

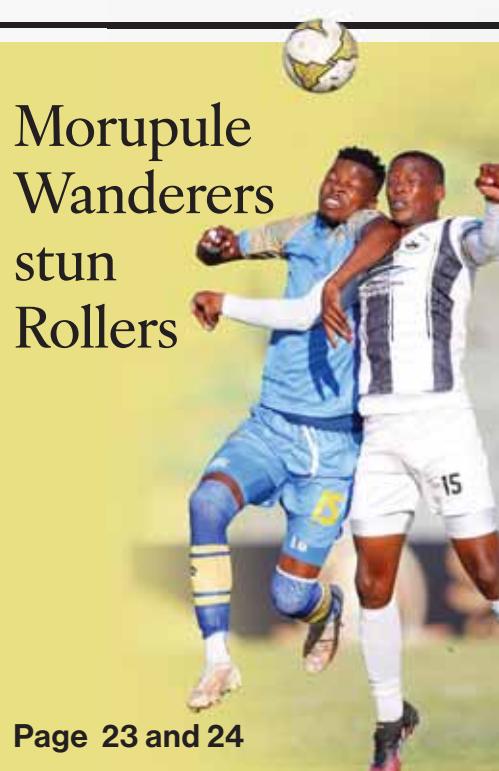
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## Boko attends 2026 World Government Summit

President Advocate Duma Boko (left) being seen off to Dubai, United Arab Emirates by BDF Commander, General Mpho Mophuting in Gaborone yesterday. The President is attending the 2026 World Government Summit themed: *Shaping Future Governments*. It will discuss pressing issues such as artificial intelligence, climate risks, economic resilience and innovative solutions to global challenges. During the summit, President Boko will deliver a keynote address at the Emerging Economic Forum and participate as a panellist in a High-Level Session focused on Africa, under the theme: *Is the Next Decade Africa?* On the summit's margins, the President will engage with strategic partners and hold a series of high-level bilateral meetings, including with His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, and His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Abdulla Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait, to explore trade and investment opportunities for Botswana. President Boko is expected home on Friday.

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## President takes action to mend broken trust

By Lorato Gaofise

**GABORONE**

President Advocate Duma Boko says government is taking firm and deliberate steps to repair Botswana's health system, assuring the nation that long-standing drug shortages are being tackled through emergency interventions and structural reform.

Addressing members of Ntlo-ya-Dikgosi during a dinner held in Gaborone on Thursday, President Boko acknowledged that medicine stock-outs had become a painful reality for many Batswana, but emphasised that the situation did not emerge overnight and would not be solved by rhetoric alone.

Instead, he said government had moved swiftly to stabilise supplies while putting in place long-term systems designed to ensure that essential medicines were consistently available in clinics and hospitals across the country.

"We are not managing a crisis, we are fixing a system that has been failing our people for too long," he said.

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# Botswana keen to donate elephants

Bonang Masolotate  
**GABORONE**

With a population of over 140 000 elephants, Botswana is open to donating some to Angola.

President Advocate Duma Boko expressed this when welcoming the Angola Ambassador Designate to Botswana, Mr Sandro Retano Agostinho de Oliveira, on Friday.

In the past, the country donated 500 elephants to Mozambique, a move that also sparked interest from the Angola President, Mr Joao Lourenço.

However, President Boko pointed out that the challenge with Mozambique's donation has been the hefty cost of transporting elephants to that nation, thus, he noted that Botswana and Angola could deliberate on facilitating the donation.

Also, he said the two countries must devise anti-poaching strategies to allow for a migration corridor to ensure the safe and secure migration of elephants.

President Boko noted that elephants were, by nature, sensitive animals which would not go to an area where they were not safe due to poaching, adding that the two countries could tap into technology to ensure safety along the corridor.

Facilitating easy migration would allow vegetation to recuperate on the other side, as well as help in the transfer of new species of plants

and improve vegetation.

Another area where the two countries should collaborate on, is diamond sales and marketing.

President Boko said with Botswana in the process of acquiring De Beers, the two diamond-producing nations could collaborate to influence pricing and the diamond market.

Also, he said the narrative that natural diamonds were losing ground to synthetic diamonds was far-fetched, noting that fake diamonds could not outdo the original. He said behind the natural diamonds were stories of the people whose livelihoods depended on diamonds, and this narrative has been

missing from the diamond marketing strategy.

For a long time, Botswana's diamonds were marketed as De Beers diamonds, thus negating the story of the people where they were mined and the fact that these precious gems continued to change lives.

"Natural diamonds speak to the lives and livelihoods of people where they are produced," he said, adding that the diamond story should be fused into the marketing strategy.

He said there was need for Botswana and Angola to collaborate as diamond-producing countries, to partner and establish facilities such as diamond museums and other diamond investments.

