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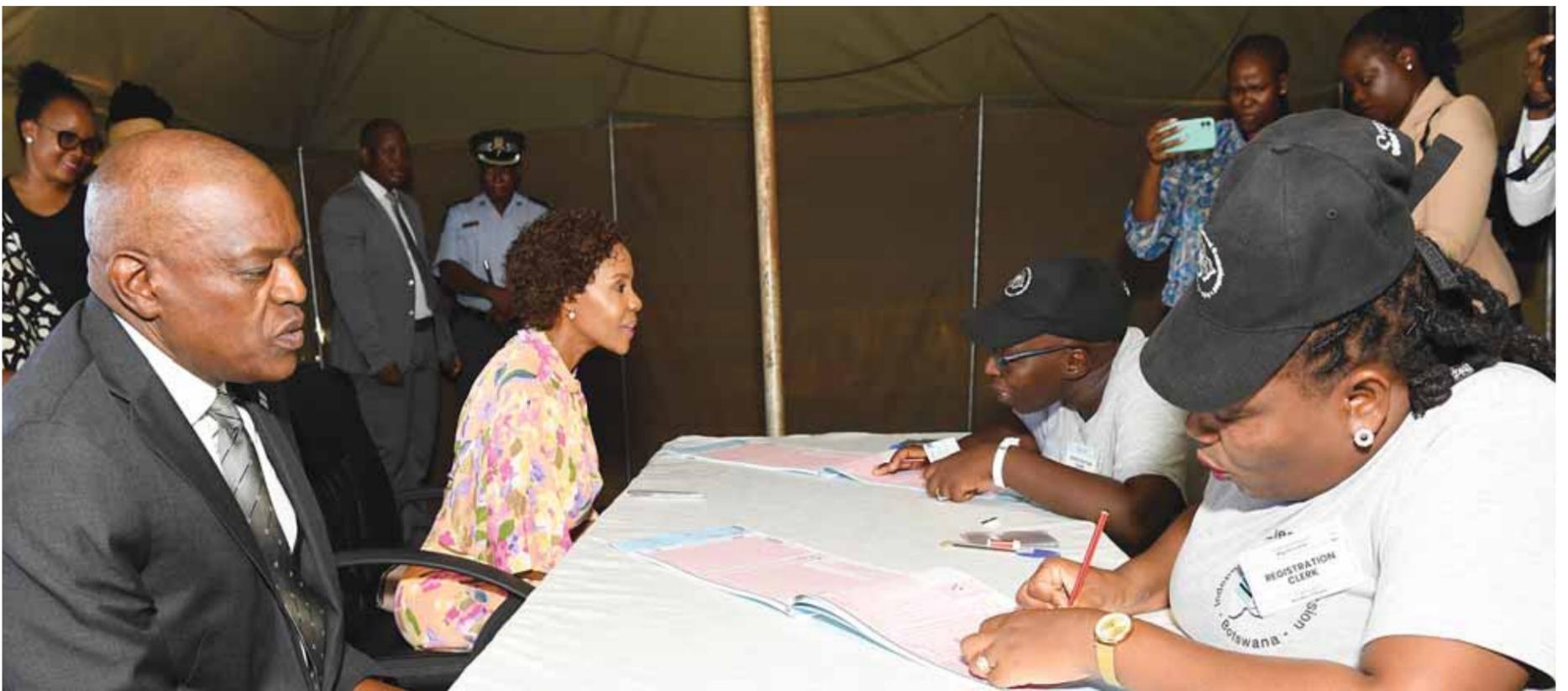
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First couple registers to vote



President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (left) and First Lady Neo (second left) registering to vote in the upcoming general elections in Moshupa yesterday. President Masisi urged every citizen of Botswana aged 18 years and older, in possession of a valid national identity card to register to vote. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

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MP cautions beneficiaries against selling livestock

By Lechedzani Morapedi

TONOTA - Residents of Mabesekwa have been urged to refrain from selling livestock given to them under the poverty eradication programmes.

Addressing the residents recently, Member of Parliament for Tonota, Mr Pono Moatlhodi said livestock theft was a serious crime punishable by law.

He urged residents to help the police to arrest culprits of such criminal acts as they were members of their community.

He said there were reports that some of the poverty eradicate beneficiaries sold the livestock given to them and claimed it was stolen.

He advised residents to refrain from doing so as the livestock was

government property.

Mr Moatlhodi also advised residents to stay away from alcohol, as it contributed to other criminal activities such as rape and theft.

He further urged parents to avoid from leaving children alone when going to the fields, which exposes them to threats such as defilement.

He said cases of defilement were rising in the area and this called for maximum care and supervision of minors.

He added that it was the responsibility of parents to ensure that children were protected, taken care of and received education without any distraction.

Giving an overview of the village, Kgosi Khutsafalo Sehathololo, complained that water connection in the village was slow and caused traffic at standpipes.

He pleaded with Water Utilities Corporation to quicken the water connection process.

He said that some farmers fetched water with big tanks to water their livestock thereby causing shortage for human consumption.

Kgosi Sehathololo also complained that land allocation was also slow.

He said this was delaying growth of the village as the youth could not develop the village without plots.

Kgosi Sehathololo further complained that people were allocated boreholes inside ploughing fields and such boreholes were now used to water livestock that was kept in the fields.

He added that the livestock kept in ploughing fields ended up destroying field fences and crops.

Kgosi Sehathololo also noted

some ploughing fields owners closed passages causing difficulties for residents leading their livestock to watering points.

He said such owners were not cooperative when called for consultative meetings.

He also decried theft of livestock given to beneficiaries of poverty eradication programmes and the Youth Development Fund.

Kgosi Sehathololo said livestock theft was escalating.

The village chief also complained of 41 alcohol depots in the village, saying they contributed to crime.

Responding to issues of illegal closing of passages between fields, Tonota Land Board assistant chairperson, Ms Seeletso Merafhe said land extension should be agreed upon by neighbours and

the inspection team made sure passages were not affected unless such passages were illegally closed.

Ms Merafhe also explained that integrated farming allowed farmers to drill boreholes and expand their farms but their livestock was supposed to be contained within the farms.

She also said land allocation preparation was in progress and allocation would start soon.

For his part, Mr Moetedi Mashabi, a Mabesekwa resident, complained of promises that were never delivered to residents, citing playgrounds and a junior school as examples. **BOPA**

Boang new envoy to Ethiopia, AU

GABORONE - President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi has appointed Mr Tebelelo Boang as Botswana's Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union (AU).

A press release from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs says Ambassador-Designate Boang is a seasoned career diplomat with over twenty years' experience in foreign service.

He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1991 as a Foreign Affairs Officer and rose through the ranks serving in different capacities at the Botswana diplomatic missions abroad and at headquarters, states the release.

In his most recent portfolio, as the Director for the Department of Europe and the Americas, the release says, he played a key role promoting relations between Botswana and countries in the Americas and Europe, as well as with the European Union and the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States.

"His other roles at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, included serving with the Permanent Mission of Botswana to the United Nations in New York, where he covered international peace and security issues including during Botswana's tenure as a Non-Permanent Member of the UN Security Council (1995-1996)," says the release.

It further says Mr Boang was also engaged with matters pertaining to the work of the Africa Group and the Non-Aligned Movement at the UN.

In addition to serving with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador-Designate Boang has also worked as a Political Affairs Officer with the United Nations focusing on peacekeeping issues in Somalia, Eritrea and Ethiopia.

As Botswana's envoy in Addis Ababa, Ambassador-Designate Boang is expected to among others, be instrumental in facilitating Botswana's contributions to the continental development agenda including the transformative AU Agenda 2063, which seeks to realise 'an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa'.

Ambassador-Designate Boang will take up his appointment in February. **BOPA**

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President urges Batswana to register

By Moshe Galeragwe

MOSHUPA - The President, Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi, has encouraged Batswana to register to vote in order to fully exercise their right in building a democratically elected government.

President Masisi made the call during a press conference after he and First Lady Neo registered to vote at Mosielele Primary School in Moshupa yesterday.

The move by President Masisi to register also presents him as a potential candidate for the Presidency in the next general elections billed for October.

He said registering to vote in the impending general elections was his civic duty and constitutional right as established by law and qualified by the Electoral Act.

"The time will come where according to law, all who aspire to be Presidents of this country will register themselves as Presidential candidates before the Chief Justice," he said.

