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Six ambulances to boost emergency care in remote areas

Mpho Mosojane
GABORONE

Access to emergency medical care in Botswana’s hard-to-reach areas is set for a major boost after the Ministry of Health handed over six state-of-the-art ambulances to the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs.

The vehicles, described as mobile intensive care units, are expected to cut emergency response times and strengthen referrals, particularly for communities in remote districts.

Delivering the ambulances, Minister of Health Dr Stephen Modise said the handover marked a pivotal moment in government’s commitment to strengthening primary healthcare.

“The ambulances will help reduce emergency response times and improve access to timely medical care, particularly for communities in remote areas,” Dr Modise said.

He noted that improving health services and reducing maternal mortality were key to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 3.

“Botswana’s current mortality rate of 176.6 deaths per 100,000 live births is alarming, and there is a need for improved access to timely medical care by ensuring that our healthcare providers have the necessary resources to respond swiftly to protect the lives of citizens,” he said.

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Minister of Health Dr Stephen Modise (right) and acting permanent secretary of Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Ms Tshepo Kebakile during the handing over of six ambulances to the ministry in Gaborone yesterday. Dr Modise said the new ambulances would enhance the effectiveness of emergency response. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

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Keorapetse urges faith leaders to drive HIV/AIDS fight

Relief Lephutshi
LOBATSE

The Church and other faith-based organisations have a critical role to play in transforming Botswana's response to HIV/AIDS, Speaker of the National Assembly Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse said on Sunday.

Speaking during the launch of the Month of Prayer under the theme: Let there be life in Lobatse, Mr Keorapetse said faith institutions were uniquely positioned to lead the fight due to their trusted relationships with families and communities.

"Given their trusted relationships with individuals, families, and communities, faith organisations are better equipped to spearhead the fight against HIV/AIDS," he told congregants.

Mr Keorapetse called on pastors, ministers and all faith leaders to use their platforms to promote health-seeking behaviour.

He urged them to encourage

HIV testing, treatment adherence, health screening and mental health support, while also speaking openly about substance abuse and gender-based violence.

"Prayer offers hope, courage, wisdom, healing, and strength. Prayer has the power to mobilise communities into action, but it must be reflected in people's everyday lives," he said.

He stressed that prayer must be paired with practical steps: education, awareness campaigns and health testing.

"Above all, people should seek and adhere to health treatments," he added.

The Speaker said the same approach should be applied to GBV, alcohol, drugs and strengthening families.

"Parents must be present in their children's lives; spouses must learn to communicate and resolve conflicts constructively.

Families facing struggles should not hesitate to seek counsel and support to create homes where

individuals feel loved, heard, valued, and safe," he said.

Also addressing the gathering, Deputy National Coordinator at the National AIDS Health Promotions Agency, Ms Tebogo Hlabano said the burden of HIV/AIDS and Non-Communicable Diseases continues to rise.

Ms Hlabano reported that 58 per cent of deaths in Botswana are now linked to NCDs. She cited

risky behaviours including tobacco smoking, alcohol use, low fruit and vegetable intake, and lack of physical activity as key drivers.

On HIV, she said Botswana remained among the four most affected countries globally.

"Despite significant advances in treatment and prevention, we are still recording approximately 2 200 new HIV infections annually," she said.

The national HIV prevalence stands at 20.8 per cent, meaning about 329,000 adults are living with HIV, she disclosed.

Ms Hlabano warned that recent shortages of medicines and HIV commodities threatened to reverse progress made so far.

The Month of Prayer will run throughout September with activities focused on health, families and community action. **BOPA**



Speaker of the National Assembly Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse has called on faith leaders to lead in the fight against HIV/AIDS, saying their trusted relationship with communities places them in a strong position to promote healthy and responsible living. Photo: Relief Lephutshi

New mineral regulations to mandate citizen participation

Portia Rapitsenyane
PALAPYE

Government is shifting how it measures the success of mining operations, with new rules set to focus on the value retained locally and the citizen capabilities built, rather than only production tonnage and royalties.

Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Kenewendo, announced the policy direction during a follow-up visit to Morupule Coal Mine (MCM) last week to assess the impact of the mine's Citizen Economic Empowerment Programme (CEEP).

During an earlier visit in April last year, the minister had challenged MCM leadership to show tangible progress in jobs, skills development and enterprise growth through CEEP.

"The days of measuring a mining operation's contribution purely by tonnage or royalties are ending," Ms Kenewendo said.

She revealed that government was finalising new Mines and Minerals Regulations that would mandate greater local beneficiation and stronger local content requirements across all mineral value chains, including coal.

The minister stressed that citizen participation was not a corporate social responsibility add-on, but a core government policy anchored in the National Development Plan and the Economic Transformation Programme.

Highlighting MCM's strategic importance, Ms Kenewendo said the mine sat at the centre of national energy security.

Botswana currently consumes nearly 4 800 gigawatt-hours of electricity annually, with peak demand approaching 700 megawatts.

To close historical supply gaps and position Botswana as a net exporter of electricity, she said, the ministry was pursuing several projects.

These, she said included remedial works at Morupule B power station, development of a new base-load coal station, advancement of the Mmamabula coal project, and utility-scale solar projects in Mmadinare, Jwaneng and other areas.

"Coal is not a relic in our energy strategy. It is, for the foreseeable future, a foundation of it, and Morupule is that foundation," the minister said.

Ms Kenewendo outlined a broader sector transformation aimed at ending the raw export of minerals.

She said government was advancing copper-led diversification through the Kalahari Copper Belt, supporting expansions at Khoemacau, and studying the feasibility of a domestic copper refinery.

She added that critical minerals exploration was also underway across the roughly 70 per cent of the country that remained geologically

unexplored. In diamonds, the focus is shifting toward deepening trading, beneficiation and branding.

The minister commended MCM for its safety record, noting 25 years without a fatality and a strong Lost Time Injury rate. She described the milestone as the result of deliberate efforts and said it reflected the 'zero harm' standard expected of all licensed operators.

During a tour of business stalls and review of outcomes from MCM's Lion's Den pitching initiative, Ms Kenewendo praised the growth of citizen-owned companies. These include soil and dust binder firms, engineering companies, and chemical solution suppliers that emerged directly from the mine's supply chain.

She urged all mining operators to create space for local capabilities to grow and compete internationally.

MCM Chief Executive Officer, Mr Edwin Elias, said CEEP is building a more resilient mine while turning national policy into lasting opportunities for Botswana.

He noted the programme goes beyond procurement. Participating businesses receive support in capacity building, mentorship, export readiness, intellectual property, industry standards and market access.

"The goal is to help local companies grow beyond traditional mine contracts and compete in wider regional and international markets," Mr Elias said. **BOPA**

Cooperatives key to job creation and poverty reduction

Tshiamiso Mosetlha
SEROWE

Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe, has described cooperatives as tools for creating sustainable businesses, generating employment and reducing poverty.

Speaking at a special general meeting of the Serowe Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd in Serowe recently, Mr Mathoothe said cooperatives played a vital role in empowering individuals, especially in rural areas, by providing them with opportunities to pool resources.

"Cooperatives can enhance food security, generate employment and foster community development. They are supposed to assist government in creating employment and eradicating poverty in villages," he said.

Mr Mathoothe explained that cooperatives allowed members to combine their resources,

knowledge and finances to work jointly, instead of operating individually. He urged young people to form cooperatives to help tackle high unemployment.

The minister noted that cooperatives were expanding beyond traditional agriculture and retail into tourism, manufacturing, renewable energy and digital technology.

He said agricultural and marketing cooperatives that combine livestock and produce could lower operational costs and help members access bigger markets.

Despite their potential, Mr Mathoothe acknowledged that cooperatives had not yet fully managed to create employment opportunities and provide social protection for members.

He called for renewed commitment from communities to strengthen cooperative structures so they could deliver on their mandate. **BOPA**



Minister of Minerals and Energy Ms Bogolo Kenewendo (centre) touring some of the citizen businesses engaged by Morupule Coal Mine under the Citizen Economic Empowerment Programme during a recent follow-up visit to the mine. Photo: Portia Rapitsenyane

Six ambulances handed over to local authorities

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Dr Modise added that the vehicles were more than just transport upgrades. “They are a crucial intervention in addressing challenges facing primary and maternal healthcare,” he said. Receiving the ambulances, Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Ms Tshepo Kebakile, said the handover reflected a joint commitment

to building a robust healthcare system. “The Ministry of Health continues to support our mandate of placing the citizenry at the heart of everything we do, ensuring that we continue to efficiently deliver social safety nets, such as primary healthcare in this case,” Ms Kebakile said. She said the collaboration demonstrated a coordinated approach that would allow faster and more efficient patient transfers.

“Patients requiring urgent medical attention will receive the necessary care without delay,” she added. Dr Modise called for continued collaboration among stakeholders to leverage resources and expertise

in tackling challenges facing the health system, saying it was essential for creating a sustainable healthcare environment. The six ambulances form part of a fleet of eight new mobile intensive care units. They will be

deployed to clinics in Okavango, North West, Ghanzi, Boteti, Tonota and Kweneng districts. The Ministry of Health and Wellness will retain the remaining two for Tsabong and Good Hope Primary Hospitals. **BOPA**

Mmadinare solar plant to reduce electricity import dependence

Chendzimu Manyepedza
MMADINARE

Botswana’s electricity import dependence is set to decline as the newly launched 100MW Mmadinare Solar PV Cluster strengthens domestic power generation and accelerates the country’s transition to renewable energy. Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo, who was speaking at the official launch of plant, said the project would harness Botswana’s abundant solar resources to boost energy security and provide a reliable alternative to imported electricity. “This project, along with other solar initiatives, has added over 209 MW of renewable energy to the national grid, supplying clean electricity to thousands of homes and businesses. These efforts are driving the country’s transition to a cleaner energy future and reducing reliance on imported electricity, benefiting the domestic economy,” she said. Ms Kenewendo said the Mmadinare solar plant represented an important step towards achieving Botswana’s renewable energy targets while supporting the country’s commitments to addressing climate change through environmentally sustainable energy solutions. She said the project demonstrated government’s commitment to increasing domestic electricity generation, diversifying the energy mix and making greater use of the country’s abundant solar resources. “This project goes beyond just

increasing our generation capacity; it showcases the government’s commitment to energy security, diversifying our energy mix, and transitioning to a cleaner future. Expanding solar energy is a key part of our renewable energy roadmap for 2030. Projects like this are turning ambition into action by harnessing our abundant solar resources for a sustainable energy future,” she said. The Mmadinare Solar Cluster is built and owned by Scatec ASA, a Norway-based independent power producer, and is directly connected to the national electricity grid under a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement with Botswana Power Corporation (BPC). Ms Kenewendo said the project was expected to strengthen the resilience and sustainability of the electricity sector while reducing the country’s vulnerability to challenges associated with electricity imports. She added that the initiative would also encourage further investment in renewable energy as Botswana seeks to develop an electricity sector that is resilient, affordable and sustainable, while contributing to broader economic development and inclusion. BPC Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Kgoboko, said the plant had already generated more than 243,288 MWh of electricity since becoming operational and feeding into the national grid. He said the plant had also recorded excellent performance, with availability and reliability consistently averaging above 99 per cent since operations began. Member of Parliament for Mmadinare Constituency and Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Kethlalefile Motshegwa, described the 100MW solar PV plant as a groundbreaking achievement for both the community and the country. Mr Motshegwa said the project would deliver significant socio-economic benefits through sustainable energy generation, job creation and stimulation of local economic activity. He said the establishment of the plant would also create opportunities for further investment in renewable energy, promote environmental sustainability and contribute to improving the quality of life for residents of Mmadinare and surrounding areas. **BOPA**



Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (right) Francistown District Commissioner, Ms Chabongwa Matseka (left) and Francistown mayor, Mr Gaone Majere (centre) after the minister's update on Tati Nickel mine accommodation houses to the full council in Francistown on Thursday. Mr Mohwasa said the mine's houses in Francistown were all sold to BDF and the houses in Selebi Phikwe as well as the mine workers compensation were still awaiting the liquidation process finalisation. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Former BCL employees to receive government-purchased houses

Chendzimu Manyepedza
SELEBI PHIKWE

Former BCL employees who have been assessed and verified as eligible beneficiaries of some of the 1 232 houses purchased by the government from the BCL Liquidator are set to receive their houses officially. The Minister of Water and Human Settlement, Mr Onnetse Ramogapi, explained this during an engagement meeting with former BCL employees in Selebi Phikwe on Friday. The meeting was held in collaboration with the Minister for State, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa. It was set to provide an update to former BCL employees regarding housing allocation, payments and other related critical matters regarding BCL mine closure. Mr Ramogapi explained that the government and relevant stakeholders were currently working on logistics and other related matters for the official handover of the houses. He assured former BCL employees currently occupying the houses that they were allowed to remain in the properties while they await the completion of the handover process. “The government has resolved to allocate the houses as social

housing, taking into consideration the condition of most properties, which are dilapidated and will not be renovated before being handed over to beneficiaries,” he said. He said beneficiaries would have the opportunity to obtain the houses through a contractual arrangement, which might involve a series of agreed-upon payments over time, thereby allowing for more manageable financial commitments. Alternatively, beneficiaries have the option to purchase the houses outright by paying the full amount in cash. Mr Ramogapi further advised all occupants to exercise caution and avoid undertaking any renovations or major alterations to their homes, emphasising the importance of waiting until the official handover process is complete and all relevant documents are signed. This approach, he said, would ensure that any changes to the properties comply with applicable regulations and do not cause complications during the transition. “This is to offer former employees of BCL much-needed clarity and a sense of security concerning the housing arrangements they currently reside in. This comes in response to the protracted challenges that have caused ongoing uncertainty for these individuals,” he said.

