdivide plot into two portions and change land use of another resultant portion from single to multi-family residential plot. For objections contact Mahalapye district council, physical planning office on 471 8636/16 within 14 days.

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THE GLOBAL FUND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ACHAP is a Botswana indigenous not for profit organisation founded in 2000 as a public health and socio-economic Impact organization. The organization leverages Implementation Science to enhance governments response to health challenges by building capacity bottom up from community systems to district health and social delivery facilities for access to services and programmes.

The organisation works both at national and community level. At community level ACHAP works with a myriad of stakeholders that include District Health Teams, community leaders, community groups and volunteers. Interventions are implemented with the active participation of key stakeholders in the community including beneficiaries.

ACHAP has been contracted for the implementation of the AGYW module with interventions on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), stigma and discrimination, gender-based violence (GBV), HIV testing and Voluntary Male Medical Circumcision (VMMC) in Francistown, Selibe Phikwe, Tutume, Maun and Palapye districts.

The goal will be to increase demand for prevention services including HTS, PrEP and VMMC services as well as address issues of stigma and discrimination and GBV especially among AGYWs in Francistown, Selibe Phikwe, Tutume, Maun and Palapye districts.

Therefore, ACHAP seeks to engage eligible Community groups to submit their proposals demonstrating programmatic areas of expertise, as well as their preferred locality of operation. Applicants should have proven capacity, skills and experience in implementing one or more of the following programmatic areas:

- a. Strengthening demand creation for AGYW HIV prevention services through engagement of community structures
- b. Mobilising adolescents and young people for the uptake of HIV prevention services.
- c. Mobilising adolescents and young women aged 18-29 years for the uptake of PrEP services.
- d. Mobilising young people aged 15 years and above for the uptake of VMMC services.

Detailed Terms of Reference (ToR), proposal format and guidelines, submission requirements and terms and conditions for the Request for Proposal can be obtained from ACHAP Office, Plot 64511, Block 5 Unit 1, Fairgrounds, Gaborone or downloaded from <http://www.achap.org/tenders> or can be collected from the following DHMT Offices: Palapye, Selebi-Phikwe, Francistown, Tutume and Maun

Proposals should be submitted in duplicate (1 original and 2 hard copies) sealed envelopes and clearly marked "Global Fund Request for Proposal – **ENGAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY GROUPS/ASSOCIATIONS/ORGANISATIONS TO SUPPORT DEMAND CREATION FOR THE GLOBAL FUND SUPPORTED PREVENTION SERVICES**"

The proposal submissions must be delivered to the following addresses

- DHMT Offices in the following districts Palapye, Selebi-Phikwe, Francistown, Tutume, Maun
- Soft copies in PDF format should also be emailed to: grantsmanagement@achap.org

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Jackalass Onetym (left) and Girly wa Dibody performing at Flavor Dome in Gaborone on Tuesday. Mogano said the duo had joined forces to record an album titled *League Ya Dibosso*, which would be released in March. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Musicians drop *League ya di Bosso*

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - Musicians Botshelo Mosweu aka Girly wa Dibody and Pheny Nkala aka Jackalass Onetym have joined forces to record an album titled *League Ya Di Bosso*, which will be released in March.

In an interview with their manager, Leago Mogano, he said the album was created with passion from both artistes.

"It's organic and features talented individuals who have set a high standard in the Motswako scene," he said.

Mogano added that both artistes were passionate about music and had embraced the culture of the music industry.

He said they were able to express their talent through fashion, music and their humanity.

He noted that the music was raw and resonated with Batswana as well as those abroad who could relate to the message shared by both artistes in the album.

Girly noted the chemistry between herself and Jackalass, likening it to that of Maglera Doe Boy and Dee Koola in South Africa, who were also a great

source of inspiration for them.

She emphasised their belief in local talent and their ability to captivate audiences with their music.

She also elaborated on their project, crediting its creation to Pro Lanez, a music producer from Mochudi.

