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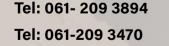
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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER P.K. SHIKWAMBI HEAD: PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION, NAMIBIAN POLICE FORCE

Syicide- a white elephant in the room

Suicide is a complex matter; while some perceive it as a crime others says it is not because there is no element of criminality. What are your views?

Suicide remains one of the most pressing, yet often unspoken, crises facing our society. It is a complex, multifaceted issue that affects millions of people globally each year. Behind every statistic lies a story of pain, confusion, and desperation. For many, the act of taking one's life is not about a desire to die but rather an attempt to escape unbearable suffering when no other options seem viable.

Police Statistics reveals that numbers do not lie and statistics shows more men commit suicide, even in terms of juveniles, boys are more than girls. This is why our approach to suicide must be grounded in compassion, understanding, and proactive support. The stigma surrounding mental health, particularly suicide, often prevents open discussions.

The burden of silence can be deadly, and we as police officers and family members, must work to break this silence by fostering an environment where people feel safe to express their pain. Suicide prevention, therefore, demands a comprehensive approach that addresses these root causes. It's not enough to simply react when someone is in crisis; we must work to create a world that reduces the likelihood of someone reaching that point in the first place.

It gives us pleasure noting that the Namibian Police Force's Gender and Welfare Directorate in collaboration with the Office of the Prime Minister is spearheading an Employee Wellness program, aimed at positioning officers and equip them to address wellness and welfare of the members at the workplace.

Employers must surely prioritize mental wellness, recognizing that productivity is intrinsically linked to the well-being of employees. Empathy can save lives. Checking in on colleagues, friends and family, being aware of warning signs, and offering a non-judgmental ear can make all the difference. Small gestures of kindness and understanding can provide hope to someone in a dark place.

Suicide is preventable, and our collective effort can create a society where no one feels that ending their life is the only option. It begins with compassion, conversation, and a commitment to change. Let us break the silence, challenge the stigma, and build a future where every life is valued and supported.





IGP HONOURED WITH AWARD OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE EAGLE, FIRST CLASS

LT. GEN. J. S. SHIKONGO 'GCOE', 'OMS'

Criteria/Attributes

- Distinguished service above the call of duty
- Distiguished contribution to political, cultural and socio-economic development of the country
- Innovation and entrepreurship
- Transformational leadership
- Dedication to the continuous quality service
- World-center-stage achievement



Award Type

The Most Excellent Order of the Eagle, First Class

Citation

Lieutenant Joseph Shimweelao Shikongo is the the Inspector General of the Namibian Police Force who through his exemplary and unwavering dedication, transformed the Namibian Police Force and the safety and security landscape of the Republic of Namibia.

Since assuming command, Lt. Gen. Shikongo has implemented series of stratergic reforms that have revitalised the Namibian Police Force

gap between the police and the community, fostering a collaborative environment where citizens actively participate in ensuring their own safety.

Lt. Gen. Shikongo continuously promotes the adoption of digital tools and systems for efficient crime reporting, data management and communictaion. The existence of a nationwide digital crime reporting system

and restored public confidence. His approach is characterised by moral courage, vision and an unwavering commitment to justice and community service.

Through community engagement and trust building, Lt. Gen. Shikongo has bridged the

Information extracted from: Investiture Ceremony 23 August 2024

expedited response times and improved overall police efficiency.

On 23 August 2024, Lt. Gen. Shikongo joined the revered Alumni of the Namibian National Honours System as **Grand Commander of The Most Excellent Order of the Eagle, First Class.**

EMBRACING INNOVATION TO NAVIGATE POLICING CHALLENGES NAMIBIAN POLICE FORCE SCC 2024

BY DEP.COMM. P.K. SHIKWAMBI

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The Namibian Police Force concluded its five days long Senior Command Conference (SCC) 2024 on 26 July 2024. The Conference was held at Bennie's Entertainment Park and Lodge, under the Theme "Embracing Innovation To Navigate Policing Challenges".

The deliberations have underscored the importance of collaboration, not only within ranks but also with the communities. Surely, building trust and fostering strong relationships with the public is paramount to the Police mission of ensuring safety and justice for all.

