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The Mandate

The Botswana Police Act, Cap 21:01 at section 6 (1) outlines the duties and functions of the Botswana Police Service as follows:

The Service shall be employed in and throughout Botswana to protect life and property, prevent and detect crime, repress internal disturbances, maintain security and public tranquility, apprehend offenders, bring offenders to justice, duly enforce all written laws with which it is directly charged and generally maintain the peace.

The Mission

To provide a professional policing service, in partnership with the community.

“Providing a professional policing service” This is a pronouncement that appreciates that the organisation is in the business of policing in all its aspects. It also acknowledges the manner in which the organisation will evolve as it provides policing. A professional policing service pledges a service characterised by a high level of skill, competence, speed and attention to any emerging policing challenges.

“In partnership with the community” emphasises the fact that community participation is essential to the prevention and detection of crime. We want to forge meaningful partnerships with the community.

The Vision

To be a law enforcement agency of repute.

“Law enforcement agency of repute” emphasises an envisioned Botswana Police Service of good standing. First and foremost it will be an organisation that associates itself with good performance. In the end it is envisioned a Police service that is of a standard free from any unethical behaviour. This characterises a dignified police service worthy of honour and treating its customers with due respect. The pride of the organisation will be in its relations with all members of the community.

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Paledi Attends SAPS Annual National Police Day



Botswana Police Service Deputy Commissioner Operations Mr Victor Bruno Paledi was among the invited guests to the occasion.

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From The Editor's Desk



Don't Play Double Standards!

Where do criminals come from? Do they sprout from trees or are they creatures from a faraway planet? Why is it so difficult to completely uproot crime and criminals from our midst etc?

Crime is being made difficult by some members of the society who promote and encourage it. These are people who play double standards. They don't want to be victims of crime yet they provide a lucrative environment for it to blossom - as long as it happens to somebody else, that's fine with them.

Honestly speaking - as a society standing together - we have the potential to eliminate this unwanted character. However, though if we stand together with one voice.

It is very unsettling to us as the police to know that some members of our communities still harbour criminal activities happening right under their roofs. We still receive cases in which some people unfortunately become victims of their own doings.

You know that it is an offence to hire an illegal immigrant - but you do hire them none-the-less. When you hire an illegal immigrant at your home or farm, you expect us to be lenient and when we charge you for "harbouring an illegal immigrant" you see us the world's worst police organisation, this is until everything is sweet and remains so.

If for some reason, the same immigrant turns around to rob you or worse still die in your place from some sickness or any other cause, you expect us to spring into action without questions - you expect us to identify who the person really is (as in most cases you know them by their alien names), you expect us to identify their families and to transport the corpse to its country of origin.

'Let us therefore be a bold nation like our forefathers that cannot be seen to tolerate crime and ensure that we do not spare the rod to spoil the child.'

We also find amongst our same communities, people who buy stolen goods from another member of the community.

It is quite interesting how though the same person will expect police officers to stop everything to trace someone who has stolen their pair of shoes, forgetting that it might be the same criminals that he has been supporting. The bible says 'do unto others as you want them to do unto you.'

In other cases, a family with their known son of a criminal pretend to be shocked when he is finally arrested or even sent to jail. It irks one's mind to



Superintendent Selinah Omphile
Head of Publications Section

wonder what kind of love is displayed here. There is a Setswana proverb that goes to say 'ngwana yo o thogo tona o sira rraagwe' loosely translated to mean that a bad mannered child disgraces his family.

These does not only perpetuate criminal activities, it also annihilate our morals and values as a society.

It is interesting though to note that we have power to overcome this societal ill - together though. As the police alone, we cannot win this battle. This is a call for every member of the society to stop playing double standards and to join their communities in safeguarding their own territories.

Let us correct emerging delinquents within our communities before they graduate into hardcore criminals.

We should always bear in mind that crime has the potential to scare off investors, tourists thus impacting on our economy. Let us therefore be a bold nation like our forefathers that cannot be seen to tolerate crime and ensure that we do not spare the rod to spoil the child.

SSG Equips Officers on Tactic Skills

Article & Pic: Cst Kagiso Ntwaagae

O kwa is a valley that is named after the settlement Okwa which is found 80 kilometers from Gantsi on the way to Kang. It originates from Namibia where it is known as the Namib Valley and transverses through Botswana in areas such as Kalahari Desert and parts of the Central District where it is known as Serorome Valley near Mahalapye village.

During the colonial era around the 1940's, the British government barricaded this valley on the Namibian side as there was a break out of foot and mouth disease and the valley has since dried out on the side of Botswana.

Today, this monument is used as a training field for Special Support Group officers who have just been appointed to the branch upon completion of their recruitment course from Police College. The training that started back in 2011 had graduated an estimate of 1000 officers to date and this year

include but are not limited to operational support; public Order management; border security; rescue operations, VIP escorts and protection which are very physically demanding as well as mentally engaging.

The Commissioner congratulated the graduates for the impressive endurance and commitment they displayed during the six weeks training.

"I must say I am impressed by the fact that all of you have passed this intense training arranged to equip you with the necessary tactical and survival skills. These skills are very fundamental in the SSG work environment," he said. He further commended the graduates for their mental and physical upkeep, stating that these



Commissioner of Police Mr Keabetswe Makgophe officiating at the end of training.

the associated challenges," he said. Mr Makgophe further reminded the officers that their selection to serve the organization under the SSG branch was an informed move after they were assessed during their initial training at Police College.

He further called the officers to continue with their high level of discipline and professionalism which they should demonstrate whether on or off duty.

For his part, the course Coordinator, Superintendent Dirang Ntibi said the course covered physical training, map reading techniques and combat skills which were meant to enhance the knowledge of the participants to command a paramilitary setup.

He complemented the officers for showing dedication and team work throughout training despite being faced with challenges such as unfavourable weather. He further said he was confident that the officers were ready to execute their duties.



Some of the trainees demonstrating their newly acquired skills during the official closing

saw the passing of the 6th batch. When officially closing the latest course the Commissioner of Police, Mr Keabetswe Makgophe said SSG needed focused training as it was a support structure of Botswana Police Service with diverse duties. He said some of the duties of the branch

are primary characteristics of being a successful police officer.