He said every Motswana aged 18 years and over with a valid national identity card was eligible to register in the ongoing general registration process.

Again, he said a person who had registered was granted an opportunity to exercise their right as the law permitted when a poll was called.

On other issues, the President said the voting process was governed by law and therefore all registered persons must abide by it.

"On voting day one must not wear colours of any political party in contest, not carry out any campaign or disrupt, disturb, interfere with the process of voting," said the President.

He cautioned people against engaging in any activities that would interfere with those laid down by the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) for a free and fair election.

"IEC is solely mandated to organise and run an election process which includes among others counting and verifying the cast ballots and releasing the

results of the poll," he added.

He further said following dissolution of Parliament, a poll would be held where all registered would freely be allowed to elect a government of their choice.

President Masisi also said time would come where political parties would also have the opportunity to present themselves to the people canvassing for votes.

"It is important for all to submit themselves to the law and by so doing submit forehand that they will accept the outcome of the elections. In the event that one has reason to suspect that something may have gone wrong, there is a well elaborated procedure governed by the law enabling one to challenge an election result," he said.

President Masisi urged all eligible citizens to take advantage of the short and compressed registration period and register in order to democratically elect a government of their choice.

He said Botswana was celebrated worldwide for nurturing and maintaining the democratic process of choosing a government.

Dr Masisi said the country had the oldest multiparty and stable democracy in Africa and among few in the world.

"I plead that you journalists extend this plea to everyone, yourselves included to go and elect those that you think could run the affairs of this country best. As I have said, at a time appropriate I will be among those who present themselves as candidates for the Presidency so that there is healthy competition. You can judge us by our record, by our integrity, delivery and what you think will work best for this country. You are completely free to make whatever choice you want and live with it. I want to urge you to register and vote at the 13th elections," he said.

Furthermore, he said Botswana had a history in terms of consistency in the voting process as well as building and strengthening the 'fabric of the nation'. **BOPA**



President Masisi (right) addressing members of the media after registering to vote in Moshupa yesterday. He said the law governed the voting process and therefore all registered persons must abide by it in order to fully exercise their right in building a democratically elected government. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

Masisi confident of win in 2024 elections

By Moshe Galeragwe

MOSHUPA - President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi says not registering to vote on the first day of the general elections registration process should not be seen as a delayed move because he registered within the prescribed period.

"My wife and I took the decision to register on this day," he told a press conference after registering to vote at Mosielele Primary School in Moshupa yesterday.

President Masisi said he spent the initial days of the registration process motivating and mobilising people to register as well as checking the progress of the registration process throughout the country.

Regarding his preparedness and confidence to win the coming general elections, President Masisi said his party was ready and that all he was waiting for was to be sworn in for the second term. He said most Batswana were also eager to see him take his second term because of what his government had done, citing the fight against COVID-19 while the country earned zero income and guiding the economy to what it was today.

President Masisi also said through his leadership the country was able to enter into a much better deal with De Beers.

He added that his government

also closed the borders for many vegetable imports and school uniforms thereby encouraging local production of such.

President Masisi said under his leadership government was able to upgrade subordinate districts into full districts to improve service delivery.

Dr Masisi said another positive development was the introduction of indigenous languages at public primary schools.

He added that even after multiple droughts and the COVID-19 pandemic that had hit the country, government was able to come up with an infrastructural budget of over P13 billion.

He said he would leave office at the end of his term with the country strong, powerful and with a sense of direction.

On allegations of meeting former president, Dr Lt Gen. Seretse Khama Ian Khama during the festive season, President Masisi said there was no meeting and no reason for such a meeting, adding that they had agreed to disagree.

President Masisi also said a letter from Maun West Member of Parliament, Mr Dumelang Saleshando asking him to call an all party conference had been replied.

He said he could not respond to the letter prior to the legal battle that resulted in the halting of the voter registration process, adding that it would have been unethical

to deliberate on an issue that was before a court of law.

President Masisi added that calling an all party conference was not his mandate but that of the Minister for State President.

He also noted that the law prescribed the mandate that established the structure as well as how and when its meeting would be convened.

Dr Masisi said other issues that were contained in the letter would be responded to at the right platform.

He, however, said the all party conference would not discuss issues that were not part of its mandate. On accusations that the ruling party controlled state media, President Masisi said the public media was used to disseminate government policies and programmes as well as to get feedback from citizens.

He said opposition parties would do the same thing if given the opportunity to govern, adding that government was not restricting other parties' access to the public media.

He said there were also allegations that the President and ministers were abusing government vehicles by using them to travel to political activities.

He wondered why it was deemed wrong for ministers and the President to use official vehicles while executing their mandate. **BOPA**

First couple registers to vote in Moshupa

By Ketshepile More

MOSHUPA - President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi and First Lady Neo yesterday registered to vote in the coming general elections.

The first couple registered at Mosielele Primary School in the Moshupa/Manyana Constituency.

Registration Clerk, Ms Batshegi Mpebe said registration at Mosielele Primary School was currently slow, indicating

that since the voter registration exercise started, the number of people who registered at the registration point stood at 130.

She added that most of those who registered were young people.

Approximately 1 586 people have registered in the entire Moshupa/Manyana Constituency since the registration exercise started.

Ms Mpebe said they had not experienced any challenges so far.

She said they were expecting more numbers as registration continued.

Registration to vote for 2024 general elections started on January 5 and will end on February 3. **BOPA**

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LUSAKA - Health workers and relatives of patients at Lusaka Hospital cholera treatment centre. Zambia on Sunday announced more stringent measures aimed at containing the cholera outbreak. Photo: Xinhua

Zambia tightens cholera prevention measures

LUSAKA - Zambia on Sunday announced more stringent measures aimed at containing the cholera outbreak.

Minister of Health Sylvia Masebo said government introduced a clause in a statutory instrument announced earlier to enhance cholera prevention and control measures.

She told reporters during a press briefing that the introduced clause also prohibits

the entry of bedsitters into the cholera treatment centers and the safe burial of cholera suspects.

Other earlier measures include restriction of trading of food in unsanitary conditions, prohibition of funeral gatherings for people dying of cholera, while churches were only allowed to meet for a maximum two hours. "The number of new cases is still very high.

Even as we have continued to fight cholera in a multisectoral manner," she said.

The country recorded 431 new cases and 11 deaths in the past 24 hours in six of the country's 10 provinces, while 388 people were discharged.

A total of 9 155 people have been affected since the waterborne disease broke out in October while 362 have died. *Xinhua*

Tanzania shuts down collapsed mine

SIMIYU - Tanzanian authorities on Sunday closed down mining activities at a gold mine that killed 22 miners after it had collapsed on Saturday morning in Simiyu region in northern Tanzania.

The Minister of Minerals Anthony Mavunde announced the closure of the gold mine when he addressed a public rally at Ikinabushu in the Bariadi district.

Mavunde said the gold mine will remain closed until mining experts undertake a detailed assessment before it reopens.

"Her Excellency President Samia Suluhu Hassan has sent a condolence message following the deaths of the 22 miners," he said.

The 22 miners were killed on Saturday after the gold mine collapsed in the morning said

Simiyu regional commissioner, Yahaya Nawanda, on Saturday, adding that the collapse of the mine was triggered by ongoing heavy rains.

Edith Swebe, the Simiyu regional police commander, said the rescue and search for survivors and bodies was halted on Saturday night after it was confirmed that the mine had been cleared. *Xinhua*

Chinese market continues to attract global investors

NAIROBI - The Chinese market remains an attractive destination for global investors, including multinational financial institutions with a large footprint in Africa, given China's accelerated pace of reform and opening up, a banking executive has said.

James Agin, managing principal of the Corporate and Investment Banking Division at Absa Bank Kenya PLC, said in an interview recently, that vibrant Chinese economy had unlocked opportunities for global investors, including banks.

He said China had attracted international firms thanks to its strengths, including advanced technologies, a skilled workforce, a huge consumer base, and an edge in low-cost production.

He noted that China's reform and opening up has facilitated the uninterrupted flow of goods and services while the country's indigenous companies have fostered global economic growth. "We are seeing very big Chinese brands, Chinese companies actually playing a pivotal role in the global economy," Agin said.

The vast Chinese market brings immense opportunities to the world, Agin said, citing the higher spending power of Chinese consumers as the country focuses on inclusive economic development.