She highlighted their shared vision that led to the development of the project, saying it was well received by music lovers and promoters.

Girly also emphasised the experience that their fans could expect from songs such as *I Believe*, *Tike* and *Pula*, which she considers to be the standout tracks from the project.

In addition, she noted the diverse fan base that Girly and Jackalass Onetym had garnered, emphasising the relatable message in their project and drawing a parallel to the collaboration between 25K, Maglera Doe Boy and DJ Sliq.

She urged their fans to have hope and faith in whatever they did, saying it only took a day to completely change their lives.

She also emphasised the importance of believing in

something and staying true to it.

She highlighted the positive impact of Mogano, who leads the management and media agency called Swervo Visuals and Swervo Media Group.

"We believe that Mogano will connect us with major artistes in South Africa and Nigeria, which are the markets we're looking to penetrate," she said, adding that they planned to collaborate with major brands and to build on the work they began last year and plan to execute this year.

On the strategy to popularise the album, she said they were exploring emotional engagements with audiences through airplay, performances at shows and licensing their music for use in advertisements.

Girly's recent accomplishment includes becoming a Disc Jockey last year and winning the best female single and best newcomer award during the 2021 YAMA's awards. She is currently the presenter of the *Mokaragana* show on Botswana Television.

Onetym has also released a single called *Tshipi*, which is doing well on social media and airplay platforms. **BOPA**

Nkamogelang blends faith, house music

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - From a young age, Tabona Nkamogelang, whose surname means 'accept me or welcome me,' has had a passion for music.

Growing up, he loved to sing gospel and dreamt of becoming a professional musician.

Now, at the age of 29, Nkamogelang, from Ditshegwane in Kweneng West, has released his second album, a mix of house and gospel music that reflects his life experiences and the challenges he has faced. With moving lyrics and catchy beats, Nkamogelang's album is a must-listen for anyone who loves music with a message.

Nkamogelang's album is a testament to the growing music industry in Botswana.

In the past few years, Botswana has seen a surge in the number of gospel songs released by local artistes, and Nkamogelang's new album is just one example of this trend. His gospel songs explore themes of faith, hope, and redemption, adding to the growing body of gospel music that is resonating with listeners.

Meanwhile, house music has also become increasingly popular among young people in Botswana, and Nkamogelang's take on the genre is helping to bring new energy and excitement to the scene. His songs, which blend traditional and modern sounds, are quickly gaining traction among dance music lovers.

"Creating a hit song in the gospel and house genres is no easy fit," said Nkamogelang, a rising artiste based in Francistown.

He said these genres are the most popular in Botswana, but they are also the most difficult to master. "To make a song that will resonate well with listeners and get people dancing, you need to be innovative and push the boundaries of what has been done before," said Nkamogelang.

Nkamogelang has certainly succeeded in this regard, with his

unique blend of traditional and modern sounds. His songs have found an enthusiastic audience, and he is determined to push the boundaries further.

Songs have the power to heal and comfort, and Nkamogelang is well aware of this fact.

That is why he designs his songs to carry a message that is relevant and timely.

"I want my songs to speak to the hearts and minds of my listeners, and to offer them something they can hold on to," he says.

Nkamogelang explained that his songs, in particular, the gospel ones, have a special place in his heart. "They are designed to reach those who are hurting, and to give them hope and healing," he said.

This message of hope and comfort is evident in Nkamogelang's tracks such as *Dumelang go Morena*, *Nkutlwe Jehovah*, and *Tsamaya le Jehovah*, which are a poignant and powerful tracks that speak to the listener's hearts. The lyrics describe a person who is feeling lost and alone, and who is going for a connection with something greater than themselves.

Nkamogelang's delivery of the lyrics is passionate and heartfelt, and the melody is soothing and beautiful.

Together, these elements create a song that is truly unforgettable.

"If the gospel songs are designed to heal the soul, then the house tracks are designed to get you moving and keep you on the dance floor," he said.

