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Crime drops during lockdown

It has been 48 days since Botswana was placed on strict Extreme Social Distancing as part of efforts to stem the spread of the coronavirus. Although many lifestyles were affected by the regulations, the good news is that the fundamental change saw a decline in certain criminal activity.

Botswana Police Service Public Relations Officer, Assistant Commissioner Dipheko Motube confirmed that there has been a significant fall in the number of murder, rape, house breaking, suicides, and road accidents in the country between April the 2nd and May the 20th, the period of the three phase of lockdown, as opposed to the same period last year.

Assistant Commissioner Motube said Lockdown period has given the need for reassessment of

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CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

18/05/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	14283
Negative Cases	14258
Positive Cases	25
Total Deaths	1
Recoveries	17
Active Cases	7

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FROM HAND TO MOUTH

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crime prevention initiatives which will increase safety and reduce crime on a broader scale.

Gaborone City and A1, which accounts for large volume of road accidents due to high density of vehicles and overcrowding, is also seeing a drop in the number of accidents and casualties due to the lockdown.

The Director of Traffic Department, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police, Katlholo Mosimanegape said 451 Road Traffic Accident were reported from the 2nd of April 2020 on the period of the lockdown as opposed

to 2,497 in 2019. A total of four (4) people lost their lives this year, compared to twenty five (25) persons last year same period. Meanwhile clinicians have also credited the Lockdown given a decrease in car accidents hence less people being admitted to hospitals.

Princess Marina Referral Hospital Superintendent Dr Tshepo Machacha attributed the prohibition of sale of alcohol as the key contributors to less violent crimes and car accidents which leads to people being admitted into trauma and accidents and emergency hospital units.



Katlholo Mosimanegape

TRUCK MONITORING		18-19 MAY 2020
BORDER	Arrival	Departure
Tlokweng	73	133
Ramatlabama	45	88
Martin's Drift	77	59
Pioneer	13	18
Mamuno	32	45
Kazungula Road Border	32	9
Kazungula Ferry	26	25
Ngoma	0	2
Ramokgwebana	21	4
Mohembo	0	2
Sub Total	319	385
Total		704

HOW TO PUT ON, USE, TAKE OFF AND DISPOSE OF A MASK

To remove the mask: **remove it from behind** (do not touch the front of mask); **discard immediately in a closed bin**; **clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water**



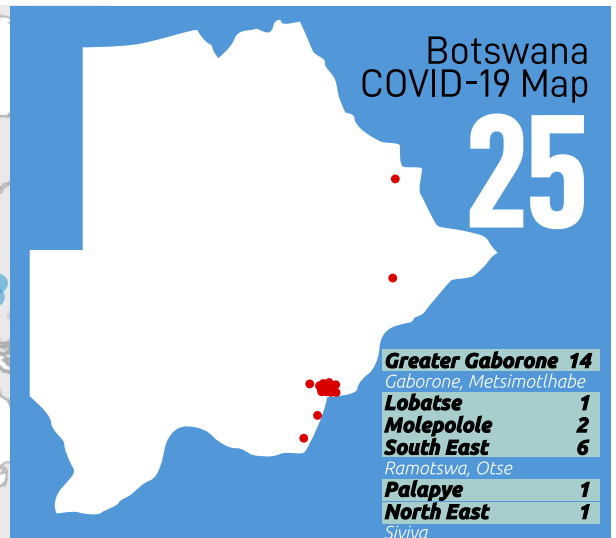
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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 1,519,986	South Africa - 16,433	Mozambique - 146
UK - 250,121	Egypt - 13,484	Malawi - 70
Spain - 232,037	Zambia - 772	Angola - 50
Italy - 226,699	Ethiopia - 365	Zimbabwe - 46
France - 180,933	Madagascar - 326	Botswana - 25
China - 84,063	Eswatini - 208	Lesotho - 1

Botswana COVID-19 Map

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Because of COVID-19, fitting of clothing will not be allowed in the shops at the moment to curb the spread of the virus.

CEO of Competition and Consumer Authority (CCA) Ms Tebelelo Pule shared during a press briefing that the decision was done to protect customers from COVID-19

Since the reopening of clothing shops at the beginning of the Phase 3 lockdown period, shops have already put signs alerting customers that the fitting rooms are off limits.

She said the pandemic has also changed the way things are done and will be done post COVID-19 noting the fast tracking of e-commerce which will also facilitate online shopping.

Ms Tebelelo also talked of the worrying trends observed during the COVID-19 pandemic period among them low quality of goods and services sold.