Satisfying the huge demand for essential products like Kenyan avocados in the Chinese market has also presented new opportunities for foreign agribusiness firms, Agin said.

He added that China's bilateral trade partners have been able to develop local manufacturing in their bid to boost the export of processed goods to the Asian nation.

"Other economies can now start benefiting not only from getting goods from China but

also supplying into the Chinese economy," said Agin.

China still occupies a strategic place in global and African economies, securing the confidence of global institutional investors like banks, Agin said, revealing Absa Bank's intention to establish a footprint in the Chinese market.

"The next big frontier was to have an office presence in China. As a group, from a strategic perspective, our presence in China is critical for the continued success of enhancing trade between the continent of Africa and China," Agin said.

He noted that robust China-Kenya trade relations have boosted foreign currency flows into the Kenyan economy while investments from Beijing have injected vitality into key sectors like housing, energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing.

Agin said Absa has partnered with the China Development Bank, helping the lender gain access to Chinese industries and investors while boosting its capacity to finance projects. He said this partnership with the China Development Bank has also enabled the lender to fulfill some of its core objectives, such as deepening and enhancing the involvement of Chinese businesses in Africa.

According to Agin, Absa Bank has set up a pan-African team to cater to Chinese businesses, adding that sensitivity to cultural nuances has been key to cementing ties with Chinese clients.

Last year, Absa Bank announced the setting up of a China desk staffed with Mandarin-speaking professionals to offer a range of services to investors from the Asian nation and deepen trade relations with Kenya, he said. *Xinhua*

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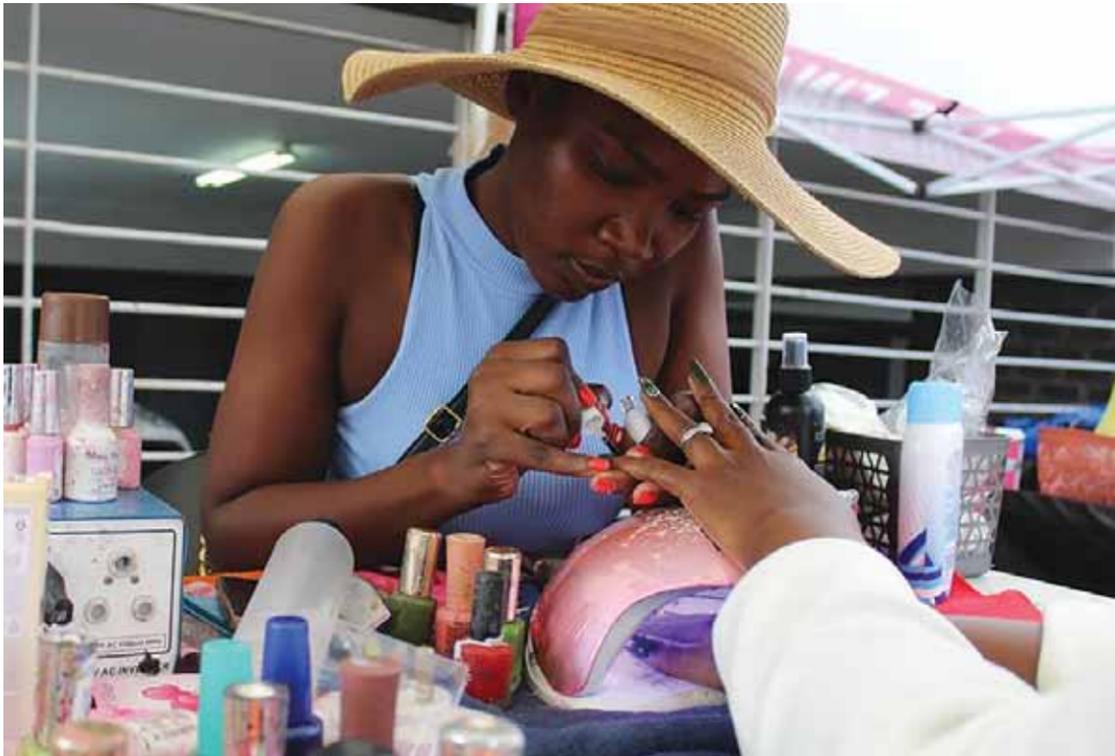
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FRANCISTOWN - A woman applies nail polish to a client on a street of Francistown. An increasing number of young Batswana women is seizing an avalanche of business opportunities in the beauty and fashion industry provided by imported Chinese products. Photo: by Xinhua

Batswana find business opportunities in Chinese products

IMF chief says AI will affect almost 40 per cent of jobs worldwide

WASHINGTON DC - The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said on Sunday that artificial intelligence (AI) will affect almost 40 per cent of jobs around the world, calling for a careful balance of policies to tap its potential.

"We are on the brink of a technological revolution that could jumpstart productivity, boost global growth and raise incomes around the world. Yet it could also replace jobs and deepen inequality," Georgieva said in a blog, citing a new IMF analysis, which examined the potential impact of AI on the global labour market.

Historically, automation and information technology have tended to affect routine tasks, but one of the things that sets AI apart is its ability to impact high-skilled jobs, the blog noted.

"As a result, advanced economies face greater risks from AI but also more opportunities to leverage its benefits compared with emerging market and developing economies," according to the blog. In advanced economies, about 60 per cent of jobs may be impacted by AI.

In emerging markets and low-income countries, by contrast, AI exposure is expected to be 40 per cent and 26 per cent, respectively.

However, many of these countries don't have the infrastructure or skilled workforces to harness the benefits of AI, raising the risk that over time the technology could worsen inequality among nations.

Noting that AI could also affect income and wealth inequality within countries, Georgieva said that in most

scenarios, AI will likely worsen overall inequality, a troubling trend that policymakers must proactively address to prevent the technology from further stoking social tensions.

"It is crucial for countries to establish comprehensive social safety nets and offer retraining programs for vulnerable workers. In doing so, we can make the AI transition more inclusive, protecting livelihoods and curbing inequality," she said.

The IMF chief suggested that advanced economies prioritise AI innovation and integration while developing robust regulatory frameworks.

For emerging markets and developing economies, the priority should be laying a strong foundation through investments in digital infrastructure and a digitally competent workforce, she said. *Xinhua*

GABORONE - An increasing number of young Batswana women is seizing business opportunities in the beauty and fashion industry provided by imported Chinese products. Even those without formal qualifications in the beauty and fashion industry, many of them told *Xinhua* in recent separate interviews that they are making a living with imported Chinese beauty products that are in high demand in Botswana.

To Gaone Madibela, a 30-year-old self-taught phone technician, the industry is lucrative compared to formal jobs in the sense that women across the globe always want to look beautiful and sophisticated. "The earnings are more than sufficient, as they (earnings) have increased three times when compared to what I was getting while working," said Madibela, who sells imported Chinese phone pouches and fitting screen protectors on the streets of Francistown. Her monthly income has increased to between US\$296 and US\$444 from a paltry US\$111 which she was earning while working as a shop assistant at a grocery shop.

According to Madibela, phone pouches which sell for US\$3.7 and US\$5, depending on the quality of the phone, are in high

demand in Botswana while she fits screen protectors for US\$26.

"Experience has shown me that women can part with large sums of money for fashion and many of them want to carry smartphones that need screen protectors," said Madibela, adding that this has brought her a lot of business.

Faith Rukuro, 22, from Mabele in the northern Botswana, said she ventured into the beauty industry after seeing opportunities in dealing with Chinese products. "I am now working as a nail technician.

This came along after realizing that the products are easily accessible since most Chinese businesspeople bring these products into Botswana," said Rukuro. With no qualification in beauty therapy, the techno-savvy Rukuro told *Xinhua* that she had relied on the YouTube platform to learn how to become a nail technician. Rukuro said Chinese beauty products are very cheap, especially if one orders online through Alibaba, a Chinese multinational technology company specialising in e-commerce, retail, internet and technology, hence the huge profit margins she and her competitors in the local beauty industry are enjoying. As a cost-cutting measure, Rukuro said she normally partners with friends and business associates when importing nail polishes and other necessities of her industry and shares import duty charges.