"The highly dynamic and complex criminal landscape dictates continuous training and empowerment of law enforcement personnel in order to deal with decisively and effectively with



Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Mr Victor Paledi addressing traffic commanders at Mahalapye.

Traffic Commanders to Double Efforts Against Road Accidents

Article & Pic: Sgt Kabelo Barogeng

As scores of Batswana especially the youth continue to lose their lives in road traffic carnages, it has become a major priority for Botswana Police Service (BPS) and the nation at large to device means that will arrest this situation.

This is not just a problem for Botswana as the world over is experiencing this ‘man-made war.’ Some researchers have even declared that road traffic accidents will be the world leading cause of deaths in the near future, overtaking HIV/AIDS.

According to one of the World Health Organisation Reports; Over 3, 400 people die on the world’s roads every day and tens of millions of people

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are injured or disabled every year. Children, pedestrians, cyclists and older people are among vulnerable of road users.

On estimate, Botswana records about 2000 deaths every five years which

gives an average of 400 lives lost every year. This is not by any chance a small number for a country that has a population of 2.2 million.

With the country experiencing these high rates of road traffic accident related deaths, the police are having sleepless nights trying to come up with solutions that would reverse the situation. This, therefore calls for effective collaboration with relevant stakeholders and the community to save the country’s future generation.

Recently, the BPS Traffic Commanders convened to review their performance as well as to come up with innovative interventions on road safety.

When officiating at the event, Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Mr Victor Paledi said the number of road traffic accidents continue to rise despite police concerted efforts.

“As you are all aware, last year alone we recorded 18 373 accidents which resulted in 411 deaths as compared to 17 654 recorded in 2015 where we lost 450 lives,” he noted.

Mr Paledi said as a result of this, there is a heightened expectation on the BPS by the nation to come up with aggressive law enforcement and public education strategies.

“There has been enough talk and now it is time for action. For us to save Batswana we need to go all out there to be visible,” he said.

Speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol, inappropriate use of the road by pedestrians were said to be among some of the major contributors to road accidents.

Mr Paledi further said the situation was not to be tolerated and urged officers to adopt a fearless and persistent approach in implementing resolutions and strategies to curb these undesirable habits.

For his part, the Director of Traffic, Senior Assistant Commissioner Katholo Mosimanegape urged commanders to ensure that road policing strategies remain focused and target specific problems.

“We will have to double our efforts particularly along Gaborone/Francistown road (A1) and other hotspots which accounts for a huge chunk of accidents,” he said.

Furthermore, he underscored the importance of fostering effective partnerships with stakeholders.

Some of the resolutions which came out from the conference were; conducting focused traffic operations at accident prone areas; reinforcing the existing High Way Patrols during weekends, holidays and month ends; targeting common risk factors and behaviour; pedestrian misconduct and adopting of a robust and comprehensive safety management plan; resuscitation of operations between districts and divisions to address drunken driving.

The Conference was held in Mahalapye under the theme, ‘Road Policing through Focused Law Enforcement.’ and was attended by traffic commanders from across the country.

Air Support Branch Remember The Late Sub Inspector Olebogeng.

Article: Melitah Gaefele (intern)
Pic: Cst Kabelo Barogeng

Botswana Police Service Air Support Branch Women Network remembered their colleague Sub Inspector Mantswe Olebogeng through celebrating the life and birthday of her son Thuo Olebogeng.

The late Sub Inspector Olebogeng was stationed at Air Support Branch at the time of her death. She was one of the founders of the Women Network for the branch in 2012. The mandate of the network amongst others is to empower women police officers by providing them with the necessary platform.

Olebogeng was one of the 13 women officers who pioneered the network for the branch and was the first chairperson. The Branch lost the humbled and hardworking Olebogeng on the 9th April 2014.

However, this did not discourage the remaining members to continue with her good work. Recently, the Network decided to do something for their beloved colleague through her only son Thuo who was celebrating his thirteenth birthday. They organized a birthday party for him.

The event, which was graced by the Director of the Air Support Branch Senior Assistant Commissioner Arthur Johnson saw a number of other police officers and neighbors coming together to celebrate the young man's birthday.

When giving a word of encouragement, Pastor Tshepang Ramasankate of the Seventh Day Adventist Church said that he was very honoured to have been invited to such an important occasion. He commended the women for the good spirit they displayed in remembrance of their colleague.

He went on to quote the bible - John 16:20 which reads 'I am telling you the truth cry and weep but the world will be glad, you will be sad but your sadness will turn into gladness.'

"Even though we still miss Olebogeng we are given an opportunity to celebrate her life through the child that she gave us. We are very honoured to love and cherish him," he said.

For her part, one of the organizers of the event, also the Coordinator of the Air Support Women Network, Superintendent One Fana acknowledged the late Olebogeng for being the pioneer of the network.

She said that due to her commitment, they have progressed and grown as a Network. She also said as women they also took it upon themselves to mother Thuo and give him the moral support.

"We will continue to keep her memory alive by ensuring that the Network continues to thrive," Fana said.

Thuo was presented with various gifts that included a bicycle.

He is currently doing form two at Motswedi Junior Secondary School and he is raised by his father - Gosego Olebogeng who is also a police officer.

Some of Air Support Branch staff posing for a photo with Thuo



The Director of Air Support Branch Arthur Johnson cutting the cake with Thuo.





Retired Superintendent Robert Modise receiving a gift from Commissioner of Police Mr Keabetswe Makgophe



Retired Superintendent Odirile Kgomokhumo

Policing is a challenging profession that demands one's commitment, dedication and selflessness for perseverance. It takes brave men and women to be resolute and make sure that peace and tranquillity prevails within their communities. Amongst the many challenges is often the lack of quality time a police officer has to spend with their families.

For officers who joined the police force in the 70's, their policing experiences are predominantly similar - there were no tarred roads, they travelled long distances on horse backs, bicycles and if by the stroke of luck on trucks.

Recently, seven senior police officers mostly from that era hung their handcuffs to retrace their civilian lives, which they long 'abandoned' to serve the nation. One after the other, they took turns to narrate their vast policing experiences, drawing comparisons of crime in the yester-years and today.

"I remember an incident during my formative days as a constable at Selibe Phikwe Police Station, when I had to follow a suspect of an assault common case at some lands near Tonota village, about 140 kilometres. I had to spend some nights on the way before I could reach my destination.