He said this is also to address all concerns about housing stability, ensuring that beneficiaries have a clearer understanding of their living situations as they navigate the aftermath of the mine’s closure. Minister Ramogapi expressed his appreciation for the resilience shown by the former BCL employees. He recognised the challenges they faced following the mine’s closure and reassured them that the government would continue to address other BCL closure matters accordingly. Former employee of BCL, Mr Teko Monare, expressed his appreciation for the efforts made in housing allocation, calling it a milestone that brings hope. However, he voiced his dissatisfaction with the decision to allocate houses, noting that it seems to favour only those who had been living in the mine houses before the closure. “Some of the individuals who have never had the chance to live in former BCL-owned homes have been largely forgotten in the conversation surrounding housing opportunities. Their experiences and needs remain unaddressed; this highlights a gap in awareness and support for those who have been excluded from such living arrangements,” he said. **BOPA**

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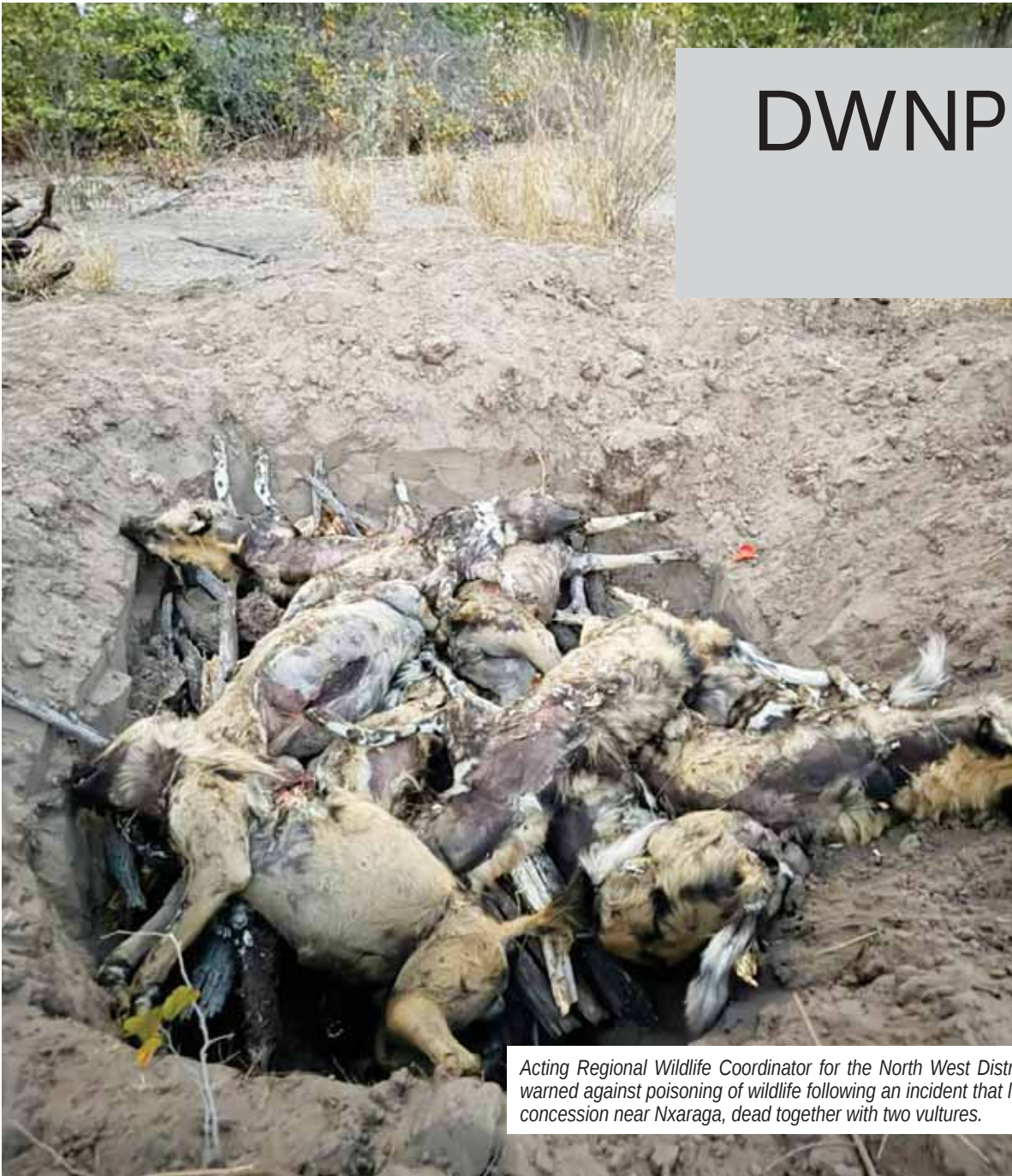
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Acting Regional Wildlife Coordinator for the North West District, Mr Thebeyakgosi Horatius, has warned against poisoning of wildlife following an incident that left 20 African wild dogs in the NG30 concession near Nxaraga, dead together with two vultures.

DWNP warns about dangers of poisoning wildlife

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Acting regional wildlife coordinator for North West, Mr Thebeyakgosi Horatius has warned about the effects of poisoning of wildlife which result in severe harm to the natural ecosystem and damage to the tourism industry. The warning follows the recent disturbing incident in which 20 African wild dogs were poisoned in the NG30 concession along the Nxaraga area, some 10 kilometres from the village. The dead animals comprised of 10 adult dogs and 10 puppies, together with two eagles. In an interview, he said the incident was discovered during one of the regular patrols when the carcasses were spotted in the bush.

Mr Horatius said already four middle-aged men had been arrested in connection of the poisoned pack of endangered African wild dogs. “Killing 20 at a go is a serious blow to the ecosystem and the tourism industry. The animals are Africa’s second most endangered large carnivore occurring in only 14 countries and with viable populations left in only eight countries of Botswana, Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia, Namibia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe,” he said. While the law allows members of the community to protect themselves and their property when animals posed danger to them, he appealed to them to find better ways of protecting their livestock from predators rather than poisoning. He said they should also understand that the poisoned carcasses also endangered the lives of scavengers such as vultures and other birds. He also noted that it was the second incident the department recorded this year following the deaths of 30 vultures suspected to had been poisoned after they fed on a carcass near Phuduhudu around June. **BOPA**

Kgalagadi North embraces sustainable livelihoods approach

Thuso Kgakatsi
HUKUNTSI

Kgalagadi North District Council is ready to embrace the shift from reliance on welfare assistance toward self-reliance and sustainable livelihoods. The district has already adopted a comprehensive Sustainable Livelihoods Approach (SLA) as a framework for implementing its social protection programmes and priorities, Deputy Council Secretary, Dr Bareedi Sento has said. Speaking during a visit by the Chief of Staff and Social Protection Chairperson, Dr Oupa Tsheko in Hukuntsi on Thursday, Dr Sento said the approach placed people at the centre of development by identifying household assets, skills and capabilities and using them to design interventions that build resilience and reduce dependency. She said the district’s objective was to empower vulnerable people to develop diversified and sustainable livelihoods that could improve household incomes

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and enable them to become economically independent. “The implementation of social protection strategies in the district is anticipated to yield reduced dependency on social safety nets and a decrease in the number of vulnerable households reliant solely on social assistance,” she said. Dr Sento said the district was therefore working toward transitioning beneficiaries from social protection to sustainable livelihoods through community-based projects. Among the initiatives is the Lehututu Tannery, which received funding from various organisations, including the American Embassy and the Community Constituency Project. She said the tannery had a board overseeing its operations and produced leather products such as belts and bags. Some beneficiaries had received training, although refresher training was now required, she added. The district also has community shops at Ukhwi and Hunhukwe, managed by Village Development

Committees on behalf of the communities. Another initiative is the toilet-paper manufacturing project targeting 10 former beneficiaries of the Destitute Programme. She said training had been completed, while procurement of machinery and equipment was ongoing. The P1.5 million project is intended to supply the district market and eventually reach external markets. The district is also developing an Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC) incubation hub, which will engage four beneficiaries trained at Kitso Centre, comprising two females and two males. Dr Sento said the project would establish an automobile repair and maintenance workshop that would function as both a vocational training facility and an income-generating enterprise. Currently, four beneficiaries are attached to the Mechanical Department while preparations for the hub continue. Dr Sento said the district faced challenges that could affect the implementation of the approach, including limited funding and a high number of requests for registration into welfare programmes as well as reliance on government tenders. For his part, Dr Tsheko, said government needed to rethink its approach to social protection to ensure that beneficiaries were supported to graduate

from assistance into sustainable livelihoods. He said despite government investment in social protection, poverty remained a challenge, with some beneficiaries continuing to depend on social assistance. Dr Tsheko said government had therefore recognised the need to engage districts more closely, as one-size-fits-all approach could not respond to the different resources, challenges and opportunities found across the country. “We need to engage with districts because we have realised that the idea of one-size-fits-all programmes is not working for us,” he said. He said consultations with districts would help identify local opportunities and inform policies and programmes that were suited to the circumstances of individual communities. Dr Tsheko said Kgalagadi North had resources that could be harnessed to create sustainable livelihoods, citing salt, wildlife and livestock as key economic opportunities. “How do we take people out of poverty? We need to utilise the resources that are available in that particular area,” he said. He said investors operating in the district should also ensure that local communities benefited through employment, skills development and participation in economic activities.

Dr Tsheko further called for greater accountability in the management of community trusts, saying funds held by such entities should translate into tangible benefits for communities. He also stressed the importance of strengthening the social registry to improve the targeting of social protection programmes. He said an effective registry would help identify people who genuinely qualified for assistance, minimise duplication and ensure that deserving beneficiaries were not excluded. Government has been advancing the Single Social Registry and related targeting reforms to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of social protection delivery. Dr Tsheko said the district visit was aimed at gathering views and guidance that would assist in shaping social protection reforms and developing interventions responsive to local conditions. He said the recommendations from Kgalagadi North would contribute to policies and programmes that promote self-reliance while continuing to protect those who remain vulnerable. Botswana’s current Sustainable Livelihoods Approach seeks to move social protection towards skills development, entrepreneurship, economic participation and sustainable income generation, while maintaining assistance for those who need it. **BOPA**

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Youth unemployment remains a challenge - chairperson

Kedirebofe Pelontle
GUMARE

Okavango District Council (ODC) chairman Mr Ronald Gaopalelwe says youth unemployment is a major concern faced by the district which was over 36 per cent according to the District Development Committee (DDC) report.

Opening a full council meeting recently, Mr Gaopalelwe Ronald said there was need for concerted efforts by the council and stakeholders in addressing unemployment. He said council should support initiatives providing youth with entrepreneurship and employment opportunities.

“We should explore partnerships with the private sector and other stakeholders to expand opportunities for youth participation in agriculture, tourism, construction, renewable energy and other emerging sectors”, he said.

Mr Ronald said skills development and labour intensive community projects provided opportunities for young people, adding that from the 2023 to date 107 people graduated from Ikageng Skills Development programme across Okavango District in projects such as brick laying and roads pavement.

Meanwhile, Mr Ronald commended Tawana Land Board for allocating five campsites in the NG 12 concession to five Village Development Committees (VDCs) of Seronga, Gunotsoga, Eretsha, Beetsha and Gudigwa.

He said the campsites provided an opportunity for the five villages to seek business and investment partnerships which would help with

employment creation especially for women and youth. Commenting, Okavango District Council (ODC) Leader of Opposition, and also nominated councilor Mr Lekonne Masoko said that Okavango District had high youth unemployment as stressed by the statistics of over 36 per cent in the District Development Committee report.

He therefore said the district leadership should focus efforts towards combating youth unemployment. He said it was also important for data availability of small-micro enterprises (informal sector) to guide future programmes.

Further, Mr Masoko said the ODC should capitalise on its natural resources to create opportunities for

the district.

He said Okavango District had two world heritage sites of Tsodilo Hills and the Okavango Delta which were well recognised internationally hence had potential to offer profit making streams.

Councilor for Beetsha-Gudigwa Mr Molatlhegi Moyei also appreciated Tawana Land Board

for allocation of five campsites to the villages in his constituency.

He said the move was a positive development which would immensely contribute to rural development, adding that the Council should provide relevant guidance to the five VDCs on how to optimally benefit from the campsites.**BOPA**



Tonota District councillors during a recent full council meeting. Council chairperson, Mr Neo Sefhume, said the district was embracing partnerships, innovation and local economic development as key strategies to overcome financial constraints and accelerate efforts to realise its “Modernise Tonota District” agenda. Photo: Thamani Shabani

PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE REVITALIZATION AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE BOTSWANA MEAT COMMISSION (BMC) TANNERY (LOBATSE)

Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) is currently refurbishing the existing Lobatse BMC Tannery. The tannery is located in Lobatse Thema 1 precinct, along the Pioneer Border Gate Road. The project entails the revitalization of the tannery, to ensure that production capacity of 1500 hides a day is achieved. In addition, the project involves refurbishment of existing tannery facilities as well as auxiliary buildings and equipment. The revitalization of tanning operation is Phase 1 of the Lobatse Leather Park Project.

As part of the EIA study and in fulfilment of Section 7 (2) (a) of the Environmental Assessment Act, Cap 65:07, notice is hereby given for public consultation meeting to be held at Lobatse Civic Hall on the 16th September 2026, at 0900am.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Provide feedback regarding how the concerns that were raised by the community and stakeholders during the previous public consultation that was held in March 2025 have been addressed by the project design and the ongoing EIA.
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BIUST TO CELEBRATE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT ITS 11th GRADUATION CEREMONY

July 28, 2026

Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) will hold its 11th Graduation Ceremony on **11 September 2026** under the theme, **“Innovate, Diversify, Transform and Sustain.”** The ceremony will celebrate the academic achievements of graduands who have successfully fulfilled the requirements of their respective programmes and are preparing to join a growing community of BIUST alumni contributing to scientific advancement, innovation and national development.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Friday, 11 September 2026

Time: 08:00hrs.

Venue: BIUST Multi-Purpose Hall

The Keynote address for the day will be delivered by the President of the Republic of Botswana and BIUST Chancellor, Advocate Duma Gideon Boko.

Due to limited seating capacity in the BIUST Multi-Purpose Hall, attendance is strictly by invitation. The ceremony will, however, be livestreamed on BIUST's official Facebook and YouTube platforms.

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Invited guests are requested to be seated by **07:40hrs**.

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2. Attendance at graduation rehearsals is compulsory for all graduands. Rehearsal dates and related arrangements will be communicated in due course.
3. On the day of graduation, graduands must assemble at the Engineering Block by **06:00hrs** to prepare for the graduation procession..
4. Selected professional photographers will be available to provide photography services to graduands. Personal photographers will not be permitted inside the multi-Purpose Hall.
5. Each Graduand will be allowed to bring along a maximum of two (2) guests.

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Jetour launches SUV vehicles

HARARE - Chinese automotive brand Jetour, has expanded into Zimbabwe, introducing a diverse SUV line-up at a launch event in Harare last Friday. The vehicle launch introduces four distinct models to the market, the sporty five-seater Dashing compact SUV, the family-focused seven-seater X70 Plus and the rugged T1 and T2 off-road models designed for challenging terrain. To build consumer confidence and tackle local driving conditions, Jetour Zimbabwe dealer principal, Michael Hove highlighted the line-up's combination of luxury, modern technology and durability. The brand reinforces its commitment to reliability by offering a flagship 10-year or 1 000 000-kilometre engine warranty, supported by certified local technicians and a robust parts supply chain. Early market feedback has proven positive, with early adopter Greg Sebborn reporting eight months of reliable driving across mud, sand and rocky roads. Event guest, Viola Mkwamba added that the sleek design of the Dashing shifted her initial skepticism about new Chinese vehicles, praising Jetour's ability to offer luxury, style and practical value for Zimbabwean roads. *Xinhua*

Ethiopian Airlines starts new cargo route

ADDIS ABABA - Ethiopian Airlines, Africa's largest carrier, has launched a new freighter service connecting Chengdu, the capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, directly with Addis Ababa. The new route establishes a direct air cargo channel between western China's manufacturing hub and the African continent. According to the airline, the service is expected to streamline trade, reduce logistics transit times and boost bilateral economic exchanges by facilitating the two-way movement of goods. Ethiopian Airlines cargo and logistics managing director, Dereje Derero, noted that the route aligned with the carrier's strategic expansion in China to strengthen Sino-African economic and trade connections. *Xinhua*

Venezuela and US finalise oil deal

CARACAS - Venezuela and the US have finalised an agreement to rebuild Venezuela's oil infrastructure through expanded private investment. Announced last Friday by Venezuela acting President, Delcy Rodríguez and praised by US President Donald Trump as 'the biggest oil deal in world history, the plan targets 17 strategic fields holding an estimated 65 billion barrels of oil, aiming to attract over \$100 billion in investment and generate \$209 billion in state tax revenues. 'The landmark deal follows a January 3 US military operation that removed President Nicolás Maduro from power and subsequent reforms to Venezuela's hydrocarbons law permitting private sector participation. *Xinhua*



Department of crop production officer in Okavango (left) Ms Kene Kebalepile and Shakawe Kgosi Gonetame Moetse during the Samochima annual harvest festival. Ms Kebalepile urged farmers in the district to plough drought resistant crops like millet, sorghum and beans species following the anticipated high probability of El Nino. Photo: Kedirebofe Pelontle

Official advises farmers to plant drought resistant crops

Kedirebofe Pelontle
SAMOCHIMA

Okavango farmers have been advised to plant drought-resistant crops such as millet, sorghum and beans ahead of an expected El Niño pattern during the 2026/27 rainy season, which runs from October to March.