The SCC 2024 ended with a Charity drive, an event conducted at every SCC to assist identified orphans and the vulnerable in households in Oshuulo and Omatando Villages and Dr. Frans Aupa Indongo Special Care Centre in Okandjengedi. They were assisted with donations in the form of foodstuff, toiletries, matrasses etc. valued at thirty thousand Namibia Dollars. The funds are from the Namibian Police Force Charity Fund to which the Senior Management Cadre voluntarily make contributions.



The Commanders navigated on the challenges facing the Force and embraced all opportunities to bring changes to policing. They have explored new technologies and methodologies that can enhance the police operational effectiveness.

The Inspector General of the Namibian Police Force (IGP) extended heartfelt gratitude to each one for their invaluable contributions during the discussions and for sharing innovative strategies, and addressed pressing challenges facing the police force today. The SCC 2024, ultimately passes twenty-five resolutions for implementation by the respective Regions, Directorates and Divisions.

At its closing, the IGP encouraged all to remain committed to the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and service; saying "our collective efforts are crucial in upholding the rule of law and maintaining the peace and security of our communities. Your dedication and hard work are truly commendable. Together, we will continue to lead with courage, wisdom, and compassion."

The Regional Commander of Oshana Region thanked all the organizers, speakers, and participants for making the conference a resounding success.

The next Senior Command Conference will be held at Opuwo, in Kunene Region.

NAMPOL CHARITY DRIVE



NAMPOL assisted identified orphans and vulnerable households in Oshuulo and Omatando Villages in Oshana Region. The Dr. Frans Aupa Indongo Special Care Centre in Okandjengedi was among the beneficiaries. They were assisted with donations in the form of foodstuff, toiletries, matrasses and school uniforms altogether valued at thirty thousand Namibia Dollars. The Charity Drive is conducted at the conclusion of every Senior Command Conference.

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OSHIKANGO BORDER POST

BY WO² J. SHEEFENI & INSP T.A, HAMUNYELA

he Oshikango/Santa Clara border posts have commenced 24-hour operations following an official launch ceremony held on June 14, 2024, at Oshikango, Ohangwena region. The new operating schedule was officiated by the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security Dr. Albert Kawana, alongside his Angolan counterpart, Dr. Eugenio Cesar Laborinho, the Minister of Interior.

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The commencement of 24-hour operations at this border post is expected to enhance cross border trade and boost economic activity for the business community, while facilitating seamless movement for travelers between Namibia and Angola. Dr Kawana described the implementation of the decision as a significant milestone and a hour operations at these border posts comes with new responsibilities and challenges, but emphasized that the public and truck drivers on either side of the border can expect the congestion of vehicles to become a thing of the past.

The governor of Ohangwena region, retired Inspector General Sebastian Ndeitunga, in his welcoming remarks, said the opening of the border and free movement of people and goods will reduce illegal crossings. "There should be no more justification and a need for illegal border crossings because this development is providing enough time for people to move through this border without any problem of time," he said.

According to Dr Kawana, the decision to open





dream come true.

"At long last it is a dream to come true, the dream of our two countries to open Oshikango/Santa Clara border posts on a twenty-four hour basis in order to enhance the movement of goods and people. I therefore, take this opportunity to salute the visionary leadership of our two countries for this noble objective," stated Dr Kawana.

The Minister further noted that the launch of 24-

the Oshikango/Santa Clara border posts on a 24-hour basis was made during a meeting of the Joint Permanent Commission on Defence and Security held in Swakopmund, Erongo region in November 2021.

He also added that the two countries are working on opening more crossing areas along the border to promote unhindered movement of nationals between the two countries.

NAMPOL SCOOPS BEST EXHIBITOR

AT UNAM ANNUAL CAREER FAIR & EMPLOYMENT EXPO 2024

BY C/INSP. P.S. HAIKALI

The Namibian Police Force (NAMPOL) has been awarded the prestigious title of Best Exhibitor at the University of Namibia's (UNAM) Annual Career Fair and Employment Expo, held from the 23rd to the 25th of July 2024 at Rundu UNAM Campus.