"As I got off my bicycle, I saw a giant of a man, huge in stature and I began to ask myself so many unanswered questions - 'what am I going to do; is

he going to comply, what if he doesn't?'

A little later, I was stunned when this man voluntarily and obediently agreed to come with me. Tired as I was after pedalling for so long and with this giant I have to transport on the bicycle carrier, the distance seemed to have doubled." Said Superintendent Robert Modise.

On their way back, he said they interchanged cycling, as he would enjoy some few kilometres on the comfort of the bicycle carrier as the suspect pedalled. On arrival, he said he accommodated the suspect at his police quarters until he went for trial, which ended with a corporal punishment.

This goes to show how policing has drastically changed from the colonial era to date. Today's suspects could be very dangerous and would not even hesitate to confront police officers on duty or worse still shoot at them.

Superintendent Modise retired after 38 years of service, 30 years of which was spent at Police Headquarters Control room.

As for Superintendent Odirile Lowie Kgomokhumo, he said being a Police Instructor is a challenge as one meets

Lessons from

Article and Pic: Insp

with the youth who have just graduated from school, still raw and hyperactive, requiring transformation from the civilian to the policing world as they take the long journey of becoming police officers.

"During drill manoeuvres, they would boldly look you in the eyes and fall short of telling you to get off their faces. He said it takes a lot of tolerance, maturity and strong character to deal with recruits on a daily basis..

Assistant Superintendent (ASP) Othusitse Zikhali joined the Police Force in 1977. Taking us down the memory lane, Zikhali vividly remembers one particular incident just two years after joining the Police Force when a prisoner confronted him. He was a court orderly by then and had to escort the hard-core criminal from court to prison. This criminal had committed a series of armed robbery cases.

On arrival at Prison, this criminal found a spade lying on the ground and picked it in a split of a second and started chasing the Prison Warders who ran for their lives, leaving prisoners unattended and they all flee from the cells.

"After this experience, I did not quit



Retired Assistant Superintendent Benjamin Modimoosi



Retired Assistant Superintendent Othusitse Zikhali

Police work

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policing saying it was risky, but I carried on as the safety of my nation came first," added Zikhali.

He was first posted to Selibe Phikwe and two years later he was transferred to Bobonong. A man who was always on the road indeed, as he was later transferred to Serowe, Police Headquarters, Gantsi, Maun and back to Botshabelo Police Station in Selibe Phikwe respectively until he called a day.

Another Assistant Superintendent who shared his experiences with the Police Magazine was ASP Benjamin Modimoosi who retired at the age of 59 years after serving for 37 years.

He remembers a time when he went on a trip to Letlhakeng as part of a search team of a missing person at Takatokwane. He joined the other three officers from Letlhakeng. The area was bushy and there was no communication except for the radio that they had.

"While in the bush, our communication faded as we were now far from the signal range where we could report back to the office. We stayed there for four days without hearing from anyone else except ourselves and nature - the

noise from a variety of animal species and birds", said Mr. Modimoosi

"I remember one night when the lions were roaring around our camping area everyone had to find their way to the vehicle, terribly shaken. I could hear the heart beat of my colleague," he added.

He said they faced each other wordless and he could tell that they narrowly escaped death. He said they were later located on the fifth day through the help of the Botswana Defence Force as they were now also reported as missing. Despite all these hiccups, he did not give up his job, but rather continued serving.

Regarding Assistant Superintendent Teko Masaka Kwape, he joined the Police Service in 1993, as a Cadet Sub Inspector. He was posted to the Transport and Telecommunications Branch in 1994 and was transferred to Mahalapye in 2006.

As for Asp Setswabodibeng Olemogeng, he joined the Botswana Police in 1980 and his first station was Jwaneng after which he was transferred to Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) in 1987. He went to Francistown Local Bureau and back to CRB in Gaborone. He was promoted

to the rank of Sergeant in 1990 and to Assistant Superintendent in 2012 before retiring after serving for 35 years.

Assistant Seth Modibedi Tau joined Botswana Police in 1977 and has worked in different places, which include Semolale, Lobatse, Charleshill, Southern Division and Molepolole.

They were all full of praises for their achievements and commitment to their work despite the challenges associated with police duties. They said to persevere, there has to be love and dedication to the job rather than doing it for monetary rewards.

When bidding them farewell in Gaborone, the Commissioner of Police Mr Keabetswe Makgophe thanked the officers for having served in the Botswana Police diligently for 20 years and beyond.

He said this was an indication of dedication and commitment of officers to their work, considering the challenges associated with the police job. Mr. Makgophe said this shows that the officers had the security of their country at heart even before their own lives and that of their families.

The Commissioner added that he believes that they will continue to be involved in policing even after retirement. He urged them to share with those remaining their ideas and experiences as this could help improve the organisation.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) celebrated its Annual National Police Day and the 4th National Excellent Awards at Ikageng Village near Rustenburg in the North West Province recently.

Botswana Police Service Deputy Commissioner Operations Mr Victor Paledi was among the invited

tent pitched in an open space in the village where they were welcomed with ululation and whistles by the villagers who were already seated.

They were welcomed by the South African Police Service, Acting National Commissioner, Lieutenant General Kgomotso Phahlane. Other invited guests to the event were SARPCCO

are moved to different provinces of the country. Every year the organisation selects an area mostly villages where the event is to be held. The police get an opportunity to interact with members of the public and sell their services to the community. Part of the programme is dedicated to social responsibility activities where police officers donate to the needy and also provide community service.



Deputy Commissioner for Victor Paledi (2nd right), Commander of Special Support Group, Senior Assistant Commissioner Kedikilwe Dikgang (3rd right) and Director Strategy, Development and Performance Monitoring, Senior Assistant Commissioner Stephen Tsheko (2nd left) at the SAPS Annual National Police celebrations at Ikageng Village, North West Province South Africa.

Paledi Attends SAPS Annual National Police Day

Article & Pic : S/ Insp Obolokile Mosokwane

guests at the occasion. The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by the Director Strategy, Development and Performance Monitoring Senior Assistant Commissioner Steven Tsheko and Commander Special Support Group Senior Assistant Commissioner Kedikilwe Dikgang.

Clad in their ceremonial gear the Deputy Commissioner's entourage was ushered into a huge white marquee

police chiefs from Namibia, Lesotho, Zimbabwe and Swaziland.