Nkamogelang explains that the songs are a reflection of the energy and excitement of today's music scene, and they encapsulate the spirit of house music.

"It is about making people feel good, and about getting them to lose themselves in the music.

I love creating music that people can really connect with and enjoy," he added. This creative approach has served Nkamogelang well, and his house tracks have gained a dedicated following. **BOPA**



Nkamogelang, whose stage name is Kgosi Tabona, has released a mix of house and gospel music that reflects his life experiences and the challenges he has faced. Photo: Thamani Shabani

Osaka return to Grand Slam cut short

MELBOURNE - Naomi Osaka's much-anticipated comeback to Grand Slam tennis on Monday was cut short by Caroline Garcia at the Australian Open, while former finalists Stefanos Tsitsipas and Daniil Medvedev battled through tough first-round matches.

All eyes in the night session at Melbourne Park were focused on new mother Osaka, who stepped away from the sport in September 2022 due to mental health concerns.

Osaka fought hard and showed glimpses of the form that powered her to four Grand

Slam titles before falling to a focused Garcia 6-4, 7-6 (2) in 86 minutes.

The 26-year-old Osaka enjoyed strong crowd support in her long-awaited comeback, but could not sustain the pressure against an assured Garcia.

Reigning US Open champion and fourth seed Coco Gauff brushed aside unseeded Anna Karolina Schmiedlova 6-3, 6-0 to win her sixth straight match of the season.

There is much expectation on the 19-year-old American, who is bidding to become the first women's player in five years to win the US Open and Australian Open back-to-back.

"I think I did well returning and then I found my serve towards the end," said Gauff, who hit 15 winners.

"She's a tough player to play but I'm happy with how I was able to manage my emotions today."

Sixth seed Ons Jabeur also cruised in her comprehensive 6-3, 6-1 victory over Ukrainian qualifier Yuliia Starodubtseva.

Wimbledon champion, Marketa Vondrousova crashed out after a 6-1, 6-2 defeat to qualifier Dayana Yastremska in 76 minutes.

The world No. 7 was completely outplayed by an aggressive Yastremska of Ukraine, who is ranked 93 having reached a career high of 21 in 2020.

It was the latest disappointment for the 24-year-old Vondrousova at Melbourne Park, where she has never progressed past the fourth round.

Men's seventh seed Tsitsipas started slowly against Belgian lucky loser Zizou Bergs before storming to a 5-7, 6-1, 6-1, 6-3 win.

Tsitsipas was supposed to play former Wimbledon finalist Matteo Berrettini, but the Italian withdrew with an injury.

The 129th-ranked Bergs stepped up in

his place and he proved no pushover, but Tsitsipas turned things around to reach the second round in Melbourne for the sixth straight year.

"I was very focused, especially after losing the first set," Tsitsipas said, "I knew that this is my time to change things up and move on with better tennis...with better power and movement on the court." "I think I outplayed him as well physically. I was stronger physically today, at least that's the way I felt."

Third seed Medvedev was pushed hard by qualifier Terence Atmane in hot daytime conditions before the teary-eyed Frenchman retired from the match with cramps.

Medvedev, a two-time tournament finalist, had wrested control after losing the first set before Atmane was unable to continue when trailing 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, 1-0.

"The conditions were brutal," said former US Open champion Medvedev.

"I'm just happy to be through. I played bad at the beginning in the first set, but I was happy I could regain momentum."

Chinese top men's player Zhang Zhizhen lifted his level in the key moments to prevail against Federico Coria 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5).

Zhang, ranked No. 54, will face No. 21 Ugo Humbert in the second round. Australia's main hope Alex de Minaur, the 10th seed, was left relieved after former No. 3 Milos Raonic retired mid-match due to a hip injury with the contest locked at one set apiece.

Grand Slam champions Andy Murray and Stan Wawrinka were knocked out.