The event, a cornerstone of the UNAM academic calendar, aimed to facilitate a meaningful professional engagement by exploring various job and internship opportunities available in the market. It served as a pivotal platform for fostering connections between school learners, students, parents, teachers, graduates, and potential employers.

This year's expo offered an invaluable opportunity for students and learners to interact with industry leaders and potential employers. Through engaging corporate presentation sessions, organizations had a captive audience to showcase their offerings, share insights on career-related topics, and present their products and services to a diverse crowd.

During the event, NAMPOL distinguished itself by providing on-site services, including the issuance of Code of Conduct Certificates, and sharing vital information on career opportunities within the police force. They also offered guidance on issues such as drug awareness, cybercrime, community policing, gender-based violence, and the process of lodging complaints.

At the award ceremony, all exhibitors were acknowledged and awarded certificates of participation for their efforts. The awards were categorized into Public Choice, Best Exhibitor, 2nd Runner-Up, and 3rd Runner-Up. NAMPOL's dedication and commitment to engaging with the community earned them the top honor of Best Exhibitor.

The Namibian Police Force was represented by





Police members from the Kavango East Region, and the Public Relations Division members, who expressed immense joy over the achievement. The team demonstrated unwavering dedication in serving the school learners, students, parents, teachers, and graduates who visited their stand during the exhibition.

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KRC JOIN HANDS WITH NAMPOL CONTRIBUTES TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME BY WO² J. SHEEFENI

he Khomas Regional Council on the 06 August handed over six (6) repaired vehicles and renovations that were done at various police stations in and around Windhoek, to the Namibian Police Force (Nampol).

This initiative is part of a project for which the Council has allocated N\$1.5 million. In total, eleven (11) vehicles are included in this project, with five still undergoing repairs at the time of the handover ceremony at the Windhoek Police Station.

These vehicles will enhance the ability of police officers to respond promptly and effectively to the needs of the community. During the event, the Inspector General of the Namibian Police Force, Lieutenant General Joseph Shimweelao Shikongo, expressed gratitude for this generous contribution and emphasized the importance of collaboration between the police and stakeholders.

"It is through such partnerships that we can leverage our resources, expertise, and strengths to address the multifaceted challenges that confront our communities. Khomas Regional Council has exemplified this spirit of collaboration by extending their support to enhance the operational capacity of our police force," he stated.

The Inspector General also noted that the vehicles will be crucial in the fight against crime throughout the region. "These repaired vehicles will undoubtedly serve as invaluable contribution on the ongoing efforts to uphold law and order,

protect our citizens, and combat crime in all its forms. From remote areas to urban centers of Khomas, these vehicles are now fit to traverse the hopes and aspirations of a safer tomorrow."

Additionally, the Windhoek and Otjomuise police holding cells were repainted, and their toilet equipment was replaced, including the K-9 kennel at Hosea Kutako International Airport. The Seeis and Wanaheda police stations were also among those renovated.

The Governor of the Khomas Region, Laura McLeod-Katjirua, stated that the initiative is part their efforts to made a difference in various sectors of the region.



MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, IMMIGRATION, SAFETY AND SECURITY OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARTER

BY WO² J. SHEEFENI & INSP N. HADIBO

he Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security officially launched the Customer Service Charter on the 22 August 2024. The Charter is a document which outlines the core values and principles of the Ministry as well as the respective services provided by its various Directorates and Divisions.

Officiating at the event, the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security, Dr. Albert Kawana described the Charter as a promise to deliver quality services to the nation.

"At the heart of this charter is our dedication to transparency, accountability, and integrity. We pledge to always listen to our customers, to treat them with respect and kindness, and to go above and beyond the call of duty to meet their needs





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15TH SESSION OF UN CONVENTION

IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW GROUP ON THE PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION

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n 29 August, Namibia delivered its intervention on country-level corruption preventative measures during the First Resumed 15th Session of the Implementation Review Group and 15th Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption, Vienna, Austria. The UN- organized event takes place from 28 August to 6 September 2024.

The session fosters continued discussion on assessing the performance of the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).