The National Police Day celebrations were kick started with remarks by the South African Police Service, Acting National Commissioner, Lieutenant General Kgomotso Phahlane who outlined the programme for the day. It is quite interesting how SAPS packages its police day celebrations which are basically outreach programmes that

At this year's event SAPS donated a house to an elderly woman who was living in a shack with her four grandchildren, school uniforms to under privileged primary school students and also donated food hampers to some selected members of community.

The guest of honour was the Minister of Police Honourable Nkosinathi Nhleko who indicated that it is vital for SARPCCO member states to work



Hon. Nkosinathi Nhleko Minister of Police - South Africa officiating at the event

together to fight cross border crimes with a common understanding.

He said the invitation of Police Chiefs from neighbouring countries was to share ideas that could benefit all of them when dealing with sophisticated crimes such as human trafficking.

He said the National Police Day is an important occasion because the police fully commit themselves to the noble values of being a people-centered dispensation that assist the needy in addition to offering professional service.

"Without the people SAPS couldn't function and therefore on National Police Day officers must rededicate themselves to serving the people with excellence and with all they have in their power," the minister said.

In the programme there was a segment which members of the community also had the opportunity to interact with police officers and share ideas on how best they could work together to improve service delivery.

Later in the evening followed the 4th Annual National Excellence Awards, which were held at Sun City. This event is meant to recognise and honour the efforts of some members of SAPS who

stood out to be truly dedicated to their work and excelled in their duties.

The award categories that were competed for included Police Station of the year award, which is given to a station that prospered in front line service delivery and promotion of

corporate image of the SAPS.

The other award category is that of Police Woman/Man of the year, given to officers whose performance or achievement had contributed significantly to service delivery in the organization as well as demonstrating leadership skills and capable of influencing others as a role model.

Other award categories were Administration Employee of the year, Visible Employee of the year, Detective Employee of the year, Crime Intelligence Employee of the year, Sports Woman/Man and, Community Policing Forum of the year.

When the curtain closed, the Acting National Commissioner, Lieutenant General Khomotso Phahlane thanked the SARCCO Police Chiefs for coming from their respective countries to celebrate with the SAPS. The chiefs among them the Deputy Commissioner of Botswana Police Service Victor paledi were called to the stage where they were given mementoes as a sign of appreciation by SAPS.



SAPS Band entertaining the crowd during the event

Events Through The Lens

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Picture by: Robin Seleka (Intern)



Picture by: Cst Kagiso Ntwaagae



Picture by: Melitah Gaefele (Intern)



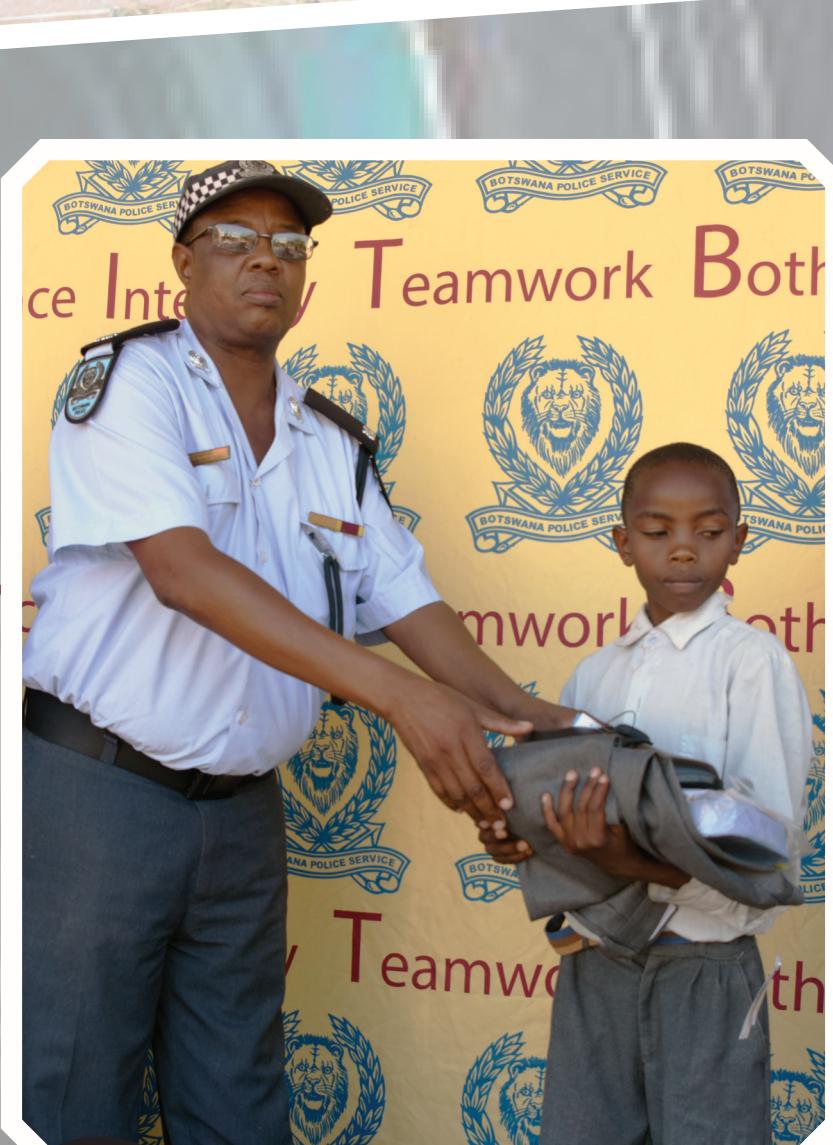
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Picture by: Cst Thabang Mmopi

Police Lense



Picture by: Sgt Tshepho Raditonki

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1. North Central Division officers marching during the wellness day held recently.
2. Retired Assistant Commissioner Kgosietsile Bosilong (fourth from left) posing for a photo with his family and colleagues after his farewell ceremony held at SSG, behind them are cattle given to him by his colleagues.
3. The Commissioner of Police Mr Keabetswe Makgophe accompanied by Deputy Divisional Commander Southern, Assistant Commissioner Innocent Dintwa during his visit to SSG training camp in Okwa.
4. Police VI volleyball team posing for a photo just before their departure to Tunisia at Sir Seretse Khama Aiport.
5. Sergeant Kefilwe Bafana of Public Relations Unit sharing information with a customer during the World Consumer Rights Day held in Gaborone.
6. One of the pupils of Sesung Primary School receiving donations from Superintendent Basireletsi Rantung of Sejelo Police.