"It's a definite possibility that will be the last time I play here," said former No. 1 Murray after he fell to Argentina's Tomas Martin Etcheverry in straight sets.

s Alcaraz. *Xinhua*



Osaka

Messi retains FIFA best male player award

LONDON - Argentine superstar, Lionel Messi retained the best FIFA men's player award, two months after he claimed the Ballon d'Or.

The 36-year-old was absent from the ceremony held in London Monday, while Pep Guardiola, who coached Messi at Barcelona, showed up to collect the trophy for the men's best coach.

The Spaniard steered Manchester City to the Premier League title, the FA Cup and a first Champions League last season.

The treble also gave bonuses to many Man City players, as Ederson received the goalkeeper award, and six of the

Brazilian's club teammates were named in the men's team of the year.

Besides, England manager Sarina Wiegman was crowned the women's best coach while Spain and Barcelona midfielder, Aitana Bonmati added the women's best player award to her women's Ballon d'Or.

Marta has been honoured with the FIFA Special Award for her outstanding career achievements. The 37-year-old Brazilian scored 17 goals in 23 matches at six World Cup tournaments.

She was recognised as the world's best female player six times. *Xinhua*

Nottingham Forest, Everton breach Premier League financial rules

LONDON - Premier League clubs, Everton and Nottingham Forest both face being deducted points after admitting breaches of the competition's Profitability and Sustainability rules.

The Premier League explained the charges on Monday in a statement reading, "Everton FC and Nottingham Forest FC have each confirmed to the Premier League that they are in breach of the League's Profitability and Sustainability Rules (PSR).

This is as a result of sustaining losses above the permitted thresholds for the assessment period ending Season 2022-2023."

"In accordance with Premier League Rules, both cases have now been referred to the chair of the Judicial Panel, who will appoint separate Commissions to determine the appropriate sanction," the statement added.

Both of the clubs also issued statements, with Nottingham Forest saying they acknowledge 'the statement from the Premier League confirming that the club has today been charged with a breach of the league's Profitability and Sustainability Rules' adding they 'intend to continue to cooperate fully with the Premier League on this matter and are confident of a speedy and fair resolution.'

This is the second time for Everton to

be charged with breaking financial fair-play regulations this season and they have already been docked 10 points, which they are currently appealing against.

Everton point out that the new charges relate 'to a period which covers seasons 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. It therefore includes financial periods (2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022) for which the Club has already received a 10-point sanction.'

"The Club is currently appealing that sanction. The Premier League does not have guidelines which prevent a Club being sanctioned for alleged breaches in financial periods which have already been subject to punishment."

Everton believe this means the second charge 'results from a clear deficiency in the Premier League's rules,' and insists they will 'continue to defend its position during the ongoing appeal and should it be required to do so, at any future commission.'

Everton are currently 17th in the Premier League, with 17 points from 21 games (although they would have 27 points but for their first 10-point penalty of the season). A further 10-point deduction would leave them bottom. Nottingham Forest are 15th with 20 points and a 10-point penalty would also drop them into the relegation zone. *Xinhua*



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RESULT BASED MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M&E) WORKSHOP

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The planned capacitation workshop is intended to equip participants with competences and best practices in RBM&E for measuring performance of services, monitoring and assessing the level of achievement for conceptualised initiatives.

It is intended for persons involved in the delivery of services and initiatives in the public and private sector, NGOs and development agencies, working as for example, policy makers; economic planners; programme/project managers, coordinators or officers; IT systems administrators; M&E officers; PMS coordinators; wellness/HIV and AIDS coordinators; service managers, etc. If interested in the workshop please contact the undermentioned for a detailed prospectus:

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Bad day in office for Branch

... as he finishes Dakar Rally stage nine race in fifth position



Ross Branch, Botswana's top rider has completed stage 9 of the Dakar Rally race in fifth position and still second in overall rankings. Hero MotoSports Rally Team racer is now seven minutes nine seconds behind the overall rankings leader Ricky Brabec of Honda. The race, held in Saudi Arabia, ends on Friday. Photo: Courtesy of Ross Branch Facebook page

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