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History of the Bakgoro  
(Offshoot of Seleka ba Barolong)  
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Mo losikeng la Becwana go na le morafe (tribe) o bilicang Bakgoro, kgono "Bakgori" (those who get filled).

Morafe o ke oa loco loa Barolong. Ke boo-Seleke tshimologong, Seleke mogoloae Rapulana, monnae Tshili. Janong ba huma thata go feta boo-Seleke mme ba beloa ke Khumo ba simolola go belafala le go ikgogomosetsa Seleke kantlha ea Kgora. Ba ba ba coa gae ba coa motse oa bone koa thokothoko ba gana go busioa ke Seleke kgotsa Rapulana. Ba ba ba latlha le sereto sa bone, eleng Tshipi le Tholo, lireto tsa Barolong, ba re ba ana Phiri.

Bakgoro le bo gompijeno ba ana Phiri e thamaga. Letlonkana (Hyena) ke eone sereto sa Bakgoro. Athe e ne e le ba bina Tshipi e ncho morolong namane tsa Tholo li ja mogopo li o lala.

Ka go ngaloga ga bone, morafe oa (Bakgoro) Seleka o neoa ea go aga koa ncoanamusi gone koa Lucoana, e ka nna ka ngoaga 1800.

Bakgoro ke morafenyana o bogale ntoeng ke se boo-Seleka ba tshabileng go ba kganela kgotsa go ba loantsha ka shone. Go shupahala ha e le bone ba losika loa bogosi ja Barolong jo Ra-Seleke le jo ra-Pulana gomme ga ba tlhokoe mo bolaoing joo.

Rasegotshana e ne e le tona e kgolo ea ga Moroka koa Thabancho. Salomane Kute le Bogacu e ne e le tona tse kgolo tsa ga Samele Moroka. Bao botlhe ke Bakgoro.

Ha bo-Raseleka ba sena go coa motse ba agile ko Ncoanamusi ba ata, ba natlafala, khumo ea tota thata. Ha ba lemile, mabele a nne mantsi thata koa masimong.

Janong kantlha ea Khumo le Khora ba simolola go nna lifafalele le go senya. Ba anega mashi loshoabo. Mariga ha kgomo li husitse

ba ja mashi ana a loshoabo. Ke mashi ao go thoeng (Cheese) go bonala jalo.

Jalo ba choenngoa thata ke lintshi. Ntse e rata mashi thata. Ba lekile go upella lintshi e coa ba sa itse le bongaka ba tlholega, mme lintsi tsa ba choenya thata hela.

4 Ha ba lemile ba bone thobo e kgolo ea mabele. Ha ba robile lifala, le (libupi) li tletse mme mabele a sa setse koa masimong, ba tsee melamu le lithobane tseo ba neng ba phota mabele ka cone ba e masimong, mme ba tlhotlhore mabele ka cone ba re: "Ko re go jeoa o tsenyoe eng! Ko re go jeoa ga o fele"!!

Tsela e ea go anega mashi loshoabo le ea go falatsa mabele ke cone e lirileng gore gotoe ke bakgori, ke lichaba tse li mo mathokong.

Leina le sereto sa bone sa latlhegela ruri mme le gompjeno ba ipitsa bakgoro ba na Phiri, athe ke Barolong bo-Seleke tlhagong ea bone ba ana Tshipi kapa Tholo.

Ba Kgoro ba boela gae.

5 Morago ga lingoaga morafe o oa bogisica ke lintshi ka ntlha ea mashi a anegoang a, mme ba leka go batla ngaka e ka ba alafelang cone. Bo-Seleke ba utloela mme ga coa lingaka go ea go thusa. Lingoe e ne e le tsoo-ra Pulana bo-Seleke le bo-Rapulana ba ne ba eletsa fela gore morafe o o boele gae o tlogele boikgogomoshu.

Fa lingaka li goroga koa Ncoanamusi li reetse Bakgoro tsa re, "E tla re re tla alafa lintsi tse, kgomo cotlhe le leruo la cotlhe tse li tsamaeang li coe li ee nageng kgakajana le motse.

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Liphatlo tsa matlo otlhe li coele kantle, marumo otlhe le libolao  
cotlhe li bofioc lingata li pegoe mo setlhareng re tla re kgone  
go kgatsa le go foka tseana, cotlhe le matlo ka fa teng.

6 Tsena cotlhe li liragetse mme lingaka tsa simolola go lira.  
Athe koa nageng koa likgomo le linku le balisa ba cone li oetse  
liatleng tsa lira, li gapiloe ke mephato ea Ra-Seleke.

Bakgoro ha ba re "Thatha" ba fitlhela ba tsietsane ba tsielicoe  
mme ba tlhoka go itamolela ka marumo a tsailoe a beecoe kgakala mme  
lira tsa ba chologela ka choganyeco ka ba se na libolao tsa go  
iphemela ba ineela feela koantle ga ntoa.

Jalo erile morago ga lobaka ga bonala tsela e ngoe feela ke go  
boela gae ka maruo otlhe a thopiloe ga ba sa na sepe. Line jana  
ba boela go Rapulana ba se ka ba tlhola ba ea go Raseleke. Ba  
tlhoboganela ruri.

7 Bakgoro ba tlotlile leina ja Labo mogolo e leng 'Masetlholiana  
thata, ke bo-e-ra-Taunana, Matlhasi, Bulila, Bo-o-rakgano-a-Maikeco  
a linonyane, jalo jalo. Ke morafe o ithatang o ratanang, o  
ratang loco loa one le coelopele. Mo mangaung bo-o-Ramolisa poli  
ba theile lekgotla ja Barolong Burial Society ja coelopele mme ke  
bakgoro, ba bagolo bone ba sa ntse ba lumela ha ele bo-monnae  
Seleke, ba banye bone ba ganetse ruri ba re, re bina phiri e seng  
tshipi.

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