Also, Mr Boko highlighted the communication hurdles between Gaborone and

Luanda, saying that such worked against the ease of doing business.

For instance, a flight that can take an hour between the two leads to traveling through other countries, which consumes time and was expensive.

"To travel to Luanda, you have to go through Addis," he said, adding that the setup also failed to facilitate tourism between the two countries.

President Boko also received the Botswana Ambassador Designate to Namibia, Mr Phillip Khwae, whom he described as an experienced politician with in-depth knowledge of challenges besieging the

country, noting that they predominantly emanate from unattended structural issues.

"These issues have caught up with the country," President Boko said, adding that collaborating with strategic partners and neighbours such as Namibia was therefore necessary.

Moreover, he said both countries have partners in projects such as the Trans-Kalahari Railway line, saying there was a need to speed up its construction.

Also, he said the two could explore airline collaborations, saying Namibia's airline had collapsed while Air Botswana faced challenges, thus the two nations could partner to resuscitate the sector.

Another potential partnership was in the diamond industry space through De Beers, adding that Botswana's desire to acquire De Beers would have a direct impact on Namibia, as they are also a diamond-producing country.

Additionally, he stated that at the border into Namibia, Batswana are charged a substantial fee, while Namibian citizens pay a nominal fee upon entering the country.

As such, he said there might also be a need to increase the fees, although not substantially, to broaden revenue streams and address road conditions.

Additionally, President Boko mentioned that some Batswana of Namibian origin had relocated to Namibia, noting that these individuals were farmers and that there could be outstanding issues that Mr Khwae would need to address.

For his part, Mr Khwae expressed gratitude for being allowed to serve the country as an ambassador, noting that he was looking forward to strengthening ties between the two sister countries. **BOPA**



President Advocate Duma Boko (right) receiving letters of credence from Angola Ambassador, Mr Sandro Retano Agostinho de Oliveira in Gaborone on Friday. President Boko said Botswana was in the process of acquiring De Beers and noted that the two diamond-producing nations could collaborate to influence pricing and diamond market. Photo: Pheno Moalosi

# President looks forward to beneficial relations

By Pako Lebanna  
**GABORONE**

As new diplomatic envoys to Botswana sauntered past the pomp and ceremony of the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) guard of honour, stepping over a warm welcome mat laid out by the Office of the President, the country's leadership called for a deepening and broadening of ties.

The newly designated ambassadors of the Republic of Cuba, the Democratic Republic of Congo

(DRC) and the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic received a warm reception as they presented their letters of credence to President Boko, who asked them to work towards greater economically beneficial relations with Botswana.

President Boko asked the new Congo Ambassador to Botswana, Mr Patrick Kambila Mutombo to look into how the two countries could cooperate in mineral beneficiation and leverage each other's comparative advantages.

Highlighting that Botswana has the highest credit rating on the African continent and extensive experience in mineral resource extraction and governance, President Boko urged the DRC and other regional countries to utilise the country as a regional centre for mineral trade.

He said Botswana had recently introduced

mercantile exchange, which was a centralised, electronic regulated marketplace where standardised contracts for commodities and financial derivatives were traded to facilitate trade in regional resources.

President Boko said if supported, this could boost Southern African Development Cooperation (SADC) regional integration efforts and be beneficial to countries in the region.

He said DRC as one of the most resource rich countries on the continent could leverage Botswana's vast experience in managing resources for development to the benefit of both states.

President Boko thus expressed Botswana's wish for stability in the Eastern DRC to allow the country to pursue

economic progress unhindered.

When welcoming the new Cuban Ambassador, Antonio Izaguirre, President said the two countries should look at deepening ties in areas such as the medical space, research, education, agriculture and sports.

He said there had been plans in the past for Cuban doctors to open a clinic at the Letsholathebe II Memorial Hospital in Maun and said such collaborations should materialize.

President Boko praised Cuba for developing a strong healthcare system that produces doctors and develops vaccines, and thanked Cuban doctors for availing their

expertise to Botswana and other African countries over the years.

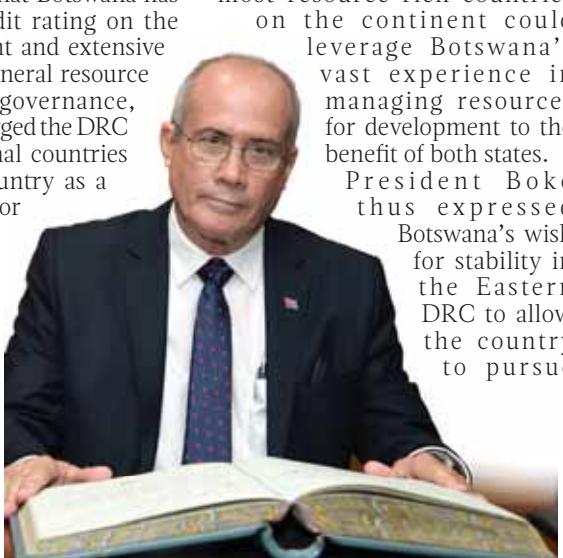
Ambassador Izaguirre congratulated Botswana on the growing achievements in the field of sports and athletics, noting in particular an emerging talent in tennis, Ntungamili Ragui, now one of the top 50 ranked International Tennis Federation (ITF) junior players worldwide.

