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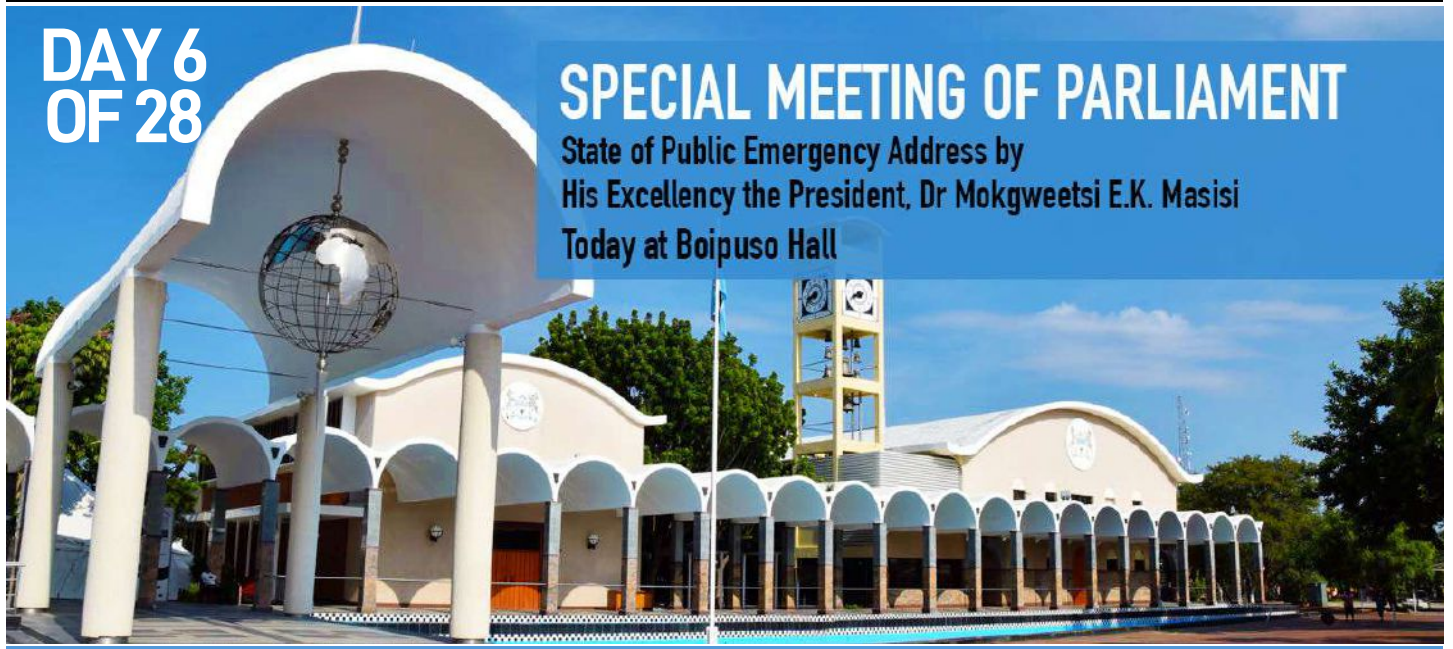
COVID-19 | LOCKDOWN

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**DAY 6
OF 28**

SPECIAL MEETING OF PARLIAMENT

State of Public Emergency Address by
His Excellency the President, Dr Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi
Today at Boipuso Hall



The National Assembly will resolve to endorse the State of Public Emergency as proposed by his Excellency the President of the Republic of Botswana, Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi that it be extended to six months.

During the ongoing special sitting of Parliament at Fairgrounds Holdings on Wednesday, President Masisi said this was part of the efforts to contain the pandemic following six (6) confirmed cases locally and the growing numbers world-wide. He said two (2) Batswana based in Canada and United States of America were amongst the over 200 000 people who have recovered from COVID-19 world-wide.

The President noted that Batswana based in the Wuhan city in China, have been given a choice to come home or stay and they chose the latter. The City recently lifted the lockdown.