Aobakwe Molefhi, 23, a beauty therapist with imported Chinese products, dreams of opening a beauty parlor that will specialize in massage therapy and other services. In her opinion, with the profits brought by Chinese beauty and fashion products, more Batswana women can make a living and have a better life. "My other dream is to establish a learning institution to empower my fellow citizens with the know-how, especially women," she said. *Xinhua*

Global GDP could fall by 4.5% in extreme 'de-risking'

WASHINGTON DC - The International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Thursday reiterated that the cost of fragmentation would be significant, noting that global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) could fall by 4.5 per cent in extreme "de-risking" scenario.

"We do see some initial signs of de-risking and fragmentation in the data that we're looking at," IMF spokesperson Julie Kozack said at a press briefing in response to a question from

Xinhua.

Certain foreign direct investment (FDI) is increasingly flowing among geopolitically aligned countries, supply chains are lengthening and there is gradual increase in trade restrictions over the last five years or so, Kozack said.

Citing a recent research released in the IMF's Regional Economic Outlook for Asia & Pacific in October 2023, the spokesperson said IMF staff looked at the

economic implications of "de-risking" strategies.

"It found that there can be a drag on growth from some of these strategies.

So for example, the study finds that global GDP could fall by 1.8 per cent in certain scenarios," Kozack said.

She noted that in a more "extreme" scenario - "a full reshoring scenario" - global GDP could decline by 4.5 per cent.

In a recent interview with

CNN, IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva warned that allowing fragmentation of the global economy to continue could ultimately reduce global GDP even more significantly.

"So we are all better off to find ways to reduce frictions, to concentrate on security concerns that are real and meaningful, and not go willy-nilly in fragmenting the world economy," Georgieva said. "We would end up with a smaller pie," *Xinhua*

UN envoy expresses optimism about achieving peace in Sudan

KHARTOUM - UN secretary general's Envoy to Sudan Ramtane Lamamra on Sunday expressed optimism about the possibility of achieving peace and stability and ending the conflict in Sudan.

Lamamra made the remarks while meeting with Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, the chairman of Sudan's Transitional Sovereign Council and general commander of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), in Port Sudan, the sovereign council said in a statement.

Lamamra said that he held consultations during his visit to Sudan with a number of officials and representatives of civil society, vowing to work with all parties to crystallize the UN's positive role.

"These meetings have greatly contributed to acquainting me with the realities of Sudan and the official Sudanese point of view

toward some initiatives aiming to achieve a peaceful solution and launching a peace process that allows the Sudanese people to restore decent life under an independent sovereign state," he noted. Al-Burhan briefed the UN envoy on the efforts to seek a peaceful solution, stressing the Sudan government's commitment to democratic transformation and a transitional period that ends with general elections.

Sudan has been witnessing deadly clashes between the SAF and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces since April 15, 2023. More than 7.3 million people have been displaced inside and outside Sudan since the conflict broke out, and more than 12,000 people have been killed in the fighting, according to the latest update by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). *Xinhua*



GEDAREF CITY - Sudanese civilians walking through an empty road with most shops closed for security reasons in eastern Sudan. Photo: Xinhua

Kenya doubles electricity imports from neighboring countries

NAIROBI - Kenya has more than doubled its power imports from neighboring countries amid increased demand, the national bureau said in a new economic report released Friday.

The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) said the country imported 706.9 million kWh of electricity from Ethiopia and Uganda in the first 11 months of 2023, up from 288.27 million kWh in a similar period in 2022. The bulk of the power imports 546.5 million kWh were sourced from Ethiopia during the period, according to KNBS, with the country emerging as

Kenya's biggest supplier of electricity in the region. Ethiopia has supplanted Uganda from the position, which for years was Kenya's top source of power imports.

Kenya Energy Transmission Company (KETRACO), which builds power transmission lines in the country, recently completed construction of the 500kV Ethiopia-Kenya interconnector line, which has enabled Kenya to import cheaper hydropower, according to the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA). The line will facilitate regional power trade in eastern

Africa.

Power imports from Ethiopia are expected to rise by 200 MW over the next three years, increasing the import capacity from the country to 400 MW, according to EPRA.

Kenya's installed power generation stands at about 3,078 MW while the total effective interconnected capacity is about 2,925 MW.

The system peak demand averages 2,057 MW while the average available capacity is 2,035MW, necessitating the imports, according to EPRA. *Xinhua*



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Zambia lists green bond on local bourse

LUSAKA - Zambia on Friday listed the country's first-ever green bond on the capital market by a local company involved in the energy sector to raise funds for further investment.

The Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC) hopes to raise about US\$200 million for its solar energy projects for the production of about 200 MW of power.

In his remarks delivered during a ceremony on the listing of the green bond on the Lusaka Stock Exchange, Minister of Finance and National Planning Situmbeko Musokotwane commended the company on its decision to raise capital for further investment in energy generation on the capital market.

"This move supports government's commitment to climate mitigation while also focusing on building and developing key sectors of the

economy," he said.

He also said the decision paved the way for other companies to raise green finance for their businesses to contribute to the growth of the country's economy.

Collins Nzovu, the minister of

Green Economy and Environment, said attracting green finance was an important aspect of enabling Zambia's transition to a climate-resilient and inclusive green economy under the green growth strategy.

He said the CEC's green bond listing would go a long way as it was aimed at mobilising financial resources to lower carbon emissions and reduce carbon footprint to achieve environmental sustainability, adding that it was

also a demonstration of how public-private partnership could support Zambia's green growth strategy.

Last year, the government finalised regulations for issuing green bonds locally to support climate-related projects. *Xinhua*

Zim to declare missing cyclone victims dead

HARARE - The High Court of Zimbabwe is set to declare 279 people who went missing after Cyclone Idai hit the country in 2019, state media reported on Saturday.

This follows a class action instituted by Attorney General Virginia Mabhiza, which has not been opposed by anyone. Cyclone Idai hit Zimbabwe in mid-March 2019 and caused massive damage to infrastructure and crops as

floods swept away scores of people.

Areas that were mainly affected were the southeastern districts of Chipinge and Chimanimani in Manicaland Province.

According to the Department of Civil Protection, all the 341 people who were confirmed dead were buried soon after the disaster, while many others remained missing.

The police still had 279 people listed as missing, state-run The Herald newspaper said. According

to the paper, Mabhiza exercised her constitutional mandate in defense of the public interest and, in early December 2023, instituted the class action where she sought objections from interested people.

If confirmed by the High Court, the action would enable families to obtain death certificates.

This would also enable them to sort out inheritance issues and ensure that surviving minor children are placed under the care

of parents and guardians, the paper said.

Under ordinary law, relatives of a person missing can approach the courts after five years to have that person declared legally dead, the paper said.

However, Mabhiza instituted the class action so that the families, many of whom are poor, could have the declaration made without paying any legal costs, the paper added. *Xinhua*

Gaza patients in dire need of medical care

GAZA - Yousuf Ali, a Palestinian cancer patient, still struggled to get life-saving treatment as the deadly Israel-Hamas conflict has ravaged the Gaza Strip for 100 days.

Ali, suffering from lung cancer, said his health condition has deteriorated due to poor access to any proper medical treatment since the onset of the conflict on Oct. 7, 2023.

"For three years, I used to receive periodic treatment at hospitals in the West Bank and Israel to keep my condition stable, before the war flipped my life upside down," the patient recalled.

The 44-year-old man was forced to leave his house and relocate to Rafah, like many of the more than 1.9 million internally displaced Gaza residents.

Since then (the start of the conflict), "I have neither received any specialty drugs nor any medical examination from a specialist," he told Xinhua, lamenting that his pain has grown twice as intense as before.

"I am dying slowly, and no one is caring about us (the patients)," he said.

The enduring conflict has also endangered 51-year-old Samira Ziara, a heart disease patient, who also has not received any treatment since the war erupted.

"Unfortunately, my mother is witnessing a record and painful situation in light of the deterioration of her health and her lack of medical care and medicines while at the same time diseases and epidemics spread in shelters," Samira's son Kamal Ziara told Xinhua.

He said he could not stand to lose his mother, calling on the international community to help Gaza patients receive treatments either inside Gaza or allow them to travel outside to receive health care.

Under massive Israeli siege and bombardment, the casualties in Gaza were horrific, and the toll is still on the rise.

More than 23 800 Palestinians have been killed, and over 60 000 others were injured, according to figures released by the Gaza-based Health Ministry.