Speaking at the annual Samochima harvest festival recently, Department of Crop Production officer in Okavango, Ms Kene Kebalepile, noted that El Niño typically brought below-normal rainfall and extreme temperatures, conditions that severely impacted yield for sensitive crops like maize. Ms Kebalepile thus encouraged

farmers to scale up their production of heat-tolerant staples, particularly millet, which thrived in local soil conditions despite extreme weather. She highlighted persistent threats of agricultural pests and human-wildlife conflict in the region, with locusts and Quelea birds as primary threats. As such, she urged farmers to report suspected infestations immediately to the Department of Crop Production to contain outbreaks early. She also emphasised that the department welcomed community input, particularly traditional

pest-control methods that could be combined with modern techniques. Regarding human-wildlife conflict, Ms Kebalepile underscored the need for coexistence and thus advised farmers to study wildlife behaviour to better safeguard their land, noting that many local species were legally protected under both national and international regulations. She further urged beneficiaries of agricultural initiatives, such as Temo Letlotlo, to remain proactive and productive to maximise the impact of government support. *BOPA*

Maun to host inaugural aquaculture seminar

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Aquaculture Consultancy Botswana and Ba Isago University have partnered to host the inaugural Botswana Aquaculture Connect 2026 seminar, an initiative aimed at transforming the country's fish farming sector from subsistence practice into a commercial agribusiness. The one-day event set for tomorrow at the Ba Isago University Campus in Mau, would be held under the theme, Building a Resilient Fish Value Chain in Botswana. It is expected to gather government officials, farmers, manufacturers, researchers and financiers to address critical challenges and explore commercial opportunities within the sector. In an interview, Aquaculture Consultancy Botswana founder, Mr Seloilwe Seloilwe, noted that Botswana currently imported more than 90 per cent of the fish

consumed locally. "Through panel discussions, technical presentations and open networking, participants will align on strategies to build stronger linkages across the value chain, improve technical capacity at the farm level, and support policy decisions that drive food security," Mr Seloilwe said. The seminar would also serve as a precursor to the launch of an accredited short course in fish farming on October 3 at the Maun campus. Developed in partnership with Ba Isago University and submitted to the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) for accreditation, the practical course aimed to equip youth, aspiring entrepreneurs and current farmers with hands-on skills. Mr Seloilwe also said his organisation had engaged the Special Economic Zones Authority (SEZA) to consider zoning dedicated land for an aquaculture hub.

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BoB holds inflation outlook above target range

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

Bank of Botswana says headline inflation has eased to 9.4 per cent in July 2026, down from 10.7 per cent in June, though it remains above the central bank's medium-term objective range of three to six percent.

Delivering the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) statement recently, the bank's governor, Mr Lesego Moseki attributed the decline primarily to the downward adjustment of domestic fuel prices on July 7, which shaved 2.3 percentage points off headline inflation.

Mr Moseki said despite the July drop, the MPC expected inflation to stay above the target range until the first quarter of 2027 due to persistent supply-side

pressures, including high fuel costs and elevated electricity tariffs.

He added that projections indicated that inflation would average 7.9 per cent in 2026 before easing into the target range at an average of 4.9 per cent in 2027.

He also noted that risks to the inflation outlook remained tilted to the upside, mainly reflecting potential second-round effects stemming from higher domestic fuel prices and electricity tariffs.

Other domestic factors adding to potential cost pressures, he said, included short-term food inflation tied to Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) restrictions and weather risks from a potential El Niño pattern.

He further indicated that externally, elevated oil, gas and fertilizer prices linked to Middle East conflict continued to pose threats to price stability, while

international food prices could rise above current forecasts.

Again, he said heightened global trade tensions and tariff measures presented further upside risks.

However, he said inflation could settle lower than projected if domestic and global economic growth remained weak, fiscal space remained constrained or international commodity prices dropped unexpectedly.

Mr Moseki emphasised that continued vigilance and careful management of inflation expectations were necessary to bring inflation back within the medium-term objective range. He also warned that broader external developments could raise the domestic cost of living and undermine the recovery of the global diamond market and ultimately dampening domestic economic performance. **BOPA**



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Aquaculture Consultancy Botswana in collaboration with Ba Isago University will be hosting the first annual Botswana Aquaculture Connect 2026 seminar aimed to exchange insights, identify collaboration opportunities and align on strategies to scale aquaculture from subsistence to viable agribusiness.

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The proposal, he said, outlined a state-of-the-art international facility featuring a hatchery, modern reticulation systems, a fish canning plant and accommodation.

Botswana Fish Farmers Association member, Apostle Crossland Shama, said local farmers currently produced less

than 500 tonnes annually and fell far short of market demand.

"Many people are keen to venture into fish farming but lack the know-how. This is a call for us as association members and aspiring farmers to step up and increase production. The seminar and training course provide the structured support we need to enhance our skills," he said. **BOPA**

Low loan recovery threatens P59m youth fund

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOGODITSHANE

Low repayment rates continue to undermine the P59 million Youth Development Fund (YDF) in the Mogoditshane-Thamaga district, with just P300, 000 recovered from 685 funded ventures since 2009.

Mogoditshane-Thamaga district commissioner, Ms Motlatsi Madisa disclosed the shortfall during a capacity-building workshop for 150 local YDF beneficiaries at Mogoditshane Community Hall last Friday.

Ms Madisa attributed the capital loss to unauthorised relocations and high business closure rates, thus reminded participants that loan repayment was a binding contractual obligation necessary to replenish funds for future applicants.

She urged young business owners to tighten cost controls and leverage digital platforms to expand into regional export markets to improve financial viability.

Organised by the Ministry



Mogoditshane/Thamaga district commissioner Ms Motlatsi Madisa

of Youth and Gender Affairs, the seminar aimed to reverse

commercial failures by connecting beneficiaries with strategic partners, including the Local Enterprise Authority (LEA), Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub and Stanbic Bank.

Industry representatives emphasised that strategic execution, rather than capital access alone, determined long-term enterprise survival.

LEA official, Mr Tefo Kootsositse cautioned that market penetration posed a far greater risk to early-stage ventures than limited financing, thus urged founders to adapt to shifting demand.

For his part, Erba Farms founder, Ms Tshireletso Seoromeng noted how operational discipline allowed her to scale a backyard plot into a commercial agricultural supplier for major retailers.

Member of Parliament for Mogoditshane East, Mr Letlhogonolo Barongwang called on administrators to prioritise committed and high-potential entrepreneurs in future funding allocations to maximise economic impact and curb poverty. **BOPA**

Zimbabwe exits World Bank fragility list

HARARE

Zimbabwe's Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion, Mthuli Ncube, has welcomed the country's official removal from the World Bank Group's list of fragile and conflict-affected economies.

Effective July 1, under the World Bank's revised classification framework for the 2027 fiscal year, Zimbabwe no longer falls

into either the fragility, conflict and violence category or the institutional fragility category.

According to Ncube, the delisting marks a major milestone in Zimbabwe's ongoing economic transformation, signalling international recognition of the country's improving institutional resilience and boosting its goal to reach upper-middle-income status by 2030.

He noted that the achievement

coincided with strong economic metrics, including an 8.3 per cent growth rate in 2025, falling inflation in 2026, improved fiscal and monetary discipline and enhanced national budget transparency.

The minister added that the exit strengthened Zimbabwe's international standing, reinforced investor confidence and aided in mobilising long-term domestic and foreign investment. **Xinhua**

University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica Pro Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal, Professor Densil Williams (right) giving a Public Lecture on managing universities in turbulent times in Gaborone recently. In the audience is University of Botswana Vice Chancellor, Professor David Norris (second left). Professor Williams said victories might be hard to come by in academia, but with skillful leadership and a keen understanding of the strategic management process, the management of universities in turbulent times would be much less tumultuous and deliver grater value to the organisation. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu



Embrace strategic management amid changing times

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

Universities must adopt strategic and commercially minded management to remain sustainable amid declining public funding and mounting socio-economic, political and environmental challenges.

That was said by Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West Indies (UWI), Professor Densil Williams, delivering a public lecture on managing universities in turbulent times at the University of Botswana (UB) campus recently.

Prof. Williams noted that higher education operated in a rapidly changing landscape shaped by increased competition, shifting student expectations, technological advancements and shrinking government support.

He indicated that compound global crises, including hunger, armed conflict, pandemics, geopolitical volatility and climate change, as existential threats, arguing that universities were uniquely positioned to convene stakeholders to build solutions.

“If we accept the thesis that the university is the framework that helps us overcome these big problems, we have to answer a critical question of how do we manage

this asset within a turbulent global environment,” he said.

To build resilience, Prof. Williams urged higher education institutions to move away from traditional leadership appointments based purely on academic seniority.

Instead, he said, modern university governance demanded targeted management skills, strategic planning and the capacity to navigate complex financial landscapes.

He added that since universities can no longer rely primarily on government backing, they must diversify revenue streams while keeping education affordable.

He cited UWI as a case study and explained how the institution addressed its financial pressures through strategic expansion, new commercial ventures and international partnerships.

As part of such growth, he said UWI was constructing a fifth campus in Antigua alongside global satellite locations across Africa, North America, Asia and Europe and also established the International School of Development Justice to leverage its academic capabilities into alternative revenue streams.

The strategic pivot, he said, had driven both institutional and academic growth and UWI had earned a spot among the top five per cent of universities in the

Times Higher Education rankings and continued to upgrade its infrastructure, including plans for a new faculty of engineering.

Prof. Williams further indicated that modern university management required a deliberate blend of bold ideas, strategic analysis, strong partnerships, sound resource management and evidence-based decision-making. **BOPA**



UB Vice Chancellor, Professor David Norris (left) and University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica Pro Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal, Professor Densil Williams after a Public Lecture on managing universities in turbulent times in Gaborone on Tuesday. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

Samochima celebrates harvest

Kedirebofe Pelontle
SAMOCHIMA

The Samochima kgotla came to life last Friday as the community gathered for its annual Harvest Festival, a vibrant event blending agriculture, culture and agritourism.

Locals showcased a diverse yield, including millet, maize, melons and various beans and vegetables, to mark a fruitful farming year.

Emphasising the festival’s theme, Culture, Tourism and Harvest: A Key for Livelihoods Upliftment, Kgosi Osenotse Koloi highlighted the event’s foundation on three core pillars, including agriculture, tourism and culture.

Kgosi Koloi praised the Samochima Farmers Committee, local residents and stakeholders for organising the celebration.

He Kgosi noted that as part of the Okavango District’s tourism hub, Samochima boasted numerous hospitality facilities that contributed directly to the local economy.

Guest speaker, Botswana Sectors of Educators Trade Union (BOSETU) industrial relations officer in Shakawe, Mr Kabelo Mahupe, advised the farmers

committee to formally register the association.

Mr Mahupe commended their eight-year commitment to driving the festival and urged local farmers to scale up from subsistence to commercial farming.

He noted that agriculture remained an economic mainstay for the Okavango district.

He encouraged farmers to adopt food processing and modern preservation techniques to ensure that produce was available year-round and accessible to wider markets.

On heritage, Mr Mahupe urged the community to revive and preserve their Hambukushu culture. He highlighted the economic potential of local artifacts and traditional music, saying government supported creative talent through initiatives like the National Arts Competitions.

He added that with effective packaging and marketing, the festival could become a major tourist draw.

The celebration ended with performances by traditional groups showcasing Hambukushu dances, including Diware, Rango and Thiwingi alongside the Wayeyi Seperu dance and setinkane music. **BOPA**



Samochima residents during a parade to mark the annual Samochima harvest festival. Photo Kedirebofe Pelontle

Lent Amusement Park: Where families unwind together

Kelebogile Taolo
FRANCISTOWN

Francistown entrepreneur, Ms Daisy Kalanke has established Lent Amusement Park and Lent Chair Spa, a dual recreational space offering families in the city a place to unwind.

The facility is established to address children’s need for safe play while adults can relax and rejuvenate at Lent Chair Spa. The Managing Director, Ms Daisy Kalanke said the park, located at Area W next to the public clinic and Ridge View Private Primary School offers jumping castles, trampoline, tree

house, swimming facilities, beach volleyball, beach football, swings, sandpit, snooker and electric bikes. Adjacent to the park is Lent Chair Spa, which offers massage chairs and machines. The spa also provides babysitting and grooming services. The team also attends marathons and other wellness events to offer massage chair services to participants. “The park also operates as an outdoor venue for parties, weddings, graduations and family fun days,” she said, noting that she was using her background in counselling to provide affordable recreation and wellness services to families across the city. Ms Kalanke, is a counsellor, preschool teacher and community youth worker from Borolong. “I realised that many people suffer from stress-related illnesses but cannot afford physiotherapy at market rates.

At the same time, children need safe recreational spaces and I decided to create a place where both needs are met,” she said. She said the spa kept the business going in difficult times, but ironically outside the park through outsourcing and during community events. The business currently employs three people, a manager, a gardener and a night-watchman, and serves an average of 200 clients per month. However, Ms Kalanke said the business faced challenges of operational space. “Our biggest challenge is land. We operate under a short lease which also requires more renovations,” she said. Despite the challenges, she said the business had taught her resilience. “The financial lesson we learned is that money, like the kingdom of God, suffers violence and the violent take it by force. You have to go out and fight for it than sit and wait for it in the office. The business has also forced me out of my cocoon, to stand and speak for myself,” she said. Her proudest wins so far include seeing parents leave the spa smiling while their children are tired and happy from playing. Her other win is having employed Batswana and having trained them to be part of the



Lent Chair Spa has kept the business going through outsourcing massage chairs and machines during community events.

business and building the brand in Francistown. Looking ahead, Ms Kalanke said her dream is to see Amusement Park and Lent Chair Spa as the place to be in Francistown. She also plans to introduce physiotherapy services and expand to Palapye in 2027. “I want to see myself owning land or a long-term lease for recreation. My vision is to have a Lent in every major village so that no Motswana has to choose between their child’s fun and their own health. This is my contribution to a healthy nation in line with Vision 2036,” she said. **BOPA**

Okavango District Council explores renewable energy

Kedirebofe Pelontle
GUMARE

Okavango District Council is set to explore renewable energy with a plan in place to develop a landmark 200 MV utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) power plant in Gumare. Council chairperson Mr Gaopalelwe Ronald revealed this when addressing the full council meeting recently, saying the project was expected to strengthen strategic partnerships and contribute to the country’s long-term sustainable energy plans. He said the council had sent out an Expression of Interest calling for potential qualified and experienced renewable energy developers, financiers and other strategic partners for the plan to materialise. On other matters, Mr Ronald observed that agriculture was a key contributor to rural livelihoods in the Okavango District. He therefore, said it was important for the council to support efforts toward increased agricultural production, support climate-smart agriculture and improve access to markets to strengthen household food security.

