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**LTA CONGRATULATES AMAJITA AND SOUTH AFRICAN ATHLETICS TEAM FOR HOISTING THE SOUTH AFRICAN FLAG HIGH ON THE SPORTING FRONT**

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**LIMPOPO; POLOKWANE:** Limpopo Tourism Agency (LTA) wishes to congratulate the South African under 20 team, Amajita for being crowned the African Champions during their tussle for the trophy against the Moroccan under 20 team, Young Lions as they are affectionately known.

The journey was not easy as the team, under the stewardship Coach Raymond Mdaka, was under the so-called group of death that included, Tanzania, Sierra Leone, Zambia and Egypt. After outsmarting all their opponents in the group stage, Amajita carried on to the quarter finals to humble the Democratic Republic of Congo with a 1-0 win. For them to march to the finals, they beat Nigeria by 1-0 in the semi-final. This team resembled their predecessors who reached the final in 1997 when they faced Morocco, who were the hosts, and lost the tournament to them at the time. This, to the South Africans, is seen as sweet revenge with Morocco beaten in front of the home fans. LTA hails the team for making South Africa proud.

On the athletics front, team SA's Men's 4x100m relay squad lit up the track with a blazing 37.61s to record the fastest time in the world this year. The South African team on 4x400m gave a great performance and did not disappoint as they won a gold during the World Athletics Championships in China.

Last month in Botswana, Simbine ran 9.90 seconds, becoming the first athlete in history to run under 10 seconds in the 100m for 11 seasons in a row. This makes him the fastest person on earth as he has broken the record that was set by Usain Bolt, who has now retired from athletics.

On the other hand, the South African team shattered the national record in the Women's 4x400m at the 2025 Athletics Grand Prix 1 giving. This no doubt gives South Africans hope and to this end, LTA congratulates the athletes and Athletics South Africa for putting shoulder to the wheel to ensure these record-breaking performances.

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