The Israeli escalation came in

retaliation for an attack by Hamas, in which its militants killed about 1,200 people and took away more than 200 as hostages.

Besides the shocking deaths and injuries, Gaza is suffering from a worsening humanitarian crisis, exacerbated by power outages, fuel exhaustion, and cut-off communications.

"More than 1.9 million displaced people suffer from catastrophic conditions due to the lack of daily necessities and medical care," Ismail Thawabta, director general of the government media office in Gaza, told Xinhua.

"Out of the 325 shelters in Gaza, only 150 have medical points at a time when most hospitals and primary health centers have been out of service," Thawabta said. Local medical authorities have detected more than 400 000 cases of diseases and epidemics at a time of challenges posed by harsh winter conditions, he added.

Meanwhile, only nine out of the total 36 hospitals and 19 of the 72 healthcare centers are now operating in Gaza, with their average occupancy rate being 351 percent and the occupancy rate of intensive care units (ICU) at 261 percent, according to the Hamas-run Health Ministry.

According to the media office of the Rafah crossing, 972 patients were transferred outside the enclave to receive medical care, consisting of 571 wounded and 401 patients of various diseases, including cancers. "It is of great importance to firstly evacuate the more than 5 300 people facing serious and complex health conditions in Gaza to receive necessary and appropriate care abroad," Ashraf al-Qedra, spokesperson of the Gaza-based Health Ministry, told Xinhua.

"We are suffering from a severe shortage of medicines and medical supplies here, including anesthesia, antibiotics, intravenous fluids, pain relievers, insulin, blood and its derivatives," al-Qedra said. Also, medical equipment, such as monitoring devices, respirators, incubators, X-rays, CT scans, analysis devices, and anesthesia, are not operating in hospitals due to power outages, the spokesperson

noted.

Meanwhile, overcrowded shelters for the displaced, which have become a hotbed for infectious diseases amid poor sanitation and running out of sanitizers and

vaccine stocks, are facing the imminent danger of a public health crisis.

According to the World Health Organization, Gaza hospitals also face a deficiency of medical staff,

including surgeons, neurosurgeons, and ICU staff, while medics on the ground have to deal with extremely volatile working conditions amid fear of Israeli bombardment. *Xinhua*



GAZA CITY - People mourning dead Palestinians at the graves in Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City. Photo: Xinhua

Uganda completes renovation works at major airport

UGANDA - Renovation and upgrade works at Uganda's Entebbe International Airport have been completed ahead of the Non-Aligned Movement and the G77+China summits, a senior official has said.

The East African country has been upgrading the arrival and departure units, as well as expanding the parking space at the airport, ahead of the two major international events scheduled to start next week.

"The airport has enough space to handle between 40 and 65 private jets as well as other aircraft," Ayub Sooma, director of airports and aviation security at the Uganda Civil Aviation Authority

(UCAA), told reporters Thursday on a guided tour of the airport, located 40 km south of Kampala, the capital of Uganda.

Sooma said that although he did not expect congestion at the airport, plans have already been made with neighboring countries to use their international airports in case of any crisis.

Several works have been completed, including the renovation of runways, the construction of a modern cargo handling center, the construction of new arrival and departure terminals, as well as expansion of the car parking lot.

Some of the works were part of the expansion and upgrade of the

airport, a US\$200-million project financed by the Import-Export Bank of China.

At least 1 500 delegates and more than 50 heads of state from 134 countries are expected to attend the NAM summit from January 15-20 and G77+China summit from the January 21-22 according to organizers.

The theme of the NAM Summit is Deepening Cooperation For Shared Global Affluence, while the G77+China Summit (Third South Summit) will be held under the theme Leaving No One Behind. Uganda says it will use the two summits to promote South-South cooperation and solidarity among member states. *Xinhua*

Prime Minister proclaims Frederik king

COPENHAGEN - Denmark's Crown Prince Frederik was formally proclaimed king by the country's prime minister Mette Frederiksen on Sunday.

"Long live His Majesty King Frederik, the Tenth," declared Frederiksen on the balcony of Christiansborg Palace alongside Frederik X.

"The crown prince ... is a king we know, a king we care about, and a king we trust."

Following his mother Queen Margrethe's abdication after 52 years as monarch, Frederik X ascended the Danish throne.

"Bound, committed, for the Kingdom of Denmark," said Frederik X in an electoral motto shortly after being proclaimed as king of the country.

Earlier in the day, Queen Margrethe signed a declaration of abdication and handed the throne to her son, then crown prince Frederik.

Thousands of people gathered in the square outside the palace where the royal succession occurred on Sunday, witnessing the event.

In her address delivered on New Year's Eve, Queen Margrethe announced that she would be abdicating on Jan. 14 and that she would hand over the throne to her eldest son.



COPENHAGEN - Denmark's newly proclaimed King Frederik X waving on the balcony of Christiansborg Palace in Denmark. Denmark's Crown Prince Frederik was formally proclaimed king by the country's prime minister Mette Frederiksen on Sunday. Photo: Xinhua

She justified it with a back operation that she had in February. *Xinhua*

Zimbabwean government advises farmers to stop planting amid drought fears

HARARE - Amid forecasts of an El Nino-induced drought, the Zimbabwean government has advised farmers to stop planting crops for the summer rainfall season, warning that the country is likely to experience a short and sharp farming season.

According to the country's Meteorological Services Department, Zimbabwe is likely to experience normal to below-normal rainfall in the 2023-24 agricultural season due to the El-Nino phenomenon that may also affect southern Africa.

Zimbabwe's main rainfall season normally runs from October to March, but due to the El Nino phenomenon, rains delayed by about five weeks and were erratic during November, leading early planted crops to suffer from severe moisture stress.

Meaningful rains only started in late December as the El Nino phenomenon appeared to be weakening, and the government advised farmers to continue planting until early January.

However, Obert Jiri, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Water, Fisheries and Rural Development, said on Sunday that there were indications that this year's season was likely to be "short and sharp" hence the need for farmers to stop further planting.

"We expect that we are going to

continue receiving rains, but that they might end abruptly at the end of February into early March. We will have a short, sharp season," Jiri was quoted as saying by the state-controlled Sunday Mail newspaper on Sunday.

He advised farmers to stop planting despite the rains being received in the country. "Those who had prepared should also consider short-season varieties since we have a short season," he said. El Nino can disrupt the usual regional weather patterns, leading to more unpredictable and extreme weather events. Floods can follow droughts and intense cyclones become more likely.

Climate expert Walter Svinurai told the weekly paper that farmers need to climate-proof their production, adding that Zimbabwe may experience a moderate drought and not a full-blown drought this year. Agriculture is the nerve center of Zimbabwe's economy, contributing between 15 to 18 percent to the country's gross domestic product, according to the government statistics.

Finance and Economic Development and Investment Promotion Minister Mthuli Ncube has projected that Zimbabwe's 2024 economic growth rate will slow to 3.5 percent from 5.3 percent in 2023 due to the expected impact of the El Nino phenomenon. *Xinhua*



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Mokwaledi wa khansela ya Bokone Botlhaba, Rre Leboile Israel (molemeng) le modulasetilo wa khansela, Rre Kudzani Tobokwani ba le kwa phuthagong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke mopalamente wa Tati Botlhaba, Dr Douglas Letsholathebe kwa Matshelagabedi ka Labothano. Dr Letsholathebe o gakolotse banni go ikwadisetse ditlhopho ka bontsi. Senepe: Thamani Shabani

Modukanele o lekola kgaolo ya gagwe

Ka Portia Rapitsenyane

MAUNATLALA - Mopalamente wa Lerala/Maunatlala, Rre Setlhabelo Modukanele a re Temo Letlotlo ke lenaneo le le santseng le le lesa, ka jalo thuto e tshwanetse e nne ntsi ka lone gore le nne mo ditlhaloganyong tsa balemi fela jaaka mananeo a mangwe a a simolotseng fela jaaka lone.

Rre Modukanele o buile jaana fa a buisa diphuthago tsa kgotla kwa Lerala, Seolwane, Mosweu, Mokokwana, Maunatlala, Lesenepole, Malaka le Moremi bosheng.

O supile fa balemi ba tshwanetse go nna le tsholofelo e ntsi mo lenaneong la Temo Letlotlo ka puso e ne e le dira e na le maikaelelo a go thusa Batswana.