Further, the chairperson appealed to government departments and institutions to procure locally-produced agricultural products for schools and health facilities in order to expand markets for local farmers and nurture local economies. For their part, Xhaoga-Kajaja councillor Mr Galebolae Motshabakhawa commended the council’s renewable energy initiative for solar energy, which he said would help the district with reliable power supply, thereby addressing the problem of frequent power interruptions. Councillor for Habu-Nokaneng Mr Itjienda Tjinyeka said the council should be proactive towards supporting the agricultural sector in the district. Mr Tjinyeka observed that the agriculture sector had potential due to abundant water and land. He therefore suggested that the council should come up with an Agric Bank specifically for assisting farmers with funds for acquiring farm implements at lower rates. Mr Tjinyeka also said the council should take an initiative to benchmark from farmers in nearby villages in neighbouring Namibia to appreciate why agriculture was thriving. **BOPA**



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Matsiloje o ipelela letsatsi la ngwao

Kelebogile Taolo
MATSILOJE

E rile ka Labotlthano morafe wa Matsiloje o bo o tshwere moletlo wa go ipelela letsatsi la ngwao, go gakologelwa kwa ba tswang teng.

Letsatsi le, le ne le rulagantswe go keteka lenyalo la Serolong, go supa tsamaiso le go ruta ka yone.

E rile fa a ala ditso tsa morafe wa Barolong ba Matsiloje, Mme Mmalenyalo Koveya a tlhalosa fa Barolong ba tlhologa kwa Thabantsho kwa South Africa, kwa kgaolong ya Orange Free State.

Mme Koveya a re 1897, Kgosi Samuel Moroka o ne a tla le morafe wa gagwe wa Barolong bo-o Seleke mme ba thibelela kwa nageng e e neng e tletse diphologolo le dibatana.

Mme Koveya o ne a tlhalosa fa Kgosi Moroka a ne a bolelela morafe wa gagwe gore ‘nnang malatsinyana lo je, go bona gore a ke bodulo jo bo lo siametseng.’

Leina Matsiloje ke gone fa le duleng teng, mo molaetseng wa ga Kgosi wa ‘nnang malatsinyana lo je,’ ga tlhalosa jalo Mme Koveya.

E rile fa a tlhalosa tsamaiso ya lenyalo la Serolong, Mme Koveya a re, lenyalo le tsamaisiwa ka patlo.

“Patlo e e simolola ka borre kwa kgotleng, makuku a naka tsa kgomo, mme ba abe ngwana. Morago ga moo, go ya borre ba babedi kwa go bomme gore ngwana o abilwe. Bomme ba tlaa bo ba ba amogela ka gore tlhogo tsa batho,” ga bua jalo Mme Koveya.

Fa a tlhalosa mafoko a ‘tlhogo tsa batho’, Mme Koveya a re go tewa gore, a lesika le ate, bana ba tsholwe. Mme Koveya o ne a tswela a tlhalosa fa morago ga patlo, go tsena mokwele, go latela bogadi le moletlo mme morago ga moletlo go nne le go beka ngwana ka Serolong, mo go rayang go laya ngwana, kgoroso e tle kwa morago.



Barolong boo Seleka kwa Matsiloje ba supa tsamaiso ya lenyalo la Barolong ka letsatsi la ngwao kwa Matsiloje ka Labotlthano. Ba tlhalositse gore bogadi jwa Serolong ke dikgomo di le thataro di eteletsewe pele ke dinku tse pedi tsa mokwele fa e nngwe e gapiwa ke malome mme e nngwe e tlhajwe mme sehuba se apeelwe banyadi le baemisi ba bone ka bobedi. Senepe Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

O ne a tlatsa ka gore Barolong ba tlotla tsamaiso ya lenyalo fela thata. E rile fa a tswa la gagwe, Mme Khabe Olaotse yo e leng modulasetilo wa Lentswe la Bomme go tswa Tonota, a tlhalosa fa le Bakhurutshe ba na le tsamaiso ya lenyalo e e haphegileng.

Mme Olaotse o ne a supa fa

lenyalo e le motheo o o tiileng wa lelwapa.

A supa fa lelwapa le thusa go aga setshaba se se nonofileng e bile se na le maitshwara a a amogelesegang.

Mme Olaotse o ne a rotloetsa bomme ba Matsiloje go ema ka dinao, go lwantsha tlhoko botho e e atileng e dirwa ke bana, mme a

re fa mekgatlho e ka tshwaragana le bogosi go ka nna le maduo a a bonalang.

Letsatsi le la ngwao le ne le tshwerwe ka fa tlase ga setlhogo sa Lenyalo; Go ruta ka bothokwa le tsamaiso ya lone. Le ne le tsenwe boeteledipele jwa motse, morafe gammogo le bana ba sekole. **BOPA**

Moswaane o rotloetsa go fokotsa go ikaega ka puso

Goweditsew Kome
MAKALENG

Mothusa tona wa dikgaolo le tsa ngwao, Rre Ignatius Moswaane a re ke boikarabelo jwa puso go netefatsa gore setshaba se a tlhabologa.

Fa a buisa phuthego ya kgotla kwa Makaleng, o tlhalositse fa puso e tsile ka thulaganyo ya go tlhabolola setshaba e e itebegantseng le go ngokela madirelo kwa metseng selegae go netefatsa go batlisisa gore kwa madirelo a leng teng ke eng go sena tswelole pele.

A re thulaganyo eo e ka thusa thata ka e ka fokotsa boikaeo jwa setshaba mo pusong mo dilong tsotlhe, a tlatsa ka gore badirelapuso ba tshwanetse ba di goga kwa pele mo go diragatseng thulaganyo eo ka kwa phelelong, e ka tlhabolola le lone lefatshe.

“Re dira jaana ka gore ga re ka ke ra tlhola re dira dilo segologolo re re emetse puso go re direla sengwe le sengwe le mororo re bona gore dilo ga di sa tshwana le tsa maloba,” Rre Moswaane a tlatsa jalo a supa fa kwelo tlase ya itsholelo e amile tlhabologo ya lefatshe ka kakaretso.

O supile fa puso e lebeletse ka tshapo mo Modimong gore mo tsamaong ya nako, itsholelo e tlaa tokafala e boela fa go tshwanetseng teng, a tlatsa ka gore setshaba se tshwanetse sa tlhaloganya gore itsholelo ga e

ka ke ya boela mo seemong fa bone ba tswelotse ka go rwala mabogo mo tlhogong le gone neela tshwene marapo.

O gwetlhile setshaba go ema ka

dinao go direla lefatshe go godisa itsholelo.

Rre Moswaane a re Motswana mongwe le mongwe o na le boikarabelo jo bo seng kana



Mothusa tona wa dikgaolo le tsa ngwao, Rre Ignatius Moswaane a buisa phuthego ya kgotla kwa Makaleng bosheng. O kopile banni go simolola madirelo a a ka tlhamang ditiro kwa kgaolong ya bone. Senepe: Goweditsew Kome

ka sepe go bona gore fa a leng teng o dira sengwe go bona gore lehatshe le ka gatela pele jang.

“Itsholelo ya lehatshe le, e agilwe ke mabutswapele a a neng a sena sepe ka nako eo, go le tla le lenyora, mme ka tsholofelo le tirisanyo mmogo ba aga itsholelo ya lefatshe le ka di-tswa mmung,” a gatelela jalo.

Mothusa tona o tswelotse ka go tlhalosa fa ka nako ya tautona wa pele, Sir Seretse Khama, kabo ya madi a setshaba, e ene e le R58,000, ka nako ya ga Sir Ketumile Masire yo o tseneng mo pusong ka nako e e thata ya leuba le malwetse, a ne a dira ka natla go tokafatsa seemo.

Rre Moswaane o tlhalositse gore ka nako tsa ga Rre Festus Mogae ka dingwaga tsa bo 1999, itsholelo e ne e setse e godile e bile e tsamaya kwa go P1 billion e le lantlha e tshwara selekanyo seo.

A re fa a ya go tlogela tiro, o ne a setse a agile itsholelo e bile a kgobokantse madi a letlole la makata dimetshae a a kanang ka P83 billion.

A re ka ntlha ya diphetogo tsa mebaraka, itsholelo e ne e wa e tsoga, a akgola maiteko a botautona ba ba fetileng go fitlhelela le wa gompiano yo o dirang ka gotlhe go e tsosolosa.

Rre Moswaane a re se se ngomolang pelo ke gore fa ba tsaya puso, ba fitlhetse sekgwama

sa puso se babaletswe thata ka jaana se ne se na le P2.9 billion mme go na le dikoloto tse di ka tshwarang P21 billion.

A re le mororo go ntse jalo, ke maikaelelo a puso go bona dilo dingwe di dirwa bogolo jang tse di tlhabololang matshelo a batho.

O lebogetse khansela ya Bokone Botlhaba go eteletsa pele ditiro le go tsisa madirelo mo magaeng a kgaolo e.

O supile fa khansela eo e itlhomile kwa pele mo go tsamaiseng thulaganyo ya puso ya go tlhabolola setshaba le gone go rudisa itsholelo a tlatsa ka gore e simolotse ditirelo di tshwana le thuo ya dikoko tsa nama le tsa mae, go sila mabele go dira bopi, go lema merogo le gone go apaya borotho.

Ditirelo tse dingwe di akaretsa go roka paka ya dikole le tse dingwe fela tse di tlhokegang mo motseng.

Rre Moswaane o akgotse maiteko ao a re a supa kgatelelopele.

A re fa banni ba inaakanya le ditiro tseo, ba ka fokotsa bothloki, a tlatsa ka gore ba ba nang le didirisiwa tse ba di filweng ka lenaneo la nyeletso lehuma, ba tshwanetse ba ititaya ka thupana ba simolola go di tsenya mo tirisong.

O kgothatitse banni go simolola go tsosolosa masimo a tlatsa ka gore thobo e na le dipelo tse di dinametsang. **BOPA**



Primary healthcare, health education and promotion officer, Mr Goabaone Kgori at Lobatse Town Council said Diarrhoea cases generally occur from August to October every year. So far, Lobatse has recorded 12 cases and two deaths.

Lobatse and Kweneng record diarrhoea-related deaths

Calviniah Kgautlhe
LOBATSE

A total of four children have died from diarrhoea-related complications in Lobatse and Kweneng district.

Primary Health Care, Health Education and Promotion Officer, at Lobatse Town Council, Mr Goabaone Kgori said Diarrhoea cases generally occurred between August and October, adding that Lobatse had so far recorded 12 cases and two deaths.

In response to the situation, Health officials had issued a warning, alerting the public to take precautions and exercise vigilance as the country had entered the diarrhoea and dehydration season with children under five years at high risk.

Mr Kgori advised close monitoring of under-five children. "If you notice any diarrhoea related symptoms, take the child to

a health care facility immediately. We also encourage you to keep Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) at home and exercise vigilance. Administer ORS only under instruction of a health care professional," he said.

Furthermore, Mr Kgori said early detection and seeking medical attention early could substantially help prevent complications and save lives. He thus advised parents and guardians of children under five years to look out for signs of dehydration which include fever, sunken eyes, frequent watery stools, vomiting, blood or mucus in the stool, reduced urination, dry mouth, and unusual weakness.

Meanwhile, Keetile Bontsibokae in Molepolole has reported that Kweneng District was equally on high alert as it has registered diarrhoea cases as well as diarrhoea-related deaths.

Acting Deputy Council Secretary for Public Health at the Kweneng District Council (KDC),

Dr Kegomoditswe Ramaswana said ORS was readily available to support treatment efforts, while health officials were on the ground conducting investigations to assess the diarrhoea situation.

Public Health Specialist, Dr Terence Mukuhwa said the district was responding to a significant increase in diarrhoea cases accompanied by dehydration.

Dr Mukuhwa said the reported cases exceeded both the district's alert and action thresholds, prompting an active public health investigation and response.

"From the beginning of 2026, the district recorded 155 cases of diarrhoea. Two deaths have been recorded during the period," he said. A report from Dr Mukuhwa also pointed out that diarrhoea with dehydration in Kweneng historically increased toward the end of the year, making the current increase earlier than expected thus warranting close monitoring and further investigation. **BOPA**

Court denies murder-accused bail

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe
MAUN

A 74-year-old fisherman accused of murdering a fellow fisherman following a dispute over fishing nets, has been denied bail by the Maun Magistrate Court on Friday.

Mathata Moengwe of Thito Ward in Maun appeared before Magistrate Reuben Sebetela of Maun Magistrate Court facing a single count of murder in connection with the death of Tsholofelo Mohuhutso on August 24.

The prosecution opposed his bail application, arguing that investigations were still at a preliminary stage and that his release might interfere with the ongoing investigations.

Furthermore, the prosecution raised concerns over Moengwe's

safety, informing the court that tensions within the community had risen following the incident.

The court heard that Moengwe's ploughing field at Tsanekona was allegedly burnt after the incident, which the prosecution said demonstrated the anger directed towards the accused which posed a threat to his safety should he be released.

Presenting the circumstances surrounding the alleged murder, the investigating officer, Assistant Superintendent Jacob Modisaemang said Moengwe allegedly accused the deceased of stealing his fishing nets, resulting in a confrontation between the two.

"Our investigations reveal that during the misunderstanding between the two, Moengwe allegedly pulled out a pellet gun and shot Mohuhutso more than once on the head," he said.

Magistrate Sebetela stressed the importance of evidence that would assist the court in determining the matter, particularly evidence establishing the cause of death.

He ordered the prosecution to produce the deceased's death certificate for the court's consideration and thereafter denied Moengwe bail.

According to the charge sheet, Moengwe allegedly murdered Mohuhutso on or about August 24, 2026, at or near Tsanakona in Maun, North West District.

The matter has been adjourned to September 15 for status hearing. **BOPA**

Cluster policing strengthens community crime prevention

Keetile Bontsibokae
KOPONG

Rapid economic changes have fuelled a rise in crime.

This is driven by some individuals desperately seeking to amass wealth and property overnight, while others are choosing to benefit from what they did not work for.

Assistant Superintendent, Christopher Mpofu who was officiating during No. 13 District Cluster Evaluation Exercise held at Kopong on Thursday, said it was common knowledge that controlling crime involved policing through community involvement where everyone had an active role to play.