**PREVENT THE SPREAD
OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**



**WASH HANDS AFTER
BLOWING YOUR NOSE**

COVID-19 Tollfree Lines

16649

0800 600 111 | 0800 600 740

*Come my people, enter your rooms and
shut your doors behind you, hide
yourselves for a little while until fury has
passed - Isaiah 26:20*

CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

07/04/2020

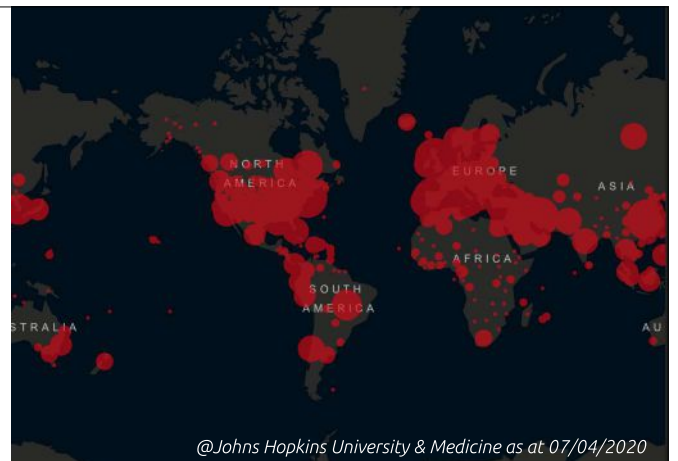
Lab Tests Performed & resulted	2078
Negative Cases	2072
Positive Cases	6
Total Deaths	1
New Confirmed Cases	0

5 COVID-19 patients are in a stable condition at Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital



COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 386,800	South Africa - 1,749
Spain - 140,511	Democratic Republic of Congo - 161
Italy - 135,586	Zambia - 39
France - 110,048	Namibia - 16
China - 82,718	Zimbabwe - 10
UK - 55,940	Botswana - 6



National Public Health Lab

Head of National Health Laboratory (NHL) Dr Madisa Mine says the Ministry of Health and Wellness envisages to make the laboratory a National Public Health Laboratory by mid-year of 2021.

A National Public Health Laboratory will operate like National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) that deals with Surveillance, Research and Development.

He says he intends to put in more effort towards the goal so that NHL is upgraded.

Dr Mine said so far, NHL conducts about 400 COVID-19 tests a day. He said they started testing for COVID-19 locally on the 9th March 2020. He further explained that they only send samples that tested positive inhouse to NICD in South Africa for quality assurance. He said they have so far tested 1300 samples for COVID-19.

National Health Lab is a central lab that technically oversees a three tier systems being, Referral Hospital Lab, District Hospital Lab and Primary Hospitals & Clinics Lab requests.



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Suspect Arraigned Before Francistown Magistrate for False Audio Message on Covid-19

Thirty-five year old Tshepo Kabelo of Semotswane Village was arraigned before the Francistown Magistrate court on Monday, after creating and publishing a false voice message on social media pertaining to the death of someone from the village as a result of covid-19.

Assistant Commissioner Dipheko Motube of Botswana Police Service confirmed to NEOC Daily Bulletin that

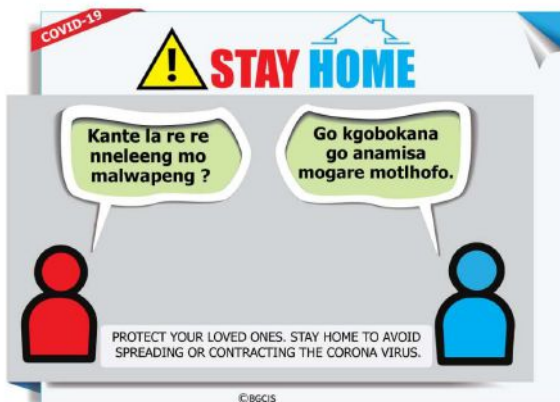
the suspect allegedly caused unnecessary distress to Semotswane villagers following the recorded false voice message that went viral on social media.

The purported deceased, whose names were disclosed in the false voice message is alive and healthy at Letlhakane and has never undertaken any external trip claimed by the suspect.



Assistant Commissioner, Dipheko Motube

If found guilty, he is liable to a fine not exceeding P 100 000.00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or both.



Bobonong Police Station Commander, Superintendent Paul Sooko says they are disturbed by illegal homebrews in the region. He said people sell power drink, sekhokho and khadi (mogwana) in his policing area despite the restrictions. Superintendent Sooko said so far they have charged 8 people who have violated the Emergency Powers Covid 19 Act in regards to alcohol sales. Maximum charge for this violation is 5 Thousand Pula or 12 months in jail.

Be **SMART** & inform yourself about #coronavirus



Follow accurate public health advice from WHO & your local health authority



Follow the news on latest coronavirus updates



To avoid spreading rumors, always check the source you are getting information from



Don't spread rumors

Learn more to Be **READY** for #COVID19: www.who.int/COVID-19



UNITED NATIONS



World Health Organization

1,431,900

Total Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Worldwide

@Johns Hopkins University & Medicine
08/04/2020

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) REGULATIONS

A person who intentionally exposes another person to COVID-19 commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding P100 000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or to both.

A person shall not travel between villages, towns, cities and districts for non-essential travel during a lockdown.

Emergency Powers Act (Cap. 22:04)

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