A re go na le bangwe ba ba buang dipuo tse di seng boammaaruri ka lenaneo la Temo Letlotlo, tse dingwe di tshosa balemi di tshwana le tse di supang fa balemi ba tlaa tsena mo toronkong fa ba ka ikwadisetse lenaneo leo.

O boletse fa bangwe ba batho ba ba buang dipuo tseo ba ikwadiseditse lenaneo e bile ba setse ba lemile, a supa fa setshaba

se tshwanetse go kgathologa dipuo tseo ka di tlaa ba kgoreletsa go lema.

Rre Modukanele a re ntswa mo nakong eno bangwe ba santse ba tsietsega ba sa tlhologanye dilo dingwe ka lenaneo la Temo Letlotlo, ba tshwanetse gore ba seka ba ipona tsapa mme ba botse kana ba kope thuso fa ba sa tlhologanyeng teng.

Ka jalo o ne a kopa banni ba kgaolo ya gagwe go kgathologa dipuo tse di se nang boammaaruri ka lenaneo la Temo Letlotlo mme ba le ikwadisetse gore ba kgone go lema.

Ntswa balemi bangwe ba ne ba supa fa ba bone dithuso tsa go ikwaditsetse Temo Letlotlo go le thari, Rre Modukanele o ne a ba gakolola go tswela ba ikwadisa mme e tlaa re go ntse go tswelsetse sengwe le sengwe se siame ka e le gone le simologang.

A re lenaneo lengwe le lengwe le simolola le na le dingwe tse di sa tlhatswegeng sentle mme e re go tswelsetse go tlhalogangwe gore le ya kae.

O ne a ba rotloetsa go dirisa mananeo a puso. Mo go tse dingwe, Rre Modukanele o tlhalositse fa puso e ne ya lemoga fa leuba le santse le tswelsetse mme ga okediwa dipalo tsa Ipelegeng ka 10 000 lefatshe ka bophara. Koketso e, ke ya dikgwedi tse thataro, e simolotse ka Firikgong jaana mme e tlaa fela ka Seetebosigo.

O ne gape a itsese banni fa puso e ne ya sekegela tsebe seleso sa Batswana gore go sekasekwe

molao o o itebagantseng le go letela tshoko kwa ntle ga mmelaelwa.

A re palamente e e sa tswang go feta e ne ya gagamatsa dingwe mo molaong o o itebagantseng le go letela tshoko kwa ntle gore go seka ga nna motlhofo gore mmelaelwa wa melato e e tshwenyang Batswana e tshwana le ya dipolao tsa batho, go thubetsa le bogodu jwa leruo a letele tshoko a le kwa ntle.

A re Batswana ba ne ba utlwiwisa botlhoko ke gore mmelaelwa o ne a tshwarwa mme e re a sena go tshwarwa jalo a bonwe a setse a letetse tshoko kwa ntle go ise go ye kae ntswa molao wa lefatshe leno o supa fa motho e se modira molato go fitlhelela lekgotla la ditsheko le mmona molato.

A re palamente e ne gape ya fetisa molao o mongwe o o itebagantseng le go gweba ka batho mo go setseng go tshwenya.

A re palamente e ne ya gagamatsa dikothao mo go ba ba dirang molato oo wa go gweba ka batho.

Banni ba metse ya Lerala/Maunatlala ba ne ba kopa ba kabo ya ditsha go ba baya ditsha, ba supa fa ba na le dingwaga di le dintsi ba solofediwa gore ba tlaa bewa mme nako kgolo ke eno.

Ba ne ba supa fa letlhoko la ditsha le ba lotlhanya ka ba nna ba le bantsi mo malwapeng mo ba felelang ba nna le diphapang.

Bangwe ba ne ba bolela fa ba setse ba fetile dingwaga tsa go nna mo malwapeng a batsadi, ka jalo ba tshwanetse go fiwa ditsha. **BOPA**

Tlhaelo ya madi e dia ditlhabololo kwa Bobonong

Ka Gaboselwe Olesitse

SERUMOLA - Tlhaelo ya madi kwa khanseleng ya Bobirwa e bakile melala ya ditlhabololo kwa Bobonong.

Mogolwane go tswa kwa khanseleng ya Bobirwa, Rre Kagiso Bishop o buile jalo a tsibogela dingongora tsa banni ba kgotla ya Serumola mo phuthagong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke mopalamente wa kgaolo, Rre Taolo Lucas ka Laboraro.

Rre Bishop o tlhalositse fa ba ne ba kopile P200 million, go tsamaisa ditiro tsa khansela mme ka mabaka a itsholelo ba ne ba neelwa a a kwa tlase ga a ba neng ba a kopile.

A re mo nakong ya gompiano, khansela e tlhalelwa ke madi a a fetang P40 million, ka jalo, se se raya gore letlhoko le tlaa tswelela fa seemo sa madi mo lefatsheng se ka tswelela se sa tokafale.

Rre Bishop o lekoditsetse banni gore le fa go na le tlhaelo ya madi, ga ba a nna fela, ba tswelsetse ka go dira maiteko a go gopa ditsela fa ba santse ba emetse madi a go di baakanya.

O tlhalositse fa katakata e santse e le kwa Mabolwe, Semolale le Gobojango mme e tlaa bo e boetse kwa Bobonong mo dibekeng tse pedi tse di tlang.

Rre Bishop o tlhalositse fa tsela e e tshwaraganyang Sefhophe le Bobonong e setse e le kgologolo mme e tlhoka gore e ka bo e setse e shafaditse, jalo a supa gore le fa ba leka go thiba mahuti mo go yone, seo ga se dire pharologanyo epe.

E ne e rile go le pele mothusa modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa Bobonong Bophirima, Rre Runet Badubi a lekodisa mopalamente fa seloko se se fitlhelwang kwa dikgotleng tsa Mabumahibidu le Malepane se dira gore ka nako ya dipula ditsela di bo di sa tsamae.

A re tsela e tshwana le ya Mosalakwane e tlhoka go tsibogelwa ka bonako ka e tshwaraganya balemi le masimo a bone.

Rre Badubi o ne a lekodisa mopalamente fa metsi a gorogile kwa kgaolong ya Mosalakwane le fa ntlha e nngwe a sa goroga.

O kopile mopalamente go bua le ba Water Utilities go ba thusa ka tanka ya metsi go ba fokoletsa mosepele wa go latela metsi kgakala.

Rre Lucas o supile fa puso e sa tswa go oketsa dipalo tsa Ipeleng ka 10 000 lefatshe ka bophara, e dira se e lebile letlhoko la ditiro gore batho ba le mmalwa ba kgone go tsenya letsogo mme ba kgone go

tsisa dijo mo lwapeng le fa go sa lekana.

A re go bothokwa gore le letseno la madi le okediwe.

Koketso e, ke ya dikgwedi tse thataro, e simolotse ka Firikgong jaana mme e tlaa fela ka Seetebosigo.

Mabapi le letlhoko la madi kwa khanseleng, Rre Lucas o tlhalositse fa a itse ka seemo se mme a tshwaraganetse kgang e le bogogi jwa motse bo tshwana le dikgosi, makhanselara, dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo le badiri ba khansela, go bona gore ba ka tsibogela seemo se jang.

Rre Lucas a re go a itumedisa ka puso e ne ya tsaya tshwetso ya gore madi a ditlhabololo tsa kgaolo a dirisiwe go dira ditsela tsa mo motseng. A re tsholofelo ke gore fa ba kgonang teng ba tlaa nna ba dira bontlha bongwe jwa tsone.

A re se se tshwenyang ke gore le dipalamo tsa setshaba ga di sa tlhole di isa batho kwa ba batlang go ya teng ka ntata ya ditsela tse di sa siamang.

Rre Lucas o kgothaditse batsadi go tshwaraganela thuto ya bana le barutabana, gore maduo a bonale.

O akgotse dikole tse dipotlana tsa Lepokole le Lentswelemoriti tse di fentseng ka 100 per cent mo maduong a a sa tswang go gololwa a lokwalo lwa bosupa. **BOPA**



Rre Modukanele a buisa phuthago kwa Lerala bosheng. A re Temo Letlotlo ke lenaneo le le santseng le le lesa, ka jalo thuto e tshwanetse e nne ntsi ka lone gore le nne mo ditlhaloganyong tsa balemi fela jaaka mananeo a mangwe a a simolotseng fela jaaka lone. Senepe: Portia Rapitsenyane

Tautona Masisi o gomotsa ba lelapa loora Senthumoleng

Ka Ketshepile More

MOSHUPA - E ne ya re maabane Tautona Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi o ne a ya gomotsa ba lelapa la ga Rre Senthumoleng Senthumoleng, modiri wa Ofisi ya Merero ya ga Tautona, kwa Moshupa.

