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Ngoma Buntibe thrills Minister

Ngoma Buntibe joined the rest of other artists in celebrating the 8th edition of Shangano Arts and Culture Festival (SACF) on the 25th of October 2014 in Lupane under the theme: *Celebrating Cultural Diversity*.

Ngoma Buntibe is a Tonga cultural choir constituting 40 or more people joined in a rather topsy-turvy looking dance yet very rich in meaning and rhythm. The singing group is named after the bass drum (Buntibe) which rumbles and reverberates along with other drums and horns.

Addressing artists and spectators during the official opening of the 2014 SACF, the Minister of Sports, arts and culture, Andrew Langa expressed exhilaration over the scintillating performance enacted by the Siansali Ngoma Buntibe.

"I was intrigued by the Ngoma Buntibe from Binga which welcomed me to this festival," said Langa. "These people did not learn this



Siansali Ngoma Buntibe performing at Shangano Arts and Culture Festival in Lupane

practice at any academic institution, rather it is part and parcel of their lives – their culture," Langa added.

The minister encouraged all Zimbabweans to join him in loving and appreciating indigenous arts and culture.

"It is apparent that Matebeleland North is a rainbow province given the success of shangano to convene people of various cultures and backgrounds. However, the challenge we still have as Zimbabweans is that of not

consuming our own arts and culture products to the detriment of our cultures, said Langa.

The minister castigated the tendency of piracy as it does not promote the growth and development of arts and culture. He encouraged all Zimbabweans to love and cherish their culture first before falling in ardent love with foreign cultures.

On the same vein, the

Principal Director of Sports, Arts and Culture Reverend Paul Damasane applauded Basilwizi Trust for facilitating the attendance of Ngoma Buntibe. Basilwizi Trust is one of the several partners of SACF which has worked with the festival for four years.

Shangano arts and culture festival which features music, traditional dance and poetry was commended for its mobile nature that enables it to be celebrated in various districts in Matebeleland North. It has since its inception in 2007 been celebrated in Hwange, Binga, Victoria Falls, Tsholotsho and Lupane.

"Shangano arts festival is the only mobile festival in Zimbabwe out of 26 festivals celebrated in Zimbabwe," said Nicholas Moyo the deputy director of National Arts Council (NAC).

The Siansali Ngoma Buntibe is also set to perform at a summit in Victoria falls on a date yet to be announced.

Notification

Twaabane newsletter, calls out for talented people to post cartoons and poems for publication. This newsletter publishes stories written by trained Citizen Journalists. This is not to limit any other Binga District citizen from sending their story.

Birth Registration Campaign



Sinampande-Nagangala Birth registration campaign participants.

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More than 158 people residing in Sinampande-Nagangala ward attended the birth registration campaign which was done after the realization that most people in the ward do not have birth certificates and national identity cards.

It was alarming to note that grandparents, parents, youths and children alike do not possess birth certificates and national IDs. This situation has been exacerbated by the fact that the registration office is situated twelve kilometers from the ward.

Following this ill-fated insight, Basilwizi Trust through its Health project which deals with child care protection facilitated a birth registration campaign in the ward. The campaign was purposive in that it was to inform the

community on the pertinence of birth certificate and challenges which are normally associated with people who do not have the certificate or ID. "I was very disturbed to hear that most children are not going to school because they do not have birth certificate and those who manage to go, do not write grade 7 examinations. This is the reason we had to do a birth registration campaign in the



Odream Manga addressing participants at a Birth registration campaign

ward as every child has a right to a birth certificate." says a Basilwizi health officer

The District Registry office highlighted that it is every child's right to have a birth certificate and children are entitled to this document. Some of the children do not even have birth records and baby Health Cards mainly because they are born through home deliveries and have deprived a lot of children to be vaccinated against the six killer

diseases.

The birth registration was attended by more than 150 people of which most of them did not possess birth certificates whereas some were representing family members at the event. Officers from District Registrar offices were invited by Basilwizi Trust to equip the community on the right procedures necessary to acquire a birth certificate for a child and other prerequisite documents required from a parent to do so.

Mr. Manga, an officer at Siabuwa Registration sub office highlighted a great increase so far in the number of people who are now registering for birth certificates and identity cards after the birth registration campaign. This has indicated the level effectiveness of campaigns.

"The number of people who are now acquiring birth certificate is now increasing; this campaign is really yielding results. If these campaign continue I can guarantee that everyone would be registered", said Manga

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The fish producing and culture conservative district of Binga's image has been soiled in the course of this year owing to a series of gruesome murder cases.

Binga is generally known as a district of culture conservatives and people of utmost peace.

It is however the shell-shocking murder cases that seem to tarnish this image.

In January this year, a woman and 3 men were found dead with their skulls ripped open at Nkokonye Bridge along the Binga-Kariyangwe road following some grisly shooting by suspected poachers. One of the male victims was beheaded.

As if this was not enough, in October this year a man identified as Wonder Munsaka in Siabuwa Chiefdom gruesomely beheaded his wife and packed the decapitated head in a cardboard box.