"In Botswana, we involve people in crime prevention through a concept commonly known as Community Policing. This concept was adopted in the early 80s after realising that the police cannot do it alone," said ASP Mpofu.

As such, he said, the government developed and adopted alternative policing styles to adequately address these policing challenges.

He said cluster policing was introduced in 2008, with the aim to strengthen the then existing relations between the police and the community.

"These relations have indeed been reinforced and I am thankful that through them, we continue to experience safety in our communities. We have aligned our aspirations to the national vision and have committed ourselves to building a safer and more secure nation by the year 2036," said ASP Mpofu.

Cluster policing exercise, he said was motivated by the realisation that the people that live, work and play in a given neighborhood

understood problems, unique needs and capacities in their respective localities.

He said the concept prompted communities to develop strategies to address those problems in partnership with the police, adding that participating in fighting crime through cluster policing enhanced ownership.

ASP Mpofu also highlighted that the concept of cluster policing was also aimed at promoting participation and engagement of the entire community in policing and crime prevention programmes as well as to resuscitate Section 19 (1) of Bogosi Act Cap 41)1 that empowered dikgosi to facilitate structures to prevent the criminal offences within their tribal areas.

Since the introduction of the cluster policing initiative, he said the Botswana Police Service had observed increased participation in crime prevention countrywide hence rewarding community participants was key.

Additionally, he said the community-policing concept was all about developing solutions that address the root cause of crime than the symptoms.

The ASP emphasised that crime affected all hence it was important for all sectors of the society to work together toward finding solutions that address crime.

He cautioned that failure to have effective partnerships between the police and various stakeholders may lead to a rise in crime, which may ultimately impact on the national economy.

On the other hand, he said, the police rely on the community to report crime and also provide vital information that was necessary to solve crime and address community concerns.

Therefore, he reminded the residents of Kopong that the country needed capable men and women who were eager to combat crime. **BOPA**

"In Botswana, we involve people in crime prevention through a concept commonly known as Community Policing. This concept was adopted in the early 80s after realising that the police cannot do it alone,"



Member of Parliament for Lentsweletau/Lephepe Mr Tshenolo Bogatsu (left) awarding certificate of best youth in crime prevention Ms Tendani Mojoko during No. 13 District cluster evaluation exercise held at Kopong on Thursday.

UN envoy calls for stepped-up security support for Haiti

UNITED NATIONS

The top UN envoy for Haiti has called for stepped-up international security support for the country following a gang massacre that killed at least 47 people, including children seeking refuge in a church in Kenscoff.

UN special representative, Carlos Massieu, issued an urgent plea to the UN Security Council last Friday.

In response to the attack overlooking Port-au-Prince, Haitian police, armed forces and the multinational Gang Suppression Force (GSF) coordinated operations to deploy

immediate reinforcements.

Massieu stressed that while GSF's rapid expansion was critical, security operations alone cannot deliver stability.

He warned that the political transition, governance reforms and upcoming elections remained severely constrained without peace.

He said lasting recovery required restoring essential public services, opening schools and health facilities, creating economic opportunities, establishing gang exit pathways for vulnerable youth and setting up specialised judicial units to prosecute mass crimes, sexual violence and gang financiers.

Xinhua



The Security Council meeting on Haiti at the UN headquarters in New York recently. UN special representative, Carlos Massieu, has called for stepped-up international security support for the country following a gang massacre that killed at least 47 people, including children seeking refuge in a church in Kenscoff. Photo: Xinhua

Zimbabwe expects grain surplus as maize output rises

HARARE

Zimbabwe is on course to secure a substantial strategic grain surplus of up to 964 945 metric tonnes, as increased maize production and improved productivity strengthen the country's food security position.

Driven by initiatives under

the Food Systems and Rural Transformation Strategy 2, the country is projecting a grain surplus between 550 945 and 964 945 metric tonnes.

Presenting the Second Round Crop Assessment report to Cabinet recently, Information Minister, Soda Zhemu noted that national

maize hectareage rose 8.2 per cent, to nearly 1.96 million hectares and total maize production increased 17.1 per cent to 2.68 million metric tonnes. The Grain Marketing Board (GMB) holds 252 177 metric tonnes in stock as of August 19, with intake up 126 per cent year-over-year, led overwhelmingly by Mashonaland

West at 50.1 per cent. Significantly, the GMB has cleared all outstanding debts to farmers for the 2024/2025 season to build trust. Cash crop performance remains strong with 358.4 million kg of tobacco sold, while average domestic auction prices softened to \$2.49/kg, export volumes surged 39 per cent to earn

\$791.85 million at an average export price of \$5.73/kg.

Winter cropping is also thriving, with planted wheat reaching 106 per cent of its national target, alongside 7 013 hectares of barley and an expected 243 850 metric tonnes of Irish potatoes from 9 000 planted hectares. **New Ziana**



Electric vehicle on display at the Zimbabwe Agricultural Show in Harare recently. Zimbabwe's drive towards electric mobility is gaining momentum, with growing interest in electric vehicles, which signals a shift to more sustainable transport systems. Photo: Xinhua

Zimbabwe police confirm 27 deaths in road accident

HARARE

Zimbabwe police have confirmed the deaths of 27 people in a road accident near the town of Chivhu last Friday night.

Police spokesperson, Paul Nyathi said in a statement that

the accident occurred about 132 km from Harare, along Masvingo Road and involved a commuter omnibus and a haulage truck. Nyathi said the foreign-registered truck was allegedly attempting to overtake another vehicle, while the commuter omnibus was carrying

church congregants travelling from Dema to Mvuma for a church conference.

According to the police, most road traffic accidents in the southern African country are caused by negligent driving and unroadworthy vehicles. **Xinhua**

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act
[Cap 31:01]
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of **section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01)**, heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of **The High Court at Francistown High Court** on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for the purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
MANNERS MACHILIZA	ESHFT-000760-26	17-11-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 27TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

BEFORE H/W MAJUTA
IN THE MAGISTRATES' COURT OF THE FIRST CLASS FOR THE DISTRICT OF GABORONE HELD AT EXTENSION TWO

CASE NO: CCMEX-001280-24

In the matter between:

KAGO SEGATLHE

And

STELLAH KETSHABILE

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION
BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to a writ of execution of the above Honourable Court, the following property will be sold by public auction by Deputy Sheriff ITUMELENG SHINE NGAKAETSILE to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE:

TIME:

VENUE:

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:

24 September 2026

10:00am

Seinapi Lands, Moshupa

Ploughing field situate at Pitseng Lands, Moshupa measuring 300x300x500x450m under Certificate of Customary Land Grant made in favour of Stellah Ketshabile.

TERMS OF SALE:

CASH OR BANK TRANSFER Conditions of sale may be examined at Mokopagosi Attorneys or alternatively at the office of the Deputy Sheriff.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS DAY 19th OF AUGUST 2026.

DEPUTY SHERIFF ITUMELENG SHINE NGAKAETSILE
C/O MOKOPAGOSI ATTORNEYS
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FARM WORKER WANTED at Palm Farm Bobonong 72 346 969

FARM WORKER WANTED: Gakgatla, Contact 71 203 852, Silas Sehularo

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FARM WORKERS REQUIRED. The farm is located at Mmadikolobe lands near Mogome in Central District. The farm is into rearing of cattle. Apply to: Kedidimetse Ontiretse Box 30340 Serowe. Closing date: 15th September 2026

LOOKING FOR ONE (1) farm worker at Moroka, Sebongile Peggy Thumpe Box 25 Ramokgwebana cell: 71 382 408

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LOOKING FOR FARM HERDBOY at Kanye. Call 72 225 750

FARM WORKERS NEEDED at Boreteng lands, Kgatleng district. 2 men 2 ladies. Joseph M. Manyala Cell 71 750 946 / 76 724 353

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FARM WORKERS (2) wanted at Nthane. Email to: toppmosholdings@gmail.com

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

THE OWNER OF PLOT 498 Kopong intends to change the land use from commercial shops to multi family residential and constructing of boundary wall. For any objection contact Kweneng District Council physical planning office. Tel: 5915122 within 14 days

APPLICATION IS HEREBY made for the change of use of plot 7371, Maratanang, Tlokweng, from single residential plot to a multi-residential development plot. Interested parties are invited to inspect the application and lodge any objections in accordance with the relevant planning regulations.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Mahalapye High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person
OOKEDITSE MATANTA KGANTA

Estate Number ESHMY 000422-26

Date of Meeting 19.10.26

Time 0900HRS

Master SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 27TH AUGUST 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000398/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late CHIANI MODONGO who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 29th day of April 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty(30) days after the publication hereof

DATED at On thisDay of 2026

The Executrix Dative
Dimakatso Modongo
P O Box 202603
GABORONE
Cell:75291352

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF DEED OF TRANSFER NO. 519/95

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of **Lease No: 237/2022 dated 08th day of March 2022** made in favour of **MBAKO SETUME** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 6003 Mogoditshane;

SITUATE: at Mogoditshane (Cadastre 89) in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;

MEASURING: 997m2 (Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven Square Metres);

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds at Gaborone within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 26th DAY OF AUGUST 2026

S.G. MARIRI ATTORNEYS
Attorneys Notaries & Conveyancers
Plot 7906, Maruapula
P.O. Box 793 AAH,
GABORONE
Contacts: 3910606/71487747

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000071-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BASIMOLODI OTSOGILE** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **3rd of October 2024.**

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of **twenty-one (21) days** from the date of publication thereof.

Dated at Mahalapye on this **29 day of JULY 2026**

THE EXECUTOR DATIVE
Ompatle Basimolodi
P O BOX 88
Palapye
CELL: 77820487

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: ESHMY 000195-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **ERIC ERALETSE MODISE** who died at Mojatau Ward, at Kodibeleng, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the **3rd March 2020.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) after the publication hereof.

DATED at Mahalapye on this 25 day of August 2026.

The Executrix Dative | Boseyong Modise
P.O.Box 143, Serowe | Cell: 74 540 847

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P O BOX 447 ABF
GABORONE
Email: zenengineeringprojects@gmail.com
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 (1) OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to members of the public of the following proposed transaction between JULIUS MATLHAPE and STEP YONDER INVESTMENTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED for the sale of the following property, that is to say:

CERTAIN: Piece of Land being Tribal Grant No. 491-KP, in Ramonaka in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;

SITUATE: 7.3911 ha [Seven point Three Nine One One Hectares];

MEASURING: Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TG109/2008 dated 17th October 2008 made in favour of JULIUS MATLHAPE

HELD UNDER: For the sum of P200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Pula)

CONSIDERATION:

Any citizen of Botswana who objects to or is interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the aforementioned property is entitled to register such objection or interest in writing to Kgatleng Land board and copies to the below contacts within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 27th DAY OF AUGUST 2026

PIYUSH SHARMA ATTORNEYS
Plot 6358, Broadhurst, Kgware Road
P O Box AD 34 ADC, GABORONE,
Tel: 3191622/ Fax: 3910321

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MOLOMO MAANO	ESHFT-000759-26	17/11/26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 27TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000149–25/2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **WALTER TSHUBE, ESHFT 000149–25**, who died at Tutume Primary Hospital, Tutume Central, Tutume District, on the 6th day of December 2025. NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 06 DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

Ndiye Chimbise
Executrix Dative
P.O. Box 70
Nswazwi

Iponeng Monamati
Executrix Dative
P O Box 8AAD
Gaborone
Iponengmonamati@gmail.com Contact: 75798650

AND TO: Master of the High Court
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Intention to Change Marriage Property Regime In terms of section 8(1)(f) of the Married Persons Act (2014)

- PHUTHOLOGO MONAMOLEDI** and **VIRGINIA DITSHUPO MONAMOLEDI** married in community of property on the 1st of July 1995 in Molepolole, wish to change their property regime to out of community of property.
- The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the (3) three weeks statutory notice from the date of the first publication hereof.
- Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/ or liabilities of the parties estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties in writing before the expiration of the said three (3) weeks period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 7TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026

PHUTHOLOGO MONAMOLEDI PO BOX 219 ABG Sebele CELL: 72618562
VIRGINIA DITSHUPO MONAMOLEDI PO BOX 219ABG SEBELE CELL: 76104690

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Closing Date: **15 September 2026**

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit their CV and copies of relevant qualifications to:
hrbotswana@swyengineering.co.bw

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 12299 in Ledumadumane would like to notify owners of plot 12298, 12300 and 12302 about intent to erect a double storey building. For any objections, contact Mogoditshane- Thamaga Physical Planning Office on 393 1537/ 316 6646 within fourteen (14) days.

ISIAH MOGWADI OWNER of plot 16382 at Palapye Extension 11, wishes to change land use of their plot from single residential to multi residential. For any clarity or objection, contact Palapye District Council-Physical Planning on 493 0800 or owner on 71 732 127 within 14 days of publication.

M P H O Y A O N E KOOPHUTHELETSWE OWNER of tourism related plot No; 8971 located in Molepolole, Magokotswane intends to change the land from tourism related to mix land use (Commercial, multi-res & residential). For any objection, contact Kweneng District Council, Physical Planning office Telephone No. 592 0981 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

THOBAE BROTHERS PTY LTD, owner of Intergrated farm in Tonota wishes to change land use from agricultural to mixed use. Any objections contact Tonota District Council Office 248 4248 within fourteen days of publication of this notice

I REFILWE BAEPI INTEND to change my plot (lot 12469) Lekgwapheng ward, Molepolole from family to multi residential use. For any objections contact Kweneng District Council within 14 days of publication or call 591 5122

OWNER OF PLOT 33780 in Molepolole, wishes to change land use from residential to commercial land use. Any objection should be forwarded to Molepolole District Council Physical Planning Office on 592 0841.

CATHERINE PHETO INTENDS to change land use of plot 2080 from single-family residential to group living in Bontleng, Gaborone. Contact; 71 544 929

CHANGE OF LAND USE. The owner of lot 4052 Kumakwane intend to change use of our plot from agriculture to barrow pit. Any objections contact 71728208 or physical planning Kweneng council within 14 days from date of this publication

PROOERTIES

PLOT FOR SALE: Mmaphashalala Central, 2000 sqm, fenced: P 300 K negotiable, next to School, Kgotla and Clinic. Ideal for rental accommodation. Contact 71321601.

VACANCIES

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NOTICE TO DEBTOERS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000452/23

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **Tlanelo Lucas Kgosipula** who died at Lephaleng Ward, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on the **07th July 2023**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED at ...on this...day of ...2026.

Executor
Thuso Kgosipula
PO Box 106
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Date : 31 August 2026

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Available Positions

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Closing Date: 30 September 2026

How to Apply

Interested and qualified candidates should submit their updated CV and copies of relevant qualifications to:

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE TRIBAL LAND TO A NON-CITIZEN IN TERMS OF SECTION 34(1) OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dithusa Fana intends to enter into a sale agreement with Michael Peterson Ssebanjja, a Ugandan national and non-citizen, trading under Right Puzzle Investments, in respect of the following property:

CERTAIN: A portion of Cadastre 146, being Lot 2;

SITUATE: Motsentse Mogorapitse/Motlotswane Lands, in the Bamangwaketse Tribal Territory;

MEASURING: 10.6002 hectares;

HELD UNDER: Certificate of Customary Land Grant;

CONSIDERATION: P650,000.00 (Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula).