Rre Senthumoleng o tlhokafetse kgwedi eno e tlhola malatsi a le marataro.

Mo mafokong a gagwe a kgomotso, Dr Masisi o rotloeditse boora Senthumoleng go ikaega ka Modimo mo nakong e ya kutlobotlhoko, ka e le ene fela a ka ba sidilang maikutlo gore mewa ya bone e seka ya kotlomela.

O kgothatitse bana go sala ba tshwaragane le go tshela jaaka Rre Senthumoleng a ne a ka elets gore ba tshela ka boitumelo ba seka ba wela mewa.

Tautona Masisi o tlhalositse fa a berekile le Rre Senthumoleng ka lebaka pele ga a nna Tautona,

go tswa fa e ne e le Tona mo Ofising ya Merero ya ga Tautona le Bodirela Puso.

“E ne a le motho yo o bonolo, yo o iketlileng, a le theetso le kutlo e bile a eletsega go ka bereka le ene,” Tautona Masisi a tlhalosa a bo a supa fa lesa la ga Rre Senthumoleng le sa ama ba lelapa fela, puso le yone e latlhegetswe.

Moemedi wa lelapa, Rre Sebonego Barungwi o tlhalositse fa Rre Senthumoleng a tlhokafetse mo borokong.

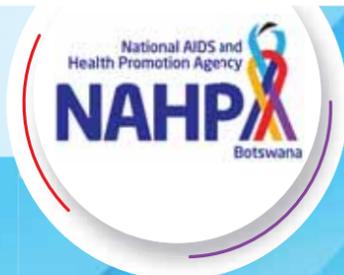
A re ka letsatsi le a tlhokafetseng ka lone, o ne a ikaya a sa ikutlwe sentle mme a ya go rapama.

Rre Barungwi a re Rre Senthumoleng ga a ise a tlhole a tsoga morago ga moo.

Rre Senthumoleng o diretse maphata a puso ka go farologana, mme o tlhokafala a direla kwa Ofising ya Merero ya ga Tautona, mo go tsa phiro le tlhokomelo bodiredi. **BOPA**



Tautona Dr Masisi (mojeng) a ile go tshedisa ba lelapa la ga Rre Senthumoleng yo o bolokilweng bosheng kwa Moshupa. Dr Masisi o rotloeditse ba lelapa le masika go ikaega ka Modimo mo nakong e e thata e. Rre Senthumoleng, yo e neng e le modiri mo Ofising ya Merero ya ga Tautona, o tlhokafetse Firikgong a tlhola malatsi a le marataro a robetse mme a bolokwa Firikgong a tlhola malatsi a le lesome le boraro. Senepe: Felicity Male



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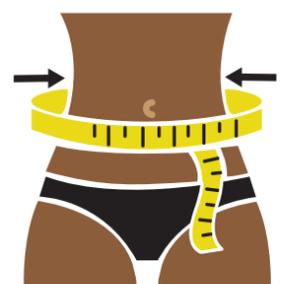
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China's love affair with Italian food

CHONGQING - Panettone, a traditional festive pastry from Italy, has gained increasing popularity among young people in China over the recent Christmas and New Year holiday.

Liu Haozhe, who runs an Italian pizzeria in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, introduced Panettone to his customers at Christmas 2023.

Within five days, he baked nearly 30 loaves, which were snapped up by curious diners.

"This bread contains sugared orange peel, raisins and rum, which provide sweetness and flavor," said Liu. "The addition of butter adds a dense taste to the bread body. The towering and fluffy shape is very festive and can be shared with friends."

In Chongqing, renowned within China for its red peppers and spicy cuisine, another red color has appeared on its food map, tomatoes, a common ingredient in Italian food.

On a local street famous for its exquisite bistros, a restaurant called Richang specializes in handmade pasta.

In 2023, it was listed as a recommended restaurant by an online guide to local food.

Their signature dish is spaghetti Bolognese, while it serves Tagliatelle, a form of pasta from Emilia-Romagna region, with beef and pork belly.

The white wine in the sauce stimulates the aromas of tomato, carrot, onion and meat.

With such additions, the city is equipped to serve up authentic Italian flavors, with all kinds of pasta tempting the taste buds of local young people.

Richang is owned by Sun Wei, who once studied overseas and loves to eat fresh homemade pasta. She opened the restaurant

because she wanted to let people in her hometown experience an authentic Italian style of cuisine.

"The taste of Italian food is more based on tomatoes, which is in line with the tastes of Chinese people," she said.

"With the growing awareness of catering, Chinese people are increasingly fond of a diverse array of food. Italian food ingredients are very rich in taste, and diversified, so it can meet the needs of different customers."

The Italian Food Week held in late 2023 saw a series of food activities held in Chinese cities like Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing and Hong Kong, including more than 30 activities in southwest China.

These included tasting events, cooking classes and various types of promotional activities.

At Richang, diners took part in spaghetti-making classes and learned how wheat flour is turned into spaghetti.

At Bella Napoli, a restaurant in Shanghai, diners not only eat authentic oven-baked pizza but also enjoy Italian-style performances all year round, complete with Mediterranean-style decorations. At various bakeries across China, Italian-style bread is favored by customers.

Wang Yuxuan from Beijing is a lover of Italian bread. She believes that breads such as focaccia and ciabatta are not only chewy but also low in oil and sugar, making them a good carbohydrate choice for people who want to keep fit.

As a representative of the Mediterranean diet, Italian cuisine is not just a list of foods, but more of a lifestyle that helps people maintain their health while building and strengthening social interactions.

Olive oil provides healthy oils, tomatoes inhibit the oxidation of

cholesterol and reduce the risk of heart disease, and the use of spices reduces the amount of oil and salt used, making dishes light and healthy.

Such food has become increasingly popular on the Chinese dinner table, as people pursue diverse health options.

As traditional Italian cuisine grows in popularity among Chinese people, such dishes are also combined with local Chinese ingredients, creating a fusion of the two countries' food cultures.

In southwest China, local ingredients collide with Italian-style food, resulting in culinary innovations.

Some restaurants use tofu as a white sauce, combined with beef, Sichuan peppercorns and other ingredients, to create a Mapo-tofu style lasagna.

In another local innovation, fluffy focaccia bread is stuffed with a filling of salted vegetables, and the whole thing is topped with *shaobai* (a kind of preserved pork with mustard greens).

Likewise, in addition to traditional options like basil, locally smoked sausage can be used as an innovative pizza topping. In an interview with *Xinhua* last year, Italian Ambassador to China Massimo Ambrosetti described China and Italy as 'two countries with these really amazing traditions in terms of national cuisines'.

"From north to south in Italy, as in China, we have so many different dishes and so many, astronomical, traditions, that these are really unique," he said. Innovation also gets the ambassador's seal of approval:

"I think for contemporary cuisine, a fusion is inevitable, something which underlines the success of cuisine.

I think fusion is good." *Xinhua*



CHONGQING - A chef preparing Margherita pizza at a restaurant in southwest China. Photo: Xinhua

China's porcelain capital in livestreaming spotlight

NANCHANG - Holding a smartphone, 31-year-old Wei Lingyan maneuvered her way through several hundred porcelain stalls, showcasing products to fans via a livestreaming platform.

"Welcome, new friends! Feel free to let me know your preferences," said Wei, a native of Jingdezhen, the renowned 'porcelain capital' located in east China's Jiangxi Province.

Wei has embraced the role of 'walk-streamer,' a novel profession gaining traction on Taoxichuan ceramic art avenue in Jingdezhen. Since launching her social media account last year, she has attracted over 5 000 fans, achieving monthly sales ranging from about US\$20 950.

Duan Haonan, head of the entrepreneurship business unit in the Taoxichuan management committee, said the emergence of "walk-streamers" has opened new sales channels for ceramic stall owners. In the first 10 months of 2023, livestreaming e-commerce sales exceeded 2.2 trillion yuan in China, surging 58.9 per cent year on year and driving the growth of online retail sales by 7.5 percentage points.