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Old Airport

New Airport

"Today, the station has bec

Policing the From Then

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Sir Seretse Khama International Airport, established on 10th December 1984, is the largest airport in Botswana and was named after the first President of the Republic of Botswana - Sir Seretse Khama.

Soon after that development, a police station was also established, Sir Seretse Khama Airport Police Station to police this asset. SSKA as it is popularly known amongst police officers started as a laid back structure that registered

"that registered only a handful of minor cases such as common assault, affray and use of insulting language."

only a handful of minor cases such as common assault, affray and use of insulting language. The station under the stewardship of Assistant Superintendent Kenneth Maphane operated with only 20 police officers

who worked two shifts and a night guard.

Amongst their few duties then, SSKA police officers manned the arrival and departure gates of the airport; patrolled the airport perimeters as well as provided aviation security. Within its policing areas SSKA also covered areas such as Kopong, Mmopane, Sebele, Mmamashia and surrounding areas.

In an interview with one of the officers who worked at the station from 1989 to 1996, the then Sergeant Motlhale Mokone, currently an Inspector at Broadhurst Police Station, the station registered about three or less cases of house breakings

for the whole quarter and stood at the strength of fifty police officers during his time.

He said the offences were recorded mostly at Mmopane as it was the fastest developing village in the area. Mokone said by then the station only operated through the general duties section and that they were compelled to do all police duties including traffic.

Today, the station has become a buzzing bee-hive and has grown in leaps and bounds in its policing mandate. During an interview, the current Station Commander, Superintendent Bannetswe Keakile said his policing area has expanded to include two big malls which were recently constructed



Sir Seretse Khama International Airport Police Station

come a buzzing bee-hive and grown in leaps and bounds in its policing mandate.”

Airport to Now

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the Airport Junction and Sebele; the newly developed International Airport, prestigious areas such as Gaborone North, Block 7, 8 & 10 as well as prominent places such as the Diamond Trading Company (DTC) newly relocated from UK to Botswana, Bank of Botswana (BoB) and Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS).

Keakile said policing such an area can be challenging and keeping one on their toes. He said this was due to the fact that an airport is like the front desk office of a country that welcomes and deals with international customers including criminals, who may be using the airport as a transit or who may have come to the country with the intention of conducting criminal activities.

The SSKA boss said any airport is susceptible to emerging crime trends and in Botswana, some of those crimes include but are not limited to drug trafficking, human trafficking, cyber crimes etc. He said his station has since registered some of these crimes where suspects included both foreigners and locals residing out of the country.

“an airport is like the front desk office of a country.”

The Station Commander further said, they are registering a sizeable number of corporate targeted offences such as House & Shop breakings; Theft of Motor Vehicle and robberies. He was quick to point out though that they have effective policing clusters consisting of the business community, crime

prevention committees who work with the police to rid their area of criminal activities.

He also said his station is working in collaboration with other stakeholders such as Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana, Department of Immigration & Citizenship, and Department of Customs and Excise so as to intensify security at the airport. He appreciated the working relationships they have with their stake holders as well as members of the community, stating that such support is what anchors them as the police.

For his part, Unoziba Rari, Station Officer Crime said as a station policing the airport they also deal with dignitaries such as Heads of States from various countries, His Excellency the President of Botswana and other prominent people travelling in and out of Botswana. He said this call them to be extra vigilant and on guard at all times.



Commissioner of Police Mr Keabetswe Makgophe was amongst those who attended the INTERPOL conference held in Abu Dhabi recently

Globalisation has turned the world into one village which may be considered by the criminal as his field of operation. Present day increases in crime and emerging crimes constitute a peril which must be confronted head-on by effective and efficient police-private partnerships throughout the world.

As a result of this challenge legislators and organisations such as the International Criminal Police Organisation from across the world are called to stand up in arms. Recently a Unity for Security Forum was held in Abu Dhabi to appreciate the challenges brought about by the global village. The Commissioner of Police, Mr Keabetswe Makgophe was among hundreds of other police chiefs and legislators who attended this conference.

It has come to light that today, nations continue to grapple with new initiatives and innovations on how to tackle

Interpol calls for Police/Private Partnerships to fight crime

Article & Pic Witnes Bosija

global crime and new emerging crimes such terrorism, cybercrime, human trafficking, illicit drugs, vehicle crime and many others. All of these crimes are normally transnational in nature, which is a challenge as legislations are inconsistent in different countries, as well as legal and policing practices.

Addressing the forum, the Undersecretary General for Safety and Security for the United Nations, Mr Peter Drennan said some international organisations were struggling to keep up with these changing challenges.

"We must make them relevant and reflective of the environment in which we operate in now. We have to keep pace with the social, economic and

political change," Drennan said.

He stated that according to the United Nations, the number of deaths arising from terrorism attacks in 2015 was more than 29,000. He further said since 2000, there have been 73,000 terrorist attacks that killed more than 170, 000 people worldwide.

Mr Drennan said the global financial cost of terrorism in 2015 exceeded US\$89 billion which reflected 1% of the global effect of violence stating the significance of the problem.

"This is just terrorism. Add to these figures of deaths and global financial effects from armed conflicts and organised crime and the figures are

almost incomprehensible," he observed.

The Undersecretary reported that organised crime cost US\$870 billion annually and that in 2015 alone 40 armed conflicts were recorded globally resulting in 167, 000 deaths and 12.1 million refugees.

"When we are looking at organised crime, terrorism and armed conflict, we are actually looking at the symptoms of the underlying causes," he said.

Trafficking in human beings is a multi-billion dollar form of international organised crime which affects every region in the world. Victims are recruited and trafficked between regions and countries using deception, threats and force. In the majority of cases, women, men and children are trafficked for sexual exploitation and forced labour. This is a crime under the international law and many national and regional legal systems. A majority of countries have adopted the Palermo Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children.

Speaking at the same forum, the Deputy Director of Federal Investigations at the United Arab Emirates, Ministry of Interior Colonel Hamad Al Zaabi, said the war against human trafficking is being hampered by among others, lack of unified laws and political differences in the affected countries.