Some of the goods, she said did not meet the set standards by BOBS. On the hike of prices for essential goods, she explained that anyone found to contravene the Essential Services Act will be fined P100 000 and a maximum imprisonment of 5 years or both.

Ms Tebelelo said during lockdown, price list was made available to protect consumers from being cheated.

Botswana nominated in the WHO Executive Board

Botswana has joined the World Health Organisation Executive Board along with nine (9) other countries nominated during the two day 73rd World Health Assembly 2020.

Other new member states are Colombia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, India, Madagascar, Oman, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation and the United Kingdom.

The World Health Assembly convened virtually due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. The WHO Executive Board is expected to meet this Friday, 22 May 2020.

The World Health Assembly is the decision-making body of WHO and is attended by delegations from all WHO Member States with focus on a specific health agenda prepared by the Executive Board. The Assembly also determines the policies of the Organisation, appoint the Director-General, supervise financial policies as well as to review and approve the proposed programme budget. The Health Assembly is held annually in Geneva, Switzerland.

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

4,876,906

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The Lockdown Extended in Phases

Phase I

The current lockdown conditions period will be extend by one week, from May 1st to May 7th, 2020. During this period, The Government will also develop and finalize regulations for a phased lifting of lockdown rules in low risk sectors.

Phase II

Starting from May 8th to May 14th, Government, will lift in a phased manner, some lockdown rules while at the same time introducing additional plans for further lifting of the remaining lockdown rules.

Phase III

From May 15th to May 22nd, which will be the final week of the lockdown extension, Government will lift the remaining rules from the original lockdown rules implemented on March 30th, 2020.

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World Health Assembly adopts COVID-19 inquiry

The World Health Assembly has formally adopted a resolution calling for an independent review into the handling of the coronavirus pandemic and the source of the virus.

Delegates applauded when the draft resolution passed without objection at a virtual meeting in Geneva on Tuesday. The decision will see an inquiry into the origins and international response to the coronavirus done at the earliest possible opportunity.

The review will also identify the source of the virus and the route of introduction from other animals to the human population, as well as consider lessons learned from the WHO-coordinated international health response to COVID-19.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus welcomed the resolution and said he would enact the inquiry at the appropriate time.

"We want accountability more than anyone," he said in his closing address.

The vote followed weeks of negotiations and rising diplomatic tension that have put Australia between the US and China as the world grapples with the fallout from the largest pandemic in a century.

China's last-minute decision to co-sponsor the resolution means it passed with full consensus at the meeting of the assembly.

China had opposed Australia's calls for an independent global inquiry, but has now insisted the motion it co-sponsored is vastly different to Canberra's position.

The motion was originally put forward by the European Union, but after negotiations with a number of countries, including Australia, it was strengthened to explicitly state the review should be 'impartial, independent and comprehensive'. Australia lobbied the United States and the United Kingdom to join the resolution last week.

Source @ The Sunday Morning Herald

South Sudan's Vice President and Wife test positive for coronavirus



South Sudan Vice President Riek Machar has tested positive for COVID-19 on Monday.

A statement released by his office, said Machar's wife Angelina Tang, who serves as defence minister, also tested positive for the virus. According to the statement posted on the office's Facebook page and attributed to press secretary James Gatdek Dak, the Vice President will self-quarantine for two weeks. The statement further stated that some office workers and bodyguards have also tested positive.

South Sudan, which is emerging from a devastating six-year civil war, has so far recorded 339 cases of COVID-19 and six deaths.

The virus has sickened almost 4.8 million people and killed more than 318,000 globally.



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SPECIAL NOTICE OUTDOOR EXERCISES

THE PUBLIC IS INFORMED THAT FROM TODAY, 15TH MAY 2020, OUTDOOR EXERCISES WILL BE ALLOWED WITHIN ONE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD ONLY
FROM 0600HRS TO 0900HRS AND FROM 1600HRS TO 1800HRS.

FOLLOWING ARE THE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ALLOWED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:



JOGGING



WALKING



CYCLING & OTHER
OUTDOOR EXERCISES

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

- * GROUP OR TEAM ACTIVITIES ARE NOT ALLOWED
- * A PERMIT WILL BE REQUIRED IF ONE NEEDS TO TRAVEL TO THE GYM OR ANY OTHER PLACE OF EXERCISE THAN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD

* At all times, all protocols must be observed: social distancing, masks or some sort of covering for the mouth and nose must be worn.

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