The proposed transaction is the sale and transfer of the above-described tribal land from Dithusa Fana to Michael Peterson Ssebanjja.

Any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority, notwithstanding the proposed transaction set out in this notice.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed transaction may submit a written objection, stating the reasons thereof, to the relevant Land Board within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Enquiries may be directed to: 71549426.

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF THE FIRST CLASS FOR THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL HELD AT PALAPYE
Case No: **CCMPY-000240-17**

In the matter between
MARINUS VANDEREST
And
ONKEMETSE RAPOO

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

SUMMONS FOR CIVIL IMPRISONMENT

TO: ONKEMETSE RAPOO
You are hereby summoned to appear before this court at **PALAPYE** on the **23rd day of SEPTEMBER 2026 at 0830 HRS** or soon thereafter before **H/W TONOKI COURT ROOM 1** to show why a decree of civil imprisonment for **90 (NINTY DAYS)** should not be made against you at the suit of **MARINUS VANDEREST** in respect of non-payment of the sum of **P40, 060.00 PLUS COSTS OF SUIT** recovered against you the said **ONKEMETSE RAPOO** by a court judgment dated **12th MAY 2017**

DATED AT PALAPYE THIS 27TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

CLERK OF COURT
MARINUS VANDEREST
FLOWERTOWN WARD
MAHALAPYE
77783765/71973828

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(SECTION 34(1) of the Tribal Land Act, 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following proposed transaction to be entered into between.

THE PARTIES:

TRANSFEROR: Safari Consultants & Management (Botswana) Pty Ltd
TRANSFeree: Eco Africa Botswana Pty Ltd

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.
CERTAN: Commercial, Lot 242 Maun.
SITUATE: Batawana Tribal Area, Maun Government Camp.
MEASURING: 2003 Sqm.
SUBJECT TO: the conditions contained in the aforesaid lease.

Consideration of the property amounts to of P 3,000,000.00 (Three Million Pula), excluding any VAT / Transfer duty consequential to the transaction. Notwithstanding the Transaction, priority is hereby given to any Citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the property. **Interested persons may forward their applications to tholosafaris@gmail.com**

All persons objecting to the transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objection with reasons, in writing with the Tawana - Sub Land Board, P O Box 134, Maun within 30 (Thirty Days) from the last publication of this Notice.

DATED AT MAUN ON THIS 18 DAY OF AUGUST 2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000988-24**

IN THE ESTATE of the late FANYANA MOTHETHO Who died at Deborah Retief Memorial Hospital, Mochudi Kgatleng District, Botswana on the **6 February 2024**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above **ESTATE** are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within **thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.

DATED at GABORONE on this 17 Day of AUGUST 2026

The Executor
Gordon Habalabi Mahama
P O BOX 201253
GABORONE
Cell: 71460042 / 74527772

Maters Reference: ESHGB 000629/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KENALEMANG MOKGATITSWANE** who died at Mafhikana Ward, Kanye, Ngwaketse District, Botswana on the 05th December 2023.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and claims of whatever nature with the undersigned **thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.

DATED at on the Day of 2023.

The Execcutrix
Moneonyane Mokgatitswane
P O Box 11826, Kanye | Cell: **75 154 327 / 73 463 121**

JOB ADVERT

Date: 31 August2026
Company: **The 23rd Metallurgical Construction Group Co. Ltd**
The 23rd Metallurgical Construction Group Co. Ltd is looking for experienced and qualified candidates for the following positions. Applicants must have at least 3 years of relevant experience.

Available Positions

1. Welding Technical Manager

2. Civil Engineer

3. Site Manager

4. Project General Manager

Closing Date: **30 September 2026**

How to Apply
Interested and qualified candidates should submit their updated CV and copies of relevant qualifications to:

• **The23rdMetallurgicalConstructioGroupCo@ac.bw**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THYE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANAHELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT 000898-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late DEBULA DOCTOR MMEREKI ESHFT 000898-25 who died at Gaborone District on the 07/ 09/24.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS

BOITUMELO MMEREKI
Executor Dative
Po Box 1868, FRANCISTOWN

AND to: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13
FRANCISTOWN

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000071-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BASIMOLODI OTSOGILE** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **3rd of October 2024**.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of **twenty-one (21) days** from the date of publication thereof.

Dated at Mahalapye on this **29 day of JULY 2026**

THE EXECUTOR DATIVE
Ompatile Basimolodi
P O BOX 88
Palapye
CELL: 77820487

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT-001260-25

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **OAGILE MOUTA ESHFT-001260-25** who died at Nyangabwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District on the **14th July 2025**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Assistant and Master of the High Court Francistown for period of **twenty-one (21) days** from the date of the second publications thereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 10th DAY OF AUGUST 2026

Mrs Gababolokwe Mouta | **Executor Dative**
P O Box 1210, Lethakane

And To : Master Of The High Court
Private Bag F13, Francistown

VACANCIES TSHEPIDISO (PTY) LTD
Date: 31/08/2026

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6. Tipper Truck Operator

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9. Arc Welding Operator

Closing Date: **30 September 2026**

How to Apply

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2.2. A compulsory site visit with representatives of the Procuring Entity will take place as per the schedule on the full tender advert. Any person arriving later than the stipulated time will not be allowed in the meeting and will be disqualified from participating in the tender for that particular site. Contact Person for the site visit is Mr. Legodile Seitshiro.

2.3. All Bids must be submitted no later than 10:00hrs on 08 October 2026 at 10:00hrs (As per CEDA timepiece placed at Reception Area).
3. The Tender document is available for purchase and collection at CEDA Head Office Only from 24 August 2026 at a non-refundable fee of P500.00 (Five Hundred Pula, Only) inclusive of VAT and P250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Pula, Only) inclusive of VAT for youth owned companies as per Presidential Directive CAB (B) / 2015.

4. Preference Margins will be applied to qualifying bidders in line with the Economic Inclusion Act of 2021.

5. The tender document is also available via online purchase as per the above non-refundable fee. For more information please visit the CEDA website www.ceda.co.bw.

6. The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority's Standardised conditions of Tender shall apply to this procurement, for which all the applicable Tender Data is contained in the Tender Document. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, CEDA is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender offer.

7. For further information regarding this tender, please contact CEDA Procurement Office at tenderenquiries@ceda.co.bw



ZANZIBAR - A steel pipe plant at the construction site of the Zanzibar Mangapwani new port project in Tanzania. The project has employed 500 people, with local workers accounting for around 80 per cent. Photo: Xinhua

Port project opens new career paths for Tanzania

ZANZIBAR

When Abdallah Msofe Abdallah joined China Harbor Engineering Company Ltd. (CHEC) six years ago, he started as an ordinary worker on a construction project in Dar es Salaam.

Today, the Tanzanian serves as a human resources manager on the Zanzibar Mangapwani new port project, a transformation he attributes to the training, experience and opportunities the Chinese company provided.

Abdallah's career with CHEC took him from the Dar es Salaam port project to the Kilwa Masoko fishing harbor project in Tanzania's Kilwa, and eventually to Zanzibar, where he has taken on greater responsibilities in managing personnel and coordinating with local authorities.

"My career has grown step by step, I have been given numerous opportunities, and that has enabled me to reach the position of human resources manager," Abdallah told Xinhua.

His responsibilities now include handling personnel matters, liaising with government authorities and ensuring the welfare of local employees working on the project.

For Abdallah, the experience has helped him develop professional skills and strengthened his desire to use his career to contribute to the communities where he works.

"I have learned to be effective in performing my duties, but also to bring positive change to the community," he said.

A similar journey unfolded for Abdallah Mwaliko Mndeli, a laboratory technician who joined CHEC in 2023 at the Kilwa Masoko fishing harbor project before moving to Zanzibar on July 26.

With more than 10 years of laboratory experience, the 33-year-old now works as a laboratory assistant and foreman, supervising local workers while testing soil, aggregates, concrete, rocks and other construction materials.

Mndeli said his technical skills have expanded considerably through training from Chinese managers and colleagues.

"My manager has trained me extensively in laboratory testing procedures. The Chinese team and the company have been very supportive. This company is excellent because it invests in teaching us what we need to know," he said.

For Mndeli, the job has provided an important source of income for his family while giving him a chance to contribute to the wider community.

The experiences of Abdallah and Mndeli reflect CHEC's broader approach to local employment and skills development on the Mangapwani project.

According to construction manager of the project, Zhao Yaopu, about 500 people are currently employed, with local workers accounting for around 80 per cent.

Many are seasoned employees who previously worked on CHEC projects, including the Dar es Salaam port, Kilwa fishing harbor and earlier port developments in Zanzibar. The company also recruits new workers through community and university recruitment, providing training in technical skills, workplace safety and career development.

The Zanzibar Mangapwani new port is being developed with four berths along a 1 119-meter shoreline. Two berths are designed for 70 000-tonne vessels, while their structures have been reserved to accommodate ships of up to 200 000 tonnes. The other two berths will serve vessels of up to 30 000 tonnes.

Once completed, the project is expected to have the only berth in East Africa capable of accommodating cargo ships of that size, according to Zhao.

A 200 000-square-meter yard is also being developed behind the port, with a designed annual capacity of 200 000 containers and 500 000 tons of bulk cargo. Construction is expected to be completed in 2028.

The project is expected to ease pressure on the old Malindi port, allowing the historic city area to focus more on tourism and passenger transport while Mangapwani develops as a new commercial and industrial hub.

Plans for supporting infrastructure, including oil tank facilities, grain silos and dry docks, are also expected to attract logistics companies and other marine-related businesses.

For employees such as Abdallah and Mndeli, however, the project's significance is already being felt before the first large cargo vessel arrives.

It is being measured in promotions earned, technical skills acquired, families supported and new professional ambitions created, showing how a major infrastructure project can leave a legacy not only in concrete and steel, but also in the people who help build it. **Xinhua**

Zanzibar establishes Tropical Diseases Elimination Advisory Committee

DARES SALAAM

Tanzania's Zanzibar has established its first high-level advisory committee dedicated to the elimination of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), with support from a China-aided schistosomiasis prevention and control project.

According to the Ministry of Health, the Zanzibar Neglected Tropical Diseases Elimination Advisory Committee will provide independent expert advice, strategic guidance and technical oversight to help accelerate efforts to control and eventually interrupt the transmission of priority NTDs across Unguja and Pemba islands.

The committee brings together

officials from the Ministry of Health and other government sectors, including water, education and agriculture, as well as experts from China, the World Health Organization and other international organizations.

The committee was also established with assistance from a public health expert from the 35th Chinese medical team in Zanzibar.

According to the ministry, the committee is expected to strengthen coordination among government institutions and development partners, consolidate progress already made, and support Zanzibar's goal of eliminating NTDs through stronger technical cooperation and sustained partnerships. **Xinhua**

South Africa investigates new reports of sardine deaths along coast

CAPE TOWN

Authorities in South Africa are investigating new reports of sardine deaths along the coast, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) said on Sunday.

The reports followed a statement issued on August 23, in which the department said no new mass-mortality incidents had been reported since August 16, suggesting that the acute phase of the event appeared to be easing.

According to a statement issued by the DFFE on Sunday, isolated sightings have since been reported at Bakoven and off Tsitsikamma, while widespread reports emerged on August 27 of sardines washing ashore around Gqeberha, formerly known as Port Elizabeth, as well as floating offshore and inside the harbor.

Sardine strandings have also been reported along the Namibian coast, and Namibian authorities have agreed to provide samples for testing for pilchard herpesvirus (PHV), the department said.

The DFFE previously said testing had detected PHV in all dead sardines examined to date and that the evidence increasingly pointed to the virus as the leading explanation for the sardine deaths.

"PHV remains the leading explanation for the Western Cape mortality event. A link with the Gqeberha event is considered likely, but requires confirmation, and other causes and environmental contributions will also be investigated," it said in the statement.

The department said samples were being collected for further testing, while observers would document the distribution of affected fish and attempt systematic counts at sea.

At the Koeberg nuclear power station, about 27 km north of Cape Town and Africa's only nuclear plant, live and dead sardines have been reported in the cooling-water intake basin, with seals feeding on the fish, the department said.

Eskom, South Africa's state power utility, is managing the incident. The DFFE said it had not had access to the site but had obtained a sardine sample for testing.

The power station last week reduced Unit 1 output to 50 percent because of a buildup of marine material linked to the sardine mortality. Output was later restored to 70 per cent before a turbine trip resulted in the unit being taken offline.

An intergovernmental task team met on August 26 and assigned responsibilities under a response plan covering surveillance, testing, disposal of dead fish, public communication and assessment of the impact on the sardine stock.

The DFFE's Small Pelagic Scientific Working Group is due to meet on Sept. 4 to review the latest findings and consider their implications for fisheries management.

The assessment will inform advice on whether additional management measures are warranted, the department said, adding that the scale of the mortality remained uncertain.

"The scale of mortality remains uncertain, and the October/November hydroacoustic survey will provide essential information on the post-event sardine stock status," it said.

The department also urged the public not to collect or eat dead or dying sardines found on beaches or floating at sea, or feed them to pets, because of risks associated with decomposition. **Xinhua**

South Africa submits dossier to ICJ

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa has submitted a dossier to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) concerning Israel's non-compliance with provisional measures previously ordered by the court, according to South Africa's Department of International Relations and Cooperation.

In a statement issued by the department last Friday, the dossier was submitted on August 25 to assist a committee of judges responsible for monitoring the implementation of the provisional measures and recommending possible options to the court.

The statement says ICJ has issued three legally binding provisional measures orders against Israel aimed at protecting the rights of Palestinians under the Genocide Convention, but Israel has not complied with the orders, adding that South Africa would continue to pursue all available avenues to seek Israel's full and immediate compliance.

It also says Palestinians in Gaza continue to be deprived of water, adequate healthcare, medicine and other essential resources for survival. It accused Israel of bombarding Gaza, causing mass casualties and displacement and of arbitrarily detaining and deporting Palestinians.

South Africa submitted letters enclosing public dossiers of evidence to the United Nations Security Council in May 2024, February 2025 and September 2025, urging action to ensure



South Africa on Friday submitted a dossier to the International Court of Justice to assist a committee of judges responsible for monitoring the implementation of provisional measures and recommendations. Photo: Xinhua

Israel's compliance with the court's provisional measures. In December 2023, South Africa filed a case before the ICJ against Israel over alleged acts of genocide in Gaza. The ICJ has yet to deliver a final ruling in the case. *Xinhua*

Guterres implores UN peace operations to adapt to new global realities

NEW YORK

UN secretary general, Antonio Guterres has implored UN peace operations to adapt to new realities amid profound changes in the global security landscape.

"Our approaches to peace operations have evolved over the past eight decades, as conflicts changed and possibilities for collective action fluctuated. Now they must adapt again to dramatic new realities," Guterres told an informal plenary meeting of the General Assembly recently.

He said geopolitics was shifting, with power becoming more diffuse, new poles of influence emerging and new lines of contestation taking shape.