He said Cuba was willing to continue collaborating with Botswana in providing sports coaches and medical doctors, as well as other fields such as agriculture.

Nonetheless, Ambassador Izaguirre reflected on his country's precarious position in global geopolitics, given recent developments in North America, which he said places his country's very sovereignty at stake.

Sahrawi Ambassador, Mr Sidihiba Abdala expressed gratitude to President Boko for Botswana's support over the years in Sahrawi struggle for territorial integrity and sovereignty.

He said Botswana continues to be an example for African countries to follow in terms of governance and providing dignity to ordinary citizens. **BOPA**



Sahrawi Ambassador, Mr Sidihiba Abdala

Cuba Ambassador, Antonio Izaguirre

Democratic Republic of Congo Ambassador to Botswana, Mr Patrick Kambila Mutombo



President Advocate Duma Boko (right), Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (left) and Ntlo Ya Dikgosi chairperson, Kgosi Malope II during a dinner in Gaborone on Thursday. President Boko said government was taking firm and deliberate steps to rebuild Botswana's health system, assuring the nation that long-standing drug shortages were being tackled through emergency interventions and structural reforms. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

## Boko takes action to mend broken trust in health sector

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To speedily remedy the situation and restore supplies, he emphasised that at the centre of the government's immediate response is an aggressive emergency procurement programme aimed at replenishing depleted stocks of essential medicines.

Currently, he said the mitigating measures put in place were already easing shortages in public health facilities, reducing the number of patients turned away without treatment.

Priority, he said has been given to life-saving and chronic-care medicines, particularly those relied upon by the elderly and vulnerable communities who depend exclusively on public healthcare.

President Boko made it clear that the government was mainly focused on preventing future shortages, not simply reacting to them.

He outlined an ongoing overhaul of the Central Medical Stores,

describing it as a critical reform to restore efficiency, accountability and transparency in the national medicine supply chain.

With improved procurement planning, strengthened oversight and better coordination between central warehouses and health facilities, he said shortages of medicines would be a thing of the past.

"A clinic should never run out of medicine, because of poor planning or weak systems," he added.

Additionally, the President said the introduction of modern digital stock-management systems would also allow government to monitor medicine levels in real time from central depots to the most remote clinics.

These systems, he said were expected to flag shortages early, improve forecasting and eliminate delays that had historically crippled service delivery.

According to President Boko, technology would help ensure accountability at every level, making it harder for failures to go unnoticed. He also highlighted efforts to strengthen human capacity within the Ministry of Health, including specialised training for supply-chain managers and health administrators to improve budgeting, forecasting and inventory control.

In parallel, he said government was working with development partners and international institutions to support infrastructure upgrades, system modernisation and sustainable financing for medicines.

"These partnerships are about building resilience, so that our health sector can withstand pressure without collapsing," said President Boko.

He expressed concern that the drug stock-out crisis persisted for years, long before his

administration took office.

However, he assured the nation that the government had chosen to confront the issue directly rather than normalise failure. For that reason, he urged Ntlo Ya Dikgosi members to work with government by amplifying community concerns to ensure reinforcement of public confidence during the reform process.

"Leadership is tested when people are at their most vulnerable. Our duty is to make sure the system works when the public needs it most," he stressed.

President Boko further called for patience as reforms take hold, stressing that progress would ultimately be judged by lived experience, whether a patient received medicine on time, whether clinics were stocked and whether trust was restored.

In his welcome remarks, the Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa said the traditional leadership role was key in nation building, hence the dinner was convened to afford the President chance to engage with the leaders in a relaxed setting that fostered open communication that builds trust and understanding of critical national matters.

Giving closing remarks, Ntlo Ya Dikgosi chairperson, Kgosi Malope II expressed gratitude that President Boko found it fitting to avail himself to engage and share with Dikgosi efforts the government had put in place to address the current health challenge in the country.

He commended the President's commitment to strengthening dialogue and collaboration with traditional leadership.

The dinner was meant to foster constructive engagement on key national priorities that impact communities across the country.

**BOPA**

## Mohwasa emphasises importance of ConCourt

Pako Lebanna  
GABORONE

The process of amending the constitution takes time and it is more urgent to develop a Constitutional Court where citizens and interest groups within society could find recourse on their constitutional rights.