Paulus Noa, Director-General of the Anti-Corruption Commission, who is the head of the delegation, highlighted the country's comprehensive corruption prevention approach and effectiveness. Noa also recognized the session as an important platform for exchange in strengthening corruption prevention mechanisms under UNCAC.

The Namibian delegation includes representatives from the Anti-Corruption Commission, Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (NAMPOL) and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Namibia in Austria.

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The NAMPOL Journal Team, on behalf of the Force, wishes Major General Nainda well in her quest to become INTERPOL's Vice President for Africa.



INTERPOL COLLABORATION YIELDS SUCCESSFUL EXTRADITION OF A NAMIBIAN FUGITIVE

BY WO² J. SHEEFENI

he Namibian Police Force INTERPOL-NCB Division successfully extradited a wanted fugitive on 29 August 2024, marking a major achievement and demonstrating the good relations and cooperation among the various INTERPOL offices in the region.

Maria Johanna Coetzee, 52, arrived at the Hosea Kutako International Airport at 20:30 on Thursday evening, escorted by INTERPOL-NCB officers. She is set to face charges of Fraud, Theft, and Money Laundering involving N\$2.8 million in Namibia. Coetzee is alleged to have committed the offences in 2018 while serving as a financial manager at the Windhoek International School. She subsequently fled to South Africa, where she evaded capture until her arrest last year.

Deputy Commissioner Matthew Shipanga, Head of the INTERPOL-NCB Division, described the extradition as a major success, which he attributes to the sound working relationship with South African counterparts.

"These are basically the fruits of international police cooperation. As you are aware there are 196 member countries, so we coordinated with the INTERPOL office in South Africa for her to be traced and brought to justice," he said. Deputy Commissioner Shipanga explained the eligibility criteria for extradition, stating, "When someone has committed a crime in Namibia and fled to another country, for a suspect to qualify for extradition, the crime committed in Namibia must carry a potential punishment of six months' imprisonment or more."

He further outlined the mandate of the Division, which includes liaising and coordinating on international crime-related matters that require cross-border investigations, facilitating the timely exchange of information and intelligence with other INTERPOL member countries, coordinating extradition and mutual legal assistance, and promoting the expansion of the INTERPOL Communication System.

Namibia became a member of the INTERPOL community in 1992 during the 61st INTERPOL General Assembly held in Senegal.





Coetzee was found extraditable by the Magistrate Court of Wynberg in Cape Town, South Africa, in March 2024. The South African Minister of Justice issued an order for her return to Namibia on 30 July 2024.

Following her appearance in the High Court on 30 August 2024, Coetzee's charges remained unchanged, with her next court date set for 17 October 2024.

Over the past years, the INTERPOL-NCB Division has successfully extradited more than 21 fugitives between Namibia and other jurisdictions.



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HIPPO FC DEFEATED HORIZAH WOMEN FC 3-0 TO BE CROWNED CHAMPIONS OF ZWSL

BY WO² SHIKWAYA

he Namibian Police Force Women Football Soccer Team "Hippo Women Football Club" won the Zambezi Women Soccer League (ZWSL) on 19 August 2024 after dominating Horizah Women Footbal Club with a scoreline of 3-0. The team played 12 games; won 10, drew two and lost no game. Overally, Hippo Women FC scored 29 goals and conceded only one goal. The team will now join other teams in the second division. During a media briefing, the Police Regional Commander of Zambezi Region, Commissioner Andreas Shilelo congratulated the players for the milestone achieved and emphasized on the level of discipline the players maintained throughout the whole tournament. He encouraged the team to keep up the good spirit and to continue showcasing their talents until they qualify for the national league. Commissioner Shilelo further requested stakeholders and business community in the region to support the team with sponsorship.

"Hippo Club" is the mother board of all Namibian Police Force sport teams in Zambezi Region and comprises of the male soccer team Hippo Football Club, volleyball, netball, female soccer team and athletics.



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The Editorial team encourages members of the Force to continue contributing to the production of the Journal. Sent your contributions to Public Relations Division emails provided herein. We look forward to read your story, letter, opinion or poem in the next edition.



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HEROES' DAY 26 August 2024



We extend our gratitude to the brave men & women who established peace and those who continue to maintain law, order and security for our nation.

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