The influence of livestreaming is also evident in Jingdezhen, with over 10 000 livestream hosts engaged in the ceramics industry. Last year, they collectively generated approximately 7 billion yuan in sales. 'Momo,' who oversees six livestreaming accounts, has amassed a fanbase surpassing one million.

Her livestreaming rooms generate a staggering annual revenue of RMB200 million. "In addition to ceramic sales, my livestreams delve into promoting ceramic culture. I often invite inheritors of intangible cultural heritage to share the stories behind ceramics," she said.

Jingdezhen's history of ceramics dates back over 2 000 years.

Its past role as an official and imperial kiln has elevated the art of porcelain making to unprecedented heights. Nowadays, the internet connects Jingdezhen's traditional ceramic culture with international elements and fashion trends, creating new opportunities for the handmade porcelain industry.

At 1am, Emrah Hakan Caliskan, a Turkish online influencer based in Jingdezhen, stepped into the live broadcast room in a local ceramics industrial park, introducing new products to consumers worldwide.

On the smartphone screen before him, comments from customers kept rolling: "Engrave my name on the bottom of the cup."

"Paint my pet on the front"... Caliskan's wife, Cheng Linyao, is a municipal-level inheritor of porcelain drawings in Jingdezhen.

"We integrate Sino-Turkish culture into our ceramic works," said Caliskan, showcasing a teacup.

"Turkish people often use this geometric pattern decoration in architecture and clothing, and it has a unique charm when painted on blue-and-white porcelain."

During the 2023 China Jingdezhen International Ceramic Expo, his ceramic works gained favor from exhibitors in countries such as France, Germany, and Italy.

While for many Jingdezhen sparks thoughts of ancient kilns and millennia-old porcelain craftsmanship, it represents a realm of vibrancy for Liu Nan, head of Phonbay Training Institute.

As night fell, a group of young people displayed their skills of singing, dancing, and playing musical instruments through livestreaming from Taoxichuan ceramic art avenue.

They are from Phonbay Training Institute, which was established in December 2021. *Xinhua*



DAMASCUS - People at the Syrian fashion expo. The expo, Motex Khan Al-Hareer, a textile, clothing and production tools fair, kicked off here on Thursday. Photo: Xinhua

Dolphins, BDF V to meet in semi-finals

By **Thato Mosinyi**

GABORONE - The reigning Botswana Basketball League champions, Dolphins are through to the semi-finals of the Platinum Warriors Pre-season tournament.

Dolphins continued their dominance in local basketball, finishing off at the summit of the group stages with an unbeaten run having recorded three victories during the pre-season basketball tournament played at the SSKB Courts over the weekend.

Dolphins started the three game series on a high note with an impressive 66-38 victory against Warriors in game one and continued with their rich vein of form winning 73-39 and 78-30 against Jwaneng Diamond Bullets and Elite Academy respectively.

BDF V, on the other hand, had an easier path to the semis having been seeded against Troopers and inexperienced Dolphins Juniors.

The army team opened the tournament with a 64-40 victory over Troopers and followed that with an 80-33 victory over Dolphins junior team.

"We have high aspirations this year and we wanted to get off on the right foot. The pre-season tournament is a perfect platform to build strength and fitness," Dolphins coach Tryson Moyo said.

Though it is still pre-season, Moyo said it was always a good motivation to record victories in the opening games of the season as it came with some confidence boost that might be carried on in the league campaign.

He, nonetheless, cautioned his team not to be complacent and get carried away by the weekend results, adding that there was a lot of ground to cover during the regular season.

Moyo pointed out that Dolphins had so a lot of talent and depth, hence could afford to field both its senior team and junior side, which acted as feeder to the senior team.

The tournament's organising committee's public relations officer, Baone Ramokone expressed delight at the turnout of both the participating teams and spectators for the games.

She said the committee was impressed by the teams and spectators' response towards the games.

"We are humbled by the number of teams that honoured our invitation, especially those that are based outside Gaborone," she said.

She observed that the turnout symbolised the thirst for basketball among many of the

sport's enthusiasts.

She however indicated that it was disappointing for the series not to be completed as scheduled due to the rain interruptions, hence the rescheduling of the semi-finals and the finals for the coming weekend.

In other games played over the weekend, Police V also booked a ticket to the semi-finals and will face off Platinum Warriors men in the second game.

In the ladies bracket, BDF V, Dolphins Albatross, Police V and Elite Academy also proceeded to the semi-finals. **BOPA**



Platinum Warriors player, Vincent Akormedie (left) tussling for the ball with Kevin Zikhale of Elite Academy during the Platinum Warriors Basketball Pre-Season Tournament in Gaborone on Saturday. Warriors won 34-25. The tournament could not be completed due to the rain and will continue this coming weekend at Sir Seretse Khama Barracks courts in Mogoditshane. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

Villa miss chance to go top of Premier League

LONDON - Aston Villa missed a chance to go level on points with Liverpool at the top of the Premier League when they were held to a nil all draw away to Everton on Sunday.

The draw leaves Villa in the third place, level on 43 points with Manchester City, but two behind Liverpool, who did not play this weekend due to the mid-season break in England.

Alex Moreno had the ball in the net for Villa in the 18th minute,

but the goal was ruled out for offside after a VAR intervention. Everton also had a goal ruled out for offside.

Manchester United and Tottenham drew 2-2 in a match that Tottenham probably deserved to win and would have won with more clinical finishing.

United twice took the lead through Rasmus Hojlund and Marcus Rashford after three and 40 minutes, but Tottenham twice levelled thanks to Richarlison

and Roberto Betancur.

Tottenham went on to control the second half, while United faded as an attacking force, with hardly any presence in their rival's penalty area.

Kevin de Bruyne gave a match-deciding cameo as Manchester City came from behind to win 3-2 away to Newcastle United on Saturday and climb to second in the table.

Bernardo Silva put City ahead in the 26th minute with a backheel,

before Newcastle's pace caused City problems.

Alexander Isak and Anthony Gordon put the home side ahead with quick-fire goals after 35 and 37 minutes.

De Bruyne came on as a 69th minute substitute and less than five minutes later, he equalised with a smart finish and he then assisted Oscar Bobb for the 91st minute goal that puts City two points behind Liverpool.

Cole Palmer's penalty in first half injury time saw Chelsea to a 1-0 win at home to Fulham, although both sides had chances to score more goals.

Palmer scored after Raheem Sterling went down after contact in the Fulham penalty area and Chelsea twice hit the woodwork through Sterling and Conor Gallagher.

Burnley were denied a vital win in their relegation battle at home to Luton by a controversial late goal on Friday night.

Zeki Amdouni put Burnley ahead in the 36th minute and the home side looked to be holding on for their fourth win of the season until the injury time when Carlton Morris headed home for Luton. **Xinhua**

Vondrousova crashes out of Australian Open

MELBOURNE - Wimbledon champion, Marketa Vondrousova crashed out of the Australian Open on Monday after a straight sets defeat to qualifier Dayana Yastremska in the first round.

The world No. 7 was completely outplayed by an aggressive Yastremska of Ukraine, who ran out with a comfortable 6-1, 6-2 victory in 76 minutes.

Vondrousova had withdrawn from the Adelaide International last week due to a right hip injury, but did not show any visible signs

of distress.

The Czech had started her season with a three-set loss to China's Zheng Qinwen at the mixed teams United Cup.

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

She had been thrust among the favourites after a memorable 2023 highlighted by becoming the first unseeded player to win the women's title at Wimbledon.

But Vondrousova was blown off the court in the first set by a confident Yastremska, who had 13 winners and won 81 per cent on first serve.

Yastremska, who hit a career-high ranking of 21 in 2020, continued her charge even though she was unable to convert a match point in the seventh game.

But she held her nerve to power through to a second-round clash against France's Varvara Gracheva. **Xinhua**

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Branch set for stage 9 today



Botswana's top rider and Hero MotoSports Rally Team racer, Ross Branch is still on second position in the overall rankings though he came eighth in the 2024 Dakar Rally Stage 8 race, which was held yesterday. American Ricky Brabec still has a slight lead over Branch with only 42 seconds. The Dakar Rally, which began on January 5 ends Friday.

Photo: Courtesy of Ross Branch Facebook page



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