"Different legislation definitely affects the path of investigation. In the country of origin they lack organisational structures, procedures and measures, so it is difficult for law enforcement agencies to fight such crimes," he said.

"Although statistics suggest that there is growing awareness among the public about human trafficking, a lack of education in countries of origin where victims are smuggled from remain an obstacle. The level of ignorance also is a challenge and one of the main reasons criminal organisations are using victims with such ease is because they are not



Commissioner of Police Mr Keabetswe Makgophe (right) with the Minister of Safety and Security Major General (Rtd) Charles Dickson Namoaho of Namibia sharing a moment

aware or educated," Col. Zaabi said.

The conference further discussed other emerging crimes including but not limited to people's smuggling, child exploitation, dealing in illicit drugs which are also brought about by globalisation.

Recognising the complexities associated with these crimes, the Security Forum underscored the need for effective partnerships between law enforcement agencies and private sector, capacity building for law enforcement agencies, public education and sharing of timely intelligence on crime and emerging crime trends to effectively combat this phenomenon.

It further called on law enforcement agencies to leverage on technology and combine their action with input from different sectors such as customs, immigration, non-governmental organisations, prosecutors and both public and private institutions.

Interpol Foundation for a Safer World is the gathering point for organisations to unite with Interpol to respond to today's crime challenges. It encourages an international commitment and partnership with the private sector

to protect citizens, infrastructures, businesses and investments from the threats of terrorism, cybercrime and organised crime.

The forum focussed on new initiatives on global security that will unite efforts of citizens and law enforcement authorities to eliminate terrorism, human trafficking, illicit drugs and trade, vehicle crime, cybercrime, illicit goods and global health, and reduce the impact of conflict, whilst promoting well-being in safe and vibrant societies.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) contributed Dh200 million (US\$50 million) to the International Criminal Police Organisation [ICPO] - known by its telegraphic name Interpol - Foundation for a Safer World, supporting seven projects fighting global crime and terrorism over five years.

The money will help to fund effective collaborations and training in Interpol's 190 member states in the areas of Counter-Terrorism, Cybercrime, Illicit Drugs, Illicit Goods and Global Health, Vehicle Crime, Vulnerable Communities and Protecting Cultural Heritage. This announcement was made at the Unity for Security Forum held in Abu Dhabi that was held from 28 -30th March 2017.



Marriage is a union sanctioned by God as evidenced in the book of Genesis Chapter 2 verse 18 which says, “It is not good for the man to be alone.

I will make a helper suitable for him. So the LORD God caused the man, Adam, to fall into a deep sleep and while he was sleeping he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.

Then the Lord made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man and brought her to the man. The man then pronounced; ‘this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh she shall be called woman.’ Genesis 2:18.

The Transport and Telecommunications Branch held a one day workshop for its married officers and their spouses recently.

This was to equip the officers with the necessary arsenals needed in maintaining sound relationships in a marriage as this has a great potential in affecting one’s productivity in the work place. This was a gesture in support of the above scripture.

One of the facilitators, Mr Mogomotsi France from Key Wealth said financial dishonesty is one of the most common tensions in marriages that has been linked to a higher level of dissatisfaction in marriage as well as divorce.

“When it comes to finances in a marriage, everything should always be in the open, and the dialogue should never be about ‘my money or your money. This causes mistrust leading to a serious rift between the couple,” he said.

He went on to say that discussing the couples financial status by both partners is one of the cornerstones of a sound and healthy marriage. Mr France said it is important for partners to understand that they both have equal rights and responsibilities to the couples finances.

He further said they should know their partners value of money and should



TTB Holds a Workshop for Married Couples

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work towards having a happy financial standing.

He stressed that marriage is fragile and financial harmony is critical for validation, freedom, power, respect, security, and happiness. He encouraged couples to realize the great importance that money has in their relationships and learn to define guidelines for financial management.

Mr France urged couples to make it a habit of educating and informing themselves on financial literacy as well as plan their retirement well in time to build a better legacy for their children.

For his part, Pastor Bosenakitso Chabale encouraged participants to have good communication with their partners including that of money stating that they should be willing to listen and respect each other at all times. This in a way discouraging arguing or being at even with one another. He further warned couples against disbursing the family’s money without the knowledge and consent of their partners.

“None of us would disagree with the fact that the healthiest of marriages are those based on honesty and authenticity,” said Evangelist Wilfred Chilunga also from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

When welcoming participants at the workshop the Director of Transport and Telecommunications Branch, Senior Assistant Commissioner, Maluti Segola said couples must always be willing to be selfless and compromising for the satisfaction of the other.





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BE A PEOPLE'S LEADER

" Interpersonal relationships can make or break a leader, whether in the office, the church, the committee or elsewhere."

John C. Maxwell Leaders work with people.

And although the task of building this leader/employee relationship is not that easy, sticking to principles of peoples' development from leadership experts will help you draw people to your personality.

For example, inspiring people to excellence, and helping others become successful will make you grow as a leader. As your relationship with others improves, your success, fulfillment, and happiness will reach mountain tops. John C. Maxwell wrote, "Christ taught us about developing relationships with others.

People need to decide how they want to be treated and begin to treat others in that manner" Matthew 7:12 also confirms, "Therefore all things whatsoever that you wish that men would do to you, do so also to them."

If you are aware of a problem, make a concerted effort to create a positive change. Do not point a finger and make excuses, demonstrate and initiate the appropriate behavior and always determine not to be a reactor but an initiator.

Draw others to your charisma. Charisma is a compelling attractiveness or charm which inspires devotion in others, a special power that some people have

naturally that makes them able to influence others. Charisma is one of the most essential traits found in a successful person, a crucial attribute to all leaders which make them speak with verve and have a moral conviction.

A charismatic person uses skills to get people on their side, usually from a professional, ideological or social point of view and does not only appear confident in communication but also help others to feel confident in a positive way without being boastful or egotistical. Charismatic people have the ability to make people want what they want or unite in for a common cause.

Apart from being charismatic, encourage other people and seek out to those who believe in you to be lifted up, give credit for suggestions, ask employee opinions and avoid favoritism.