He added that the world was witnessing a resurgence of interstate conflicts and an intensification of internal conflicts that were increasingly internationalised, protracted and difficult to resolve.

He cited frequent conflicts, rapidly-changing nature of warfare and less common comprehensive peace agreements and therefore called for "a reset in how we think about and use peace operations."

Guterres said UN peace operations should place greater emphasis on preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and the peaceful settlement of disputes, while strengthening the good offices of the secretary-general, envoys and the UN Secretariat.



UN secretary general Antonio Guterres

He also called for more agile and cost-effective operations, stronger accountability, enhanced technological capabilities and closer global-regional partnerships.

"Peace operations are, above all, political instruments," Guterres said, stressing that their success depended

on appropriate mandates, will of the parties and support from the Security Council, member states, host countries and international partners.

"We must adapt to a changing world. And together, we must find the will and the resources to forge pathways to peace," he said. *Xinhua*

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Algeria rallies in solidarity to contain wildfires

ALGIERS

Algerian communities have been rallying to support families affected by devastating wildfires in the country's northeast, with volunteers organising donation drives and convoys carrying essential supplies from across the country to the hardest-hit areas. In Jijel province, days of destructive wildfires left burned homes, charred vehicles, scorched forests and dead livestock.

Images shared by residents on social media showed the extent of destruction in remote mountainous areas, triggering an outpouring support beyond the affected areas.

Volunteers and local associations have set up collection points to gather drinking water, food, infant formula, baby diapers, clothing, blankets, and other necessities for displaced families.

"As soon as I saw the calls for help from our brothers and sisters in Jijel, I joined the campaign," said Farid, a 27-year-old trader from Algiers, when loading donations at a local collection point on Saturday.

"I bought drinking water and infant milk, loaded them into my van, and I am now on my way to Jijel with a friend to deliver the donations," he said. The campaign also extended to the Algerian diaspora, with fundraising efforts organised abroad.

Meanwhile, authorities continue efforts to contain the remaining fires and assess the damage. The Civil Protection Authority said in the latest statement on Saturday that 123 fires were recorded between August 28 and 29 of which 118 had been extinguished while five remained active.

Two of the ongoing fires were in Jijel, two in Setif and one in Tebessa, according to the statement. In Jijel, crews continued battling five ongoing fires and other hotspots, supported by two AT-802 firefighting aircraft, a Mi-26 heavy transport helicopter, and an amphibious water-bomber jet BE-200.

Prime Minister Sifi Ghrieb visited Jijel on Friday, inspecting the affected areas and meeting with residents.

Ghrieb reiterated the state's commitment to supporting those affected and attended a collective funeral for 39 people in the town of

Djemaa Beni Habibi, as search operations continued for the missing, according to local reports.

The Prime Minister also visited the Dr. Said Chibane Major Burns Hospital in Zeralda, where injured people from affected areas were

receiving medical treatment.

He said that President Abdelmadjid Tebboune had ordered full medical mobilization for the injured. The official death toll remains at 12, as announced by Interior Minister Said Sayoud on Wednesday, with no

updated nationwide figure released since.

The fires come amid a severe heat wave affecting the North African country.

The meteorological service warned that temperatures could

hit 49 degrees Celsius in some areas this week. According to Civil Protection data, around 4 000 fires were recorded from May 1 to July 20, a sharp rise of almost 167 per cent from the 1 501 recorded during the same period last year. *Xinhua*



ALGIERS - Algerian communities have been rallying to support families affected by devastating wildfires in the country's northeast, with volunteers organising donation drives and convoys carrying essential supplies from across the country to the hardest-hit areas.

Zim undertakes fourth review of SDGs

HARARE

Zimbabwe is set to undertake its Fourth Voluntary National Review (VNR) of progress towards

implementing the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with the country expected to present its findings at the 2027 United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

Cabinet approved the move on Tuesday as Zimbabwe continues to fulfil its international and multilateral obligations while assessing national progress towards achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Announcing the Cabinet decision at a post-Cabinet media briefing, Minister of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services Zhemu Soda said the review would provide an important opportunity for the country to assess its progress, identify challenges and strengthen implementation of the global development agenda.

"In fulfilment of Zimbabwe's international multi-lateral obligations, cabinet considered and approved the request for the country to Undertake its Fourth Voluntary National Review on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the 2027 United Nations High-Level Political Forum," Minister Soda said.

The request was presented to cabinet by Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Edgar Moyo.

Zimbabwe will subsequently present its progress review at the 2027 United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, which is convened under the auspices of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

The VNR process is a key mechanism through which countries voluntarily assess and report on their progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda, while also sharing experiences and lessons with the international community.

The 2030 Agenda, adopted by United Nations member states, is anchored on 17 SDGs covering areas including poverty eradication, health, education, gender equality, decent work, environmental protection and sustainable economic development.

With 2030 fast approaching, the review will provide Zimbabwe with an opportunity to take stock of gains made so far, identify areas requiring greater attention and align development policies and interventions with outstanding SDG targets.

Minister Soda said regular and inclusive national reviews were important in strengthening policy implementation and ensuring that challenges and emerging priorities were properly identified.

"Regular and inclusive

Voluntary National Reviews assess progress in implementing the SDGs, identifying challenges and emerging priorities, sharing lessons learnt and strengthening Policy implementation," he said.

The government is also calling for broad participation in the review process, in line with its Whole-of-Society Approach, which seeks to ensure that national development processes involved citizens and different sectors of society. He urged citizens to give the VNR process priority, describing it as the country's principal national reporting mechanism on implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

"In the spirit of the Whole-of-Society Approach, all citizens are called upon to accord the Voluntary National Review process priority as the country's principal national reporting mechanism on implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," he said.

The fourth review is therefore expected to go beyond measuring progress against global targets, providing an opportunity for government, civil society, the private sector, development partners and citizens to collectively reflect on Zimbabwe's development trajectory and contribute to priorities for the remaining period of the 2030 Agenda. *New Ziana*

Norway holds national memorial services for late King

OSLO

Memorial services were held at churches across Norway on Sunday for King Harald V, who died on Friday at 89, as the Norwegian Royal House announced that his funeral will take place on September 9. Tens of thousands of people lined up at cathedrals and churches across the country to mourn the late monarch.

Many people placed flowers, candles and cards outside the Royal Palace in Oslo. Under Norway's rules of succession, Harald V's 53-year-old son immediately succeeded him to the throne, taking the regnal name Haakon VIII. *Xinhua*



King Harald V

Arts & Culture



President Advocate Duma Boko during the Botswana Musicians Union (BOMU) Awards in Gaborone on Friday. Photo: Phenyio Ramatu



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President Advocate Duma Boko swapped his neatly tailored formal suits for streetwear, Friday at the 14th Botswana Music Union (BOMU) awards. He paired loose fitting syrup pants with a loose white t-shirt and white structured lightweight felted jacket. The heart of his outfit was the black chunky, high-lug platform shoes. True to his style, President Boko accessorised with dark designer shades, a signature item that he wears quite well plus a designer timepiece. Minister of Sports and Art,

Jacob Kelebeng also served casual drip, clad in a black casual tailored one button jacket suit, seamlessly blended with a white shirt and white Nike sneakers. His blue shade newsboy ‘stapora’ cap complemented the awards look, making him a constant focal point for modern outfit inspiration on the night. While BOMU president, Gloria Dzwikiti was effortlessly comfortable and easy in an elegant black sequin dress with equally elegant open shoes with glitter detail, her high bun hairstyle with saree, highlighted sleek modern profile. Completing her look, was the silver sequin clutch bag.

The 14th BOMU awards marked a historic milestone with a first female leader of the organisation and most significant, President Boko became the first sitting President to attend the event. The awards’ historic milestone also collides with Botswana’s Diamond Jubilee to be celebrated in September. President Boko’s presence at the awards cemented government’s commitment to growing the creative sector into a core economic driver and a major source of youth employment through targeted funding, legal reforms, and infrastructure support. The creative and cultural industries account for about 3.1 per cent of the GDP. BOPA

Batlokwa celebrate Mafifatshwana

Baleseng Batlotleng
TLOKWENG

Botswana’s next chapter on national transformation requires citizens, entrepreneurs and communities who recognise their own assets and have the ambition to put them to productive use. Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe, made the observation on Saturday at the celebration of the Batlokwa cultural festival dubbed Mafifatshwana in Tlokweng. Gaolathe said government had learned through difficult experience that national transformation could not be delivered from government offices alone.

“Batlokwa, consider what you are sitting on. Your songs, architecture, cuisine, stories, language, festivals and this very ground beneath your feet all carry cultural value. With imagination and organisation, they can carry economic value too,” he said. He said with inherited practices were ideas about stewardship, saving, production, cooperation and responsibility that remained relevant to the economy that was being built. Gaolathe said he was encouraged by the vision for a Tlokweng Smart village and the Kgosi Gaborone Legacy Monument and Cultural tourism precinct and therefore, an opportunity existed to build

something that taught, employed and inspired. He said government’s role was to help create the conditions in which worthy ideas could move through planning support, technical expertise, stronger institutional coordination and engagement with the National Planning Commission and other relevant partners. “Batlokwa bring your plans. Strengthen your institutions, develop propositions capable of attracting investment and partnership. Let the conversation increasingly become this is what we intend to build. How do we move it?” he added. He called on Batlokwa youth to be proactive in giving their culture

a hand and make it work. Gaolathe said they should venture into becoming heritage tourism operators and document Batlokwa history on film. “Let another build the digital platform that carries Setlokwa across borders and let another build a business from the food, fashion, architecture, music or knowledge inherited here. Be like the ant bear, read the ground beneath your feet. Dig beyond what is immediately visible, find new water in old ground,” he said. He told young people that their grandparents preserved inheritance and they must discover what else it could become. Kgosi Puso of Batlokwa said the

Mafifatshwana cultural festival started in 2012 at the unveiling of Kgosi Gaborone statue at the main Kgotla and had since branded into a kind reminder of the forefathers who set tone of the Batlokwa history. “This one is a rich cultural history that must be protected, nurtured, improved and passed to next generations. It is not just entertainment but part of our responsibility to preserve the soul of our people,” said Kgosi Puso. He said last year, Batlokwa celebrated 145 years as a tribe in existence, which was also a reminder that Batlokwa had a set of values and identity as a tribe, a responsibility he said was handed from past generations to the present with gratitude.

Kgosi Puso said they viewed culture as an economic asset and said developments must not come at the expense of its disappearance. “We dream to become a smart model village, digitally connected, great economic opportunities, embracing innovation and developing human capital. Tradition and innovation can walk together. We want to establish structures to catalyse welfare of our people,” he said. Kgosi Puso said they had set up Batlokwa Royal Council, Royal Batlokwa Development Trust, Royal Batlokwa Incorporated and they were working towards establishing a secretariat to coordinate all the efforts. The cultural festival was celebrated under the theme: Building economic resilience and self-sustenance through culture preservation. BOPA



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (second right) and Kgosi Puso of Batlokwa during Mafifatshwana Cultural Festival on Saturday. Gaolathe challenged Batlokwa to turn their rich cultural heritage into an engine for economic development while preserving their identity. He highlighted the community’s history of resilience, including Marothodi’s archaeological heritage and the Batlokwa’s traditional silversmithing. Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe

BOMU High nominations fail to convert to wins

Loago Thomas
GABORONE

The Botswana Musicians Union BOMU handed out its awards at the Gaborone International Convention Centre on Saturday and the results scrambled the storyline that had been building since nominations started in June.

Artists with the highest number of nomination did not necessarily walk away with the biggest wins and the night’s most talked-about outcome came from the artists who arguably should have not dominated it.

Han C was the season’s nomination front-runner, with six nods spread across Best Male Artist, Album of the Year and Song of the Year, among others, largely thanks to BOMU’s extended two-year eligibility window pulling his 2024 projects, ‘Bosa’ and ‘Mamasita’ into this cycle.

On the night, though, he converted just one of those six into silverware, Best Amapiano. The win landed awkwardly with fans and industry watchers, since Amapiano is not a genre closely associated with Han C’s catalogue, and the result has been the subject of pointed conversations since the show wrapped, with some questioning how the category was judged.

Issah Sisdoh, who arrived with four nominations and had been billed as the breakout story of the nomination round, had a cleaner night.

She took home Best Female Artist and Best House/Dance EP/Album for ‘Echo of the Healing’, converting two of her four nods into wins and backing up her status as one of the season’s

genuine multi-category threats. Her other nominations, Best Newcomer and Best Collaboration for ‘Vumadlodzi’, did not convert.

DM Guys had arguably the most efficient night of any act, walking away with both Song of the Year and the newly introduced Most Viral Song award, almost certainly built on the strength of ‘Raskanta Tobetsa Pina’, their entry in both races. Taking the show’s two most publicly visible prizes in one night gives them a strong claim to being the story of the ceremony, even without the nomination count that Han C or Issah Sisdoh carried.

Best Newcomer went to Tefo Bright, edging out a category that had also included Issah Sisdoh, Jinger Stone and Kesego Lysson, a competitive field that made the win one of the night’s tighter calls. Album of the Year went to Dada Kavino for ‘Sebaga’, beating out Han C’s ‘Bosa’, Ancestral Rituals ‘Amadlozi’, and Shumba Ratsega’s ‘Lorato Ga Se Ntwa’. It is a notable result given how much of the pre-show conversation had centred on Han C’s extended eligibility and his presence in that category.

The evening reinforced a familiar truth about awards shows: getting the most nominations doesn’t guarantee the most wins. Han C came in as the clear front-runner but left with only one trophy, and a contested one at that. By contrast, DM Guys and Issa Sisdoh, despite having far fewer nominations, ended up as the night’s biggest winners. Add in Dada Kavino’s surprise Album of the Year win and Tefo Bright’s Best Newcomer victory, and the wins ended up far more evenly distributed than the nomination totals had predicted.

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Vee performing during the Botswana Musicians Union Awards in Gaborone on Saturday.



Best Contemporary Gospel award winner, Johnson Lecture and Partners celebrating during the BOMU music awards.



Han C was the season's nomination front-runner, with six nods spread across Best Male Artiste, Album of the Year, and Song of the Year. Photos: Pheny Ramatu

BeautyHub Academy clinches 10 international titles



Aanang Joseph

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

BeautyHub Academy’s Team Botswana has returned home with 10 international titles and recognitions.

The team showcased the country’s young talent at the Junior Model International World Finals as well as the Mr & Miss Teen Super Globe International competitions held at Thailand on August 22.

The international competition attracted 74 participants from 14 countries, who competed in various segments, including talent showcasing, interviews, national costume, evening wear and modelling.

Team Botswana was represented by eight-year-old Ambar Masole, who was honoured as Princess of Africa, followed by nine-year-old Aanang Joseph, who received the best Creative National Costume and Miss World Senior Toddler titles.

Eleven-year-old Refilwe Autlweze clinched the best Talent Award, seven-year-old Oliver Masule, won the best in Suit and Prince of Africa awards at the Junior Model International World Finals.

The accolades continued across other categories, with the remaining members of Team Botswana also making their mark at the Mr & Miss Teen Super Globe International competition.