A week later in Siachilaba chiefdom, a young man identified as Chipo Mudenda axed his uncle over witchcraft suspicions and later hanged himself.

The million dollar question which goes unanswered is: What happened to the peaceful Binga?

Contacted for comments, Binga District Administrator L. Banda Ndeti expressed concern over these bizarre cases.

"People are failing to talk over their issues, as such their conflicts culminate into tragic fights," said Ndeti.

"People should learn to talk over their issues and resolve their conflicts with utmost sanity", she added.

A church pastor also expressed discomfort over this issue.

"People should avoid conflicts... repent and accept Christ for their lives so they can put God as a solution maker for any kind of crisis," said Pastor Matabbeki Mudenda of the Assemblies of God.

"The Bible in John 10:10 says; 'The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy, I have come that they have life and have it in full,'" Mudenda said passionately

Mudenda interpreted this holy quotation saying that the devil is the thief who is stealing people's respect for human life.

The pastor suggested the formation of village social groups involving all villagers both youths and elders to discuss problems and their solutions even before they happen.

"Prevention is better than cure," he said.

Given the above challenges, it is imperative that the district maps out a conflict transformation and resolution panacea to contain this problem.



Q_N 1: Which month and year did Sikajaya Muntanga pass on?

Q_N 2: When was Basilwizi Trust established?

Q_N 3: What are the thematic areas or programmes implemented by Basilwizi Trust?

Q_N 4: What is February in Tonga?

Q_N 5: When is the World AIDS day celebrated?

Answer these questions in the order set and send your answers to Basilwizi Trust Binga or call/text one of the numbers in the editorial team. except that of the director

Sinakatenge community makes a difference



Sizemba Secondary pupils in a community constructed classroom

By Quegas Mutale - Tyunga

Sizemba is a community under chief Sinakatenge in ward 1(Luunga) of Binga district in Zimbabwe. Sinakatenge is a community encompassing Sizemba and Luunga communities with sub-divisions into

villages and sub-villages. Due to some realized backwardness in school development, Sinakatenge community is making strands to develop the area through community participation in school development.

To Sinakatenge people the government and other stakeholders in development have not moved a greater mile to help them develop their area. It is up to this turn of the 21st century that people in Sinakatenge have come to devout their effort towards the responsibility of building their schools.

In a bid to develop schools in Sinakatenge, there is a group called "Sinakatenge Development Group" which was founded in 2013 by Sinakatenge people to facilitate and support development initiatives that enhance and promote education in the area. It is made up of members from this community and bonafied people of Sinakatenge.

The vision of the group is "To compliment efforts of local leadership and government at large in developing the area". Their aim is "To have primary and secondary schools with improved teaching and learning facilities that will enable Sinakatenge community access relevant and quality education. Objectives of this group include assisting in enabling formal and non-formal students access to relevant and quality education; sourcing funds and material things for the development of schools in Sinakatenge; assisting society in the realization of the plight of the needy children (orphans and Vulnerable Children-OVCs) and encouraging school going children and parents have a positive attitude towards education and take it as a priority; and This indicates the role and extent the communities participate in the development of their areas, despite government efforts to do so.

Sinakatenge development group has wielded much opportunity to the current information technology dynamics which gave them space to form a whatsapp group called "Sinakatenge Agenda". The platform keeps updates on the progression of the development of Sinakatenge.

Sinakatenge people in various parts of Zimbabwe, working under diverse government ministries and department, and

those in other public and private institutions devoted themselves to contribute an initial fee of at least \$20 per individual. The group is working hand in hand with Binga Rural District Council (BRDC) in pursuing their project. BRDC is working on efforts to also help the project through allocating donor partners. Meetings are held in various locations in the country by stakeholders to pursue the agenda. The constitution for the group was already produced.

The group had endeavored to formalize the project to attract funding. A POSB account was opened where contributors can deposit funds. Anyone is free to give his or her contribution to the project. More than 225 contributors are expected from the list that was provided on 2 September 2014 on "Sinakatenge Agenda" whatsapp group. For those wishing to assist Sinakatenge Development Group POSB account number is 500000876242, Fort Street Branch, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

On July 26 the project executive met in Bulawayo consisting of the coordinator and the project secretary. On the same date the executive met one of the National FM ZBC presenters for radio interviews on the project. Sinakatenge community was encouraged to put their views on the project through the public broadcast.

Ume Crocodile Farm Company had promised to assist through deducting \$30 for all Sinakatenge employees which will be used to buy cement. The reporter said deductions were to be made in two months of September and October

2014. According to their statement it was aired that the Croc farm company under Padenga Holdings will assist with transport to ferry cement to Sinakatenge in October 2014.



Luunga primary school classroom block. Roof removed by wind since 2006.

Efforts were made to come up with the quotation of the required buildings which are staff room block, teachers' cottage, classroom block and a laboratory block for Sizemba secondary school.

This is the opportunity where fellow communities should realize that communities have a major role to play in the development of their areas. This is one of the initiatives to be recorded as of its kind. Therefore, Sinakatenge human resource base has strongly lobbied for such innovative approach to community development.