It is important to treat others as you

The truth is people who do not forgive are hurting themselves much more than they are hurting others.

want them to treat you. Furthermore it is important to forgive in order to be forgiven. A forgiving spirit is the basic, necessary ingredient for a solid relationship. Forgiveness frees us from guilt and allows us to interact positively

with other people. People who find it difficult to forgive do not see themselves realistically. They are either terribly arrogant or tremendously insecure. The truth is people who do not forgive are hurting themselves much more than they are hurting others. If you are at odds with anyone, take the first step, confront the problem and ask or offer forgiveness.

"Seek first to understand to be understood". All management problems are a result of faulty communications (Peter Drucker)

Learn to listen if you want to be listened to. Listening is seeking to hear. If you have not formed the habit of listening you are not going to get the facts you need.

As habit 5 of Stephen Covey's 7 habits says, "Seek first to understand to be understood". All management problems are a result of faulty communications (Peter Drucker)

By: Fungayi Farayi

Remembering vintage letters

I was just preparing myself for a sumptuous dinner and had set a table for one when my cellphone went off. From the ringtone I could tell that it was not a call but a WhatsApp message. I was reluctant to open the message especially that I had whetted my appetite and my enzymes were ready to start the process of digestion.

Delaying the process of eating would arguably have a negative impact as all systems were put on standby as soon as my retina sent messages to my medulla oblongata that supper is served. Besides, I knew the addictive ability of social media once engaged especially that it calls for extra temperance to quit once opened.

As usual I called on the God on High to bless my food before munching on it. I am not too sure about the duration or length of my prayer on that evening, but I am pretty sure that the anxiety of knowing the contents of the message bothered me.

Let me make a footnote, dear reader, that I am one individual who is temperate in almost all points. I am neither a prophet nor a son of one, but I can see your eyes bulging as you read this line about temperance, suggesting that compliance is close to impossible.

Whilst I concur with you, I also subscribe to the scriptural and divine school of thought that what is impossible with man is possible with God. The word man is used in a generic sense referring to human beings or homo sapiens.

After conversing with some home brewed “psychologists, dieticians, medical doctors etc” I am convinced

that the contemporary technology should not form part of the cutlery as we sit on the table to dine. I owed an obligation to live by this noble house rule and my discipline but please understand that I am a man of flesh and blood. The spirit is always willing to do what is right but my carnal flesh is weak and always opposes the inner new man.

You guessed right, I failed to resist the temptation of reaching out to my little communication gadget and looked at the inbox. I had convinced myself that looking at the menu does not translate into ordering the food just as much as window shopping should not be mistaken to actually purchasing the goods. I just browsed, looked, peeped and put back the gadget.

The force of gravity has forced me to jot these lines to you....When I saw you my heart ran to the sun and came back. You are beautiful like the Pythagoras theorem.

Well I must confess at the risk of making myself vulnerable to all sorts of accusations and abuse. I failed the urge and missed the mark. My fingers clicked twice on the WhatsApp icon and before I could even realise it I was reading the message.

It was actually the message that took me down the memory lane. A photo of an envelope, remember that stationary

that was labelled, By Airmail (were these letters posted by aeroplanes locally? I doubt). On the corner of the photo that was posted was handwritten, “Kiss before you open”.

I remembered my age and a smile automatically ran down my facial contours. I pondered on the contents before one group member posted a letter written in the 80s. “The force of gravity has forced me to jot these lines to you....When I saw you my heart ran to the sun and came back. You are beautiful like the Pythagoras theorem. Me squared x You squared = Love. I love you like the clouds love the sky .”

Those were the times without cellphones and internet. Telephones were a preserve of the affluent and rich. “Gatwe le nale foune ko ga lona?” we used to say to those with Alexander Graham Bel’s invention. I never imagined that one day our children would have several communication gadgets. Life can change so fast.

Anyway, I agree that life is a journey with various experiences along the way. It is very difficult to project into the future and know with certainty what the future holds. I recommend that we should lean on the great I AM, who is the author and finisher of our faith. Amen.



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Cybersecurity experts meet on the future of major event security

DOHA, Qatar - With the cyber environment posing security challenges to major sporting and other public events, global experts are meeting to develop and implement best practices to mitigate future cyber risks.

Meeting over three days (2 - 4 April) under the auspices of INTERPOL's Project Stadia, some 20 cybersecurity experts from seven countries are reviewing cyber threats and how they impact public safety operations, with a specific focus on:

- coordinating national cyber incident responses
- harmonizing cybersecurity risk management standards across infrastructures at a national level
- conducting cybersecurity risk management on national infrastructures impacted by major public events

Funded by Qatar, INTERPOL's Project Stadia aims to create a centre of excellence and good practice through its knowledge management system to help INTERPOL's member countries plan and undertake security preparations, both physical and cyber, for major events.

"The outcomes of the cyber meeting this week will contribute to the development of national cyber risk management initiatives which Qatar is putting in place for the 2022 FIFA World Cup," said Major Mahmud Salah Ibrahim, Head of Cyber Security Unit with Qatar's Supreme Committee for

Delivery and Legacy.

Project Stadia organizes regular expert group meetings on key issues tied to legislation, physical security and cybersecurity.

The meetings bring together global experts from law enforcement, event organizing committees, government, the private sector, academia and civil society to explore state-of-the-art research and analysis and develop independent recommendations for planning and executing security arrangements for major international sporting events.

The issue of security at high profile stadiums and major sporting events has gained considerable attention in the wake of recent deadly terrorist attacks, including in Paris in November 2015 and Istanbul in December 2016.

"Understanding the global threat environment and its implications for future major events and host nations, together with ensuring critical infrastructure resilience, are key to ensuring security at major public events," said Falah Al Dosari, Senior Project Manager, Project Stadia.

"We are therefore pleased to announce that these issues which impact safety at major public events will be on the agenda at the 1st International Major Event Security Conference which the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy and Project Stadia will co-host in November," said Falah Al Dosari,

Senior Project Manager, Project Stadia.

The two-day (7 and 8 November) meeting will be attended by senior Qatari and INTERPOL officials, as well as senior representatives from government agencies, law enforcement, academia and key private sector and international organizations from around the world.

Anti-wildlife trafficking operation results in global arrests and seizures

LYON, France - A global operation tackling the illegal trade in wildlife and timber has resulted in the identification of nearly 900 suspects and 1,300 seizures of illicit products worth an estimated USD 5.1 million.