Fourteen-year-old Legae Maseko won best Introduction and was crowned Miss Teen Super Globe International, while another 14-year-old, Jasmine Masule received the best interview award.

Nineteen-year-old Lisa Molosiwa also emerged as Miss Teen Super Globe Africa.

For all the young contestants, the victories were not only about the titles earned, it was also about the personal growth and confidence gained from representing Botswana on the international stage.

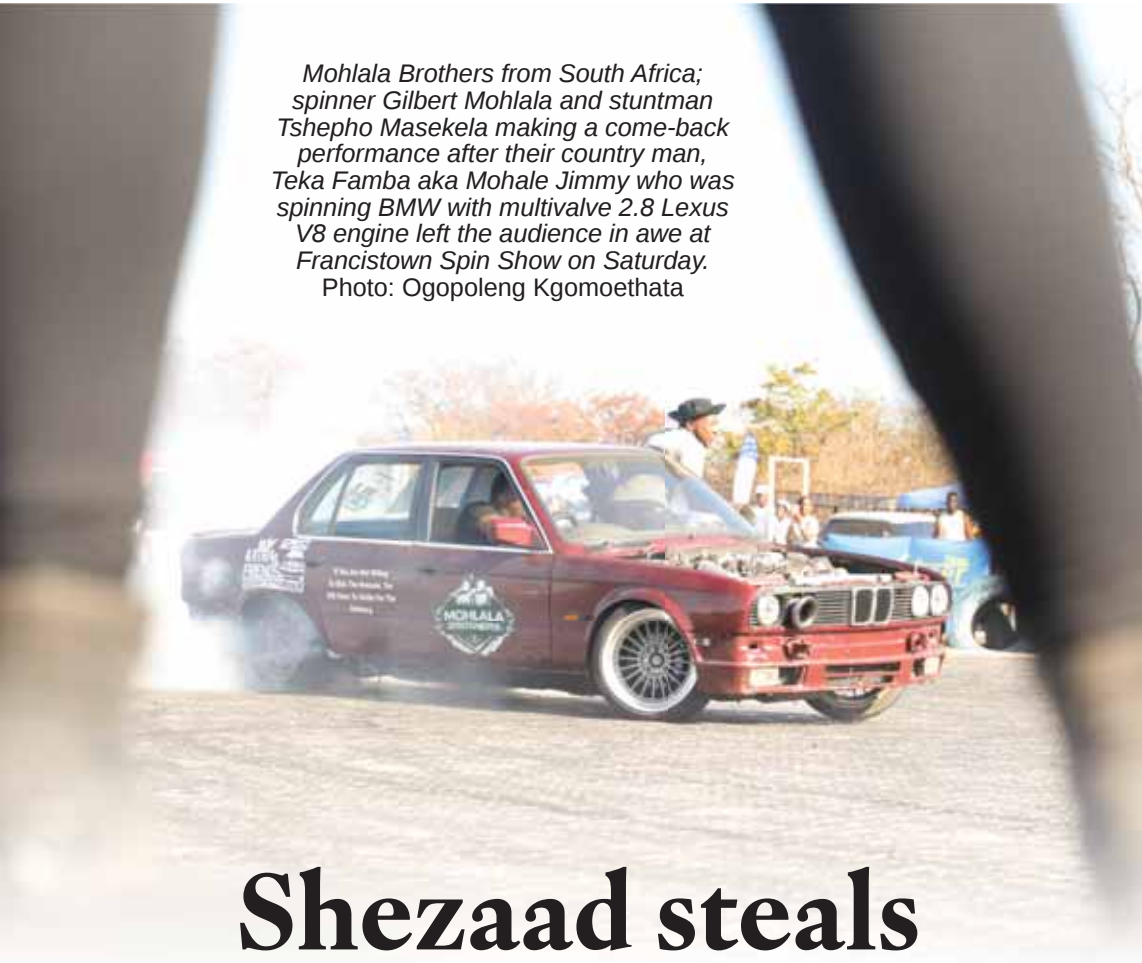
Reflecting on her experience, Miss Teen Super Globe

International, Jasmine, said winning the international title was a dream come true. “I’m honestly so happy because I really didn’t think I was going to win,” she said, candidly adding that the journey taught her that confidence and putting God first could take one far.

Beyond the title, Jasmine shared that she would use her international status to inspire young people in Botswana through her philanthropic work, including donations and motivational talks.

BeautyHub National Director, One Fred said the remarkable achievement and winning a world title under BeautyHub came at a special time as the academy celebrated 10 years of nurturing young talent and three years of participating in international competitions. She stated that the work of the academy transcended crowns and titles, to giving young people exposure, confidence, discipline and an opportunity to realise that their dreams can take them beyond borders.

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Mohlala Brothers from South Africa; spinner Gilbert Mohlala and stuntman Tshepho Masekela making a come-back performance after their country man, Teka Famba aka Mohale Jimmy who was spinning BMW with multivalve 2.8 Lexus V8 engine left the audience in awe at Francistown Spin Show on Saturday. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Shezaad steals the limelight at Francistown Spin Show

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

A 15 year -old Shezaad Jacobs from South Africa stole the show at the annual Francistown Spin Show on Friday, leaving spectators begging for more after bursting several tyres mid-performance.

Representing Team Baby Drivers, the teenager climbed into a BMW fitted with a QR engine and turned the Francistown spinning arena into his playground.

By afternoon, the ground was already covered in tyre smoke and the roar of revving engines, mostly from the battered BMWs.

Shezaad slid, spun and drifted with confidence far beyond his age.

Once one of his tyres blew, the crowd erupted, chanting for an encore as smoke billowed behind him.

He was followed by South Africa’s Mahlala brothers, who kept spectators on their toes.

At one point, a passenger stood on the roof of their ragged BMW

as it revved around the arena. Local spinner, Thabang “Boss Phiri” Phiri also showcased a good performance, making a sweet comeback with tight maneuvers resulting in thick clouds of smoke.

One first-time spectator was heard jokingly saying “I did not know Botswana had drivers who could outrun police after a bank robbery.”

As night fell, tyre sparks lit up the arena and the crowd grew even louder.

Children who had come in large numbers enjoyed the night session more than the daytime heats.

South Africans Mohlale “Teka Famba” Jimmy and Gilbert Mohlala from Polokwane also delivered an impressive performance.

Dubbed “Bo Satani” by fans for their daring stunts that mixed spinning with crowd-pleasing tricks, they drew some of the biggest cheers of the day.

‘King Joe,’ real name Mothusi Alfred of Northside Crew, carried the local flag.

He reversed and spun in perfect circles, proving why he is rated among the country’s best.

“Spinning has fewer accidents than people think,” Mohlale said in an interview.

The event also featured the crowd-favourite, Tom and Jerry segment, where two or more spinners shared the podium for synchronized runs.

Overall, South African drivers showed more experience, having started in the sport long before it was domesticated in Botswana.

In a post interview, the organisers said that the show was a success, both in turnout and the atmosphere.

Amber Kierstead, the chief organiser said the event, which was in its second edition, was a legacy of his father, the late Alfred Kiestead, who was also a renowned spinner in his youthful years. The informal sector such as the street vendors benefited positively from the show, trading briskly to the large crowd that turned up. **BOPA**



Shezaad Jacobs, a 15 year-old from South Africa, completely hijacked the spotlight and left the spin enthusiasts stunned by his electric spinning acts that wrote his name in the hearts of the audience at the Francistown Spin Show on Saturday. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Programme unlocks Botswana hidden field event potential

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

While Botswana has firmly cemented its reputation as a global sprint powerhouse, the nation’s competitive presence in field events continues to lag behind.

The disparity has left local sports administrators searching for ways to diversify the national athletics portfolio.

A crucial breakthrough in addressing the gap emerged when Botswana partnered with USA through the International Sports Programming Initiative (ISPI) Track and Field Exchange Programme, which recently brought a delegation of 10 track and field coaches from USA to exchange notes with their Botswana counterparts.

Among the visiting coaches was a field events coach, Anna Richardson, who specialises in throwing disciplines.

She observed that although the problem was global, the situation in Botswana might be fueled by the success on the track, therefore diverting people’s focus to track events and overlooking field events with the possibility of equally producing some positive results.

According to Richardson the media and developmental imbalance was not unique to Botswana but it was a systemic issue within global track and field

athletics.

She said even at the elite Diamond League, broadcasting schedules heavily favor runners, with field events getting brief and sporadic glimpse.

Richardson said the lack of visibility directly affected grassroots interest, as young athletes were attracted by the energy and attention given to track events and have little or no interest on field events such as shot put, discus or javelin.

To break the recurring cycle, Richardson said the immediate solution does not require waiting for advanced facilities or highly certified master coaches.

Instead, it relies entirely on local volunteers being brave enough to simply introduce children to the basic concepts of throwing.

The core strategy discussed during her tour focuses heavily on finding local leaders who are willing to step out of their comfort zones and encourage children to try field events.

She said expanding grassroots participation was the critical first step to discovering natural talent that would otherwise remain unnoticed and sidelined.

Richardson said that if more children were given the opportunity to experiment with throwing implements, individuals with a natural trend for the sport would organically emerge. **BOPA**



Botswana has partnered with the USA to strengthen field events, with 10 US coaches recently visiting the country to share expertise with their Botswana counterparts. Photo: Phenyio Ramatu

Tholakele golden run carries Sundowns to CAF

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Her progress was interrupted in 2024 when she suffered a broken leg, forcing her to face another period on the sidelines.

She returned to action and continued to build her career with the South African giants.

The latest chapter unfolded on home soil. Playing in Gaborone, Tholakele became one of the standout performers of Sundowns’s COSAFA campaign.

She scored three times in their opening match against Nsingizini Hotspurs and continued to make her presence felt as they progressed to the knockout stages.

Tholakele saved her biggest contributions for the decisive matches, where she scored a brace in the semi-final against defending champions Gaborone United before producing another

brace in the final against ZESCO.

The four goals in the knockout stages took her tournament tally to seven and secured her the Golden Boot.

Tholakele’s contribution helped Sundowns reclaim the regional title and return to the CAF Women’s Champions League stage.ZESCO finished runners-up, while defending champions Gaborone United secured third place after beating Malawi’s Silver Strikers in the third-place play off.

For Tholakele the tournament will be remembered for more than a trophy, but showcasing her God given talent on home soil.Speaking in an interview, Tholakele said she was happy she could help her team to the CAF stage and equally happy to have played on home soil and show her people how much she had grown. **BOPA**



Refilwe Tholakele



Extension Gunners stunned Mochudi Centre Chiefs by a solitary goal during their encounter of the 2026-2027 FNB Premiership game at the National Stadium on Saturday.
Photo: Pheny Ramatu

Tholakele golden run carries Sundowns to CAF

Tumisang Moilwa
GABORONE

The number, ‘Seven’, has always been part of Refilwe Tholakele story. It became the number that defined her latest continental triumph.

The Botswana international finished the CAF Women’s Champions League COSAFA Qualifier as the tournament’s leading scorer with seven goals, including both goals in Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies’ 2-1 victory over Zambia’s ZESCO Ndola Girls in the final.

The performance earned Tholakele the Golden Boot and helped Sundowns secure the COSAFA region’s place at the CAF Women’s Champions League finals later this year.

For a player known by the nickname ‘Seven,’ the achievement carried an almost perfect symmetry.

However, behind the seven goals is a career that has demanded patience and resilience.

Tholakele began her senior career in Botswana before taking her first major step abroad in 2022, when she joined Equatorial Guinean side Malabo Kings.

The move did not go as planned and she returned home before joining Sundowns in 2023.

Her arrival in South Africa marked a significant turning point.

She scored on her Sundowns debut and quickly established herself as a dangerous attacking option.

Later that year, she finished as the top scorer at the CAF Women’s Champions League with five goals as Sundowns lifted the continental title.

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Gunners stun Chiefs in FNB Premiership thriller

Pako Lebanna
GABORONE

Late local rap star, ATI’s hit single, “Khiring Khorong,” now turned into a popular stadium chant, “Re Tsile Go Betsa Go Utlwala,” reverberated across the National Stadium eastern Panda stand on Saturday afternoon, as Extension Gunners delivered the scalp of Mochudi Centre Chiefs.

As the fourth official picked up the substitution board to display five added minutes after 90 minutes of an enthralling encounter between Mapantsula and Magosi, supporters of the Lobatse side started singing in unison.

Like a predator about to finish off its kill, the Peleng faithful could sense blood.

Indeed, a first half Tefo Aleseng goal proved sufficient to hand

Gunners their first three points of the 2026-27 FNB Premiership campaign.

It had been an afternoon of good football as the two sides played an evenly balanced first half.

However, in the second half, Chiefs strongly searched for an equaliser, relentlessly attacked Gunners, forcing them into a low block defensive formation.

South African midfielder, former Orlando Pirates reserves and Sekhukhune United player who has joined Gunners in the off season Miguel Dias, gave Mapantsula shape in the middle of the park.

On the hour mark, the Chiefs rearguard had to block the ball on the line as Gunners forward Kesekile Chivese tried to strike on the counter.

With 20 minutes to spare, there was wave after wave of Chiefs attack and Gunners goalie, Kabelo Dambe had to tip over the bar a ball curled in from the edge of the box by John da Costa

in the 72nd minute.

In the 75th minute Magosi captain Mpho Kgaswane calmly trapped the ball in the box before taking aim at goal, forcing Dambe into a crucial save.

Two minutes later a tricky ball played in from the Chiefs’ right flank, saw Dambe make a one handed save, the ball ricocheting off the post and back into play.

To ease pressure, Gunners managed a counter attack; a Chivese cross locating Pako “Pedro” Gafose who headed from close range, only for Chiefs goal minder Keeagile Kgosipula to pull off a save.

Phoko e Ntsho, as Gunners are known to their legion of supporters hung on for a hard fought, deserved solitary goal win.

Meanwhile, one of the major talking points from the opening matches of the league was a Township Rollers side, affected by a FIFA transfer ban since October 22 2025.

Popa arrived in Jwaneng with just seven players for their

opening fixture against Jwaneng Galaxy.

The match was called off after just 10 minutes with Popa down to six men after one of their players went down injured.

On Friday night, back to back champions Gaborone United started their title defence, after scoring a goal in each half by Thatayaone Kgamanyane and Lebogang Ditsele to register a 2-1 win over Prisons XI at the GU Stadium.

In the Saturday action, a Thero Setsile goal gave Premier League debutants Tonota FC an opening day win over TAFIC in Francistown, while fellow top flight newcomers Enesia FC also creditably drew 1-1 away to Orapa United at Itekgeng.

Also on Saturday, Nico United defeated BDF XI 3-1, while Sua Flamings won 1-0 against Matebele FC.

On Sunday, Julius Likontsane penalty and a Lemogang Sefemo goal from open play handed Police XI a 2-0 triumph over Morupule Wanderers on Sunday. **BOPA**



Mochudi Centre Chiefs shot stopper Keeagile Kgosipula failed to stop Extension Gunners goal during their encounter of the 2026-2027 FNB Premiership game at the national Stadium on Saturday. Gunners stunned Chiefs 1-0. Photo: Pheny Ramatu