The results, announced ahead of World Wildlife Day (3 March), mark INTERPOL's ongoing commitment to supporting its 190 member countries in combating all types of environmental crime.

Codenamed Thunderbird, the operation involved police, customs, border agencies, environment, wildlife and forestry officials from 43 countries and territories, and resulted in a range of seizures including;

- 60 tonnes of wood and timber
- 4,770 birds
- 1,240 reptiles including at least 560 turtles and tortoises
- 100 wild cats
- 2.75 tonnes of pangolin scales
- 2.54 tonnes of raw and processed ivory
- 25 tonnes of various animal parts, including meat, horns and feathers
- 37,130 derivatives and processed products such as medicines/ornaments/carvings

Among the more than 14.3 tonnes of marine wildlife seized were 180 dead seahorses which had been concealed in snack boxes discovered by US authorities, with additional seahorse seizures also made in Mozambique.

In Hong Kong, China, officers seized 1.3 tonnes of red sandalwood hidden in a container shipped from Malaysia.

Intelligence was gathered and shared

ahead of the operation to assist in identifying specific targets and areas for action. These included wildlife and forest crime hotspots and bottlenecks where checkpoints could be established, in addition to operations at airports and national borders.

Cars, trucks, boats and cargo transporters suspected of moving illicit products were also targeted with searches carried out by officers, specialistsnifferdogsandx-rayscanners.

Scrap yards, taxidermy shops, garages, pet fairs, warehouses and health clinics were also targeted during the operation, resulting in seizures, arrests and general information gathering. Websites and social media offering wildlife products were also the focus of investigations.

The three-week (30 January - 19 February) operation has so far resulted in 370 investigations which have already led to 89 individuals being jailed with terms ranging from several days to seven years.

"Wildlife trafficking has surged in recent years, generating billions in illicit profits. Simply put, criminals are helping themselves to the environment's precious resources without a care for the cost to our planet," said INTERPOL Secretary General Jürgen Stock.

"The success of this operation is a demonstration of what can be achieved by transnational law enforcement collaboration, and the resolve of countries to tackle environmental crime. INTERPOL also remains committed to tackling wildlife and forest crime across the globe, to protect today's resources for tomorrow's generations," concluded the INTERPOL chief.

"The WCO commends the continuous initiatives of the Customs community and their law enforcement counterparts to secure the integrity of the global supply chain against the illegal

movements of wildlife and timber products. Operation Thunderbird bears proof of the effectiveness of international cooperation and all role-players are encouraged to continue with their relentless efforts in this regard," said the Secretary General of the World Customs Organization (WCO), Dr Kunio Mikuriya.

Led by INTERPOL, in close cooperation with ICCWC partners - the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), WCO, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Bank - the INTERPOL Wildlife Crime Working Group, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the UK Border Force and Environment Canada, Operation Thunderbird was organized at meetings held alongside the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP17).

"Illicit wildlife trafficking must be tackled on the frontline and the officers who serve to protect wildlife need our full support. This well focussed operation brought together officers who are working in countries and regional enforcement bodies to tackle wildlife crime and we welcome the excellent results and thank all involved for their efforts. It clearly shows what can be achieved through coordinated efforts to tackle illicit wildlife trafficking," said John E. Scanlon, CITES Secretary General.

The intelligence and data collected from the operation will be compiled, analysed and used as guidance in future national, regional and international enforcement efforts.

A joint INTERPOL - UN Environment report published in June 2016, estimated the value of all forms of environmental crime - including the illegal trade in wildlife, corporate crime in the forestry sector, the illegal exploitation and sale of gold and other minerals, illegal

fisheries, the trafficking of hazardous waste and carbon credit fraud - as between USD 91-258 billion. However, these figures are expected to increase with current estimates showing environmental crime growing at a rate of five to seven per cent annually.

Operation Thunderbird participants:
[Bangladesh](#), [Belgium](#), [Botswana](#),

[Canada](#), [Croatia](#), [Czech Republic](#), [Ecuador](#), [El Salvador](#), [Estonia](#), [Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia](#), [France](#), [Germany](#), [Greece](#), [Guatemala](#), [Hong Kong \(China\)](#), [Hungary](#), [India](#), [Indonesia](#), [Italy](#), [Latvia](#), [Lithuania](#), [Mexico](#), [Mongolia](#), [Morocco](#), [Mozambique](#), [Myanmar](#), [Netherlands](#), [New Zealand](#), [Norway](#), [Portugal](#), [Romania](#), [Russia](#),

[Serbia](#), [South Africa](#), [South Sudan](#), [Spain](#), [Sri Lanka](#), [Swaziland](#), [Sweden](#), [Switzerland](#), [Thailand](#), the [United Kingdom](#), and the [United States](#).

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INTERPOL Chief outlines support to Arab Interior Ministers Council in combating terrorism

TUNIS, Tunisia - INTERPOL Secretary General Jürgen Stock said the world policing body stood ready to support the Arab Interior Ministers Council in the joint fight against terrorism and organized crime.

Addressing the meeting attended by more than 20 Ministers, Secretary General Stock said 'wahdaa', which means unity in English, was vital in harmonising national, regional and international law enforcement efforts.

Mr Stock also underlined the need for frontline officers to have access to INTERPOL's I-24/7 communications system and global databases, which can act as an 'early warning system' against terrorists and crime threats.

"Whether it is to combat the flow of terrorism linked with Da'esh or with any active terrorist entities, INTERPOL stands ready to support its Arab membership in our joint fight,"

said Secretary General Stock, who also highlighted the need for the skills and experience of police officers from the region to be shared alongside those from around the world.

"In facing challenges arising from conflict-ridden areas of Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Syria or Yemen, we will join you against terrorism in all its forms, regardless of geography, politics, religious beliefs or the propaganda of opposing factions.

"The same holds true for organized crime networks. Regardless of the commodity, its source, transit or destination, INTERPOL will continue to support its Arab membership in combating transnational criminal threats," concluded the INTERPOL Chief.

As part of INTERPOL's commitment to the region, in February this year

an agreement was signed with the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) to enhance cooperation between the two Organizations in combating crime and terrorism.

With a focus on aligning activities between INTERPOL and GCCPOL, the policing arm of the GCC, developing interoperability between the two Organization's communications systems to exchange critical police information will be a key part of future collaboration.

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