This was said by the Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, while addressing religious leaders in Gaborone recently, as part of the ongoing public and stakeholder consultations on the enactment of a Constitutional Court.

He said the Constitutional Court could address issues such as those aggrieved by land tenure systems, electoral petitions and the right to be protected from infringement on religious freedom.

He cited the example of the case of Mr Pitseng Gaborekwe whose wish was to be buried in his ancestral land, the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR) but whose family was denied that right by the judicial system including the existing tribunal of last instance, the Court of Appeal.

Giving background, Mr Mohwasa said after consultation with political parties at the All Parties Conference, the Bill on the Constitutional Court was noticed on July 4, 2025.

The Constitutional Amendment Bill of 2025, which seeks to establish the Constitutional Court of Botswana, was presented by Minister Mohwasa in Parliament last December, and passed through a third reading, and will now require a two thirds majority vote in the National Assembly within the first three months of this year to become law.

Mr Mohwasa said the government acknowledged that before the Constitutional Amendment Bill of 2025 was gazetted and tabled before Parliament, there should have been prior consultation.

He said the President recently admitted to that omission and asked for pardon from the Ntlo Ya Dikgosi, and the minister also expressed the same to religious leaders, citing that scriptural texts such as the Bible and the Quran preach forgiveness.

Mr Mohwasa said if the bill passed through a two thirds majority vote in Parliament, it would then be put to the public for an approval vote through a referendum.

He added that the UDC government was focused on uplifting the marginalised, and this had already manifested through increased old age pension scheme, the increase in the technical vocational education student allowance, relief on some outstanding water bills and tariff reductions.

He said organised religion tended to share this quest for economic and social justice, by seeking to have the marginalised uplifted in the economic, social and cultural rights and the Constitutional Court would

be a vehicle to ensure fairness in society.

Mr Mohwasa said it should be acknowledged that in the past, people owned livestock as well as the serfs who herded those cattle in their farms, but he urged religious leaders to support the government in pursuing human rights and equality for all.

He said the church had played a significant role in the struggle for the liberation of neighbouring South Africa and Zimbabwe, and called for the church to assist in the 'parting of the Red Sea' and 'bring down the walls of Jericho' to lead Batswana to the promised land.

Mr Modiri Tshutledi of the Botswana Muslim Association said the constitution being a document agreed between the people and the state regarding the laws they wish to be governed under, but said there had never been a referendum before the constitution was initially passed.

He said there was a need to first address this loophole and develop an amended constitution after wide consultation and a referendum, before the Constitutional Court was adopted.

Bishop Mothusi Lethlape, representing the Botswana Christian Council (BCC) also called for government to first work on exhausting the process of amending the constitution before the Constitutional Court was developed.

Pastor Clyde Ketshabile of the Seventh Day Adventist Church said since the constitution was the supreme document that safeguarded the interest of the nation, it was important for it to include clauses guarding the rights to health, education and the liberty of conscious, and institutions where people could find recourse if denied such rights.

Mr Japhta Radibe of the Apostolic Faith Mission said government should not be in a hurry to introduce the Constitutional Court, saying he feared it could be used to pass reforms such as the abolition of the death penalty and corporal punishment as well as the introduction of same sex marriage.

He called for the bill to be withdrawn and wait for the constitutional review process.

Pastor Nchunga Nchunga said he supported the Constitutional Court since Batswana as a nation differed on many different constitutional matters and there was a need for an institution that would act as a fair arbiter on constitutional matters.

He said he did not subscribe to conspiracy theories of hidden agendas on the matter, saying that people had a tendency to allow their fears to generate unproven thoughts. Pastor Nchunga said he was also impressed by the humility of the President in apologising for the consultative process to having started late.

Rev. Thabo Mampane of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Botswana said he supported gay and lesbian rights as well as the abolition of the death penalty and 100 per cent supported the Constitutional Court as an institution that could guarantee the rights of all within society.

He said he had previously been concerned about the pace with which the process was taking place but had been assuaged by the minister's presentation. **BOPA**

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# Mobile X-ray clinic ray of hope for Okavango

Kedirebofe Pelontle  
**GUMARE**

The handing over of a state-of-the-art mobile X-ray clinic to Gumare Primary Hospital is a testament to government's commitment to address healthcare challenges facing the Okavango district.

The clinic is one of the three, which were on Friday dispatched to Panadmatenga Clinic and Bobonong Primary Hospital by the Ministry of Health, marking a turning point in rural healthcare.

The absence of key health care services, such as an X-ray machine in Gumare being the district headquarters and about 306 kilometers to the furthest village of Gudigwa on the Eastern Panhandle of the Delta, has been taxing for many people.

Also, Gumare being far-flung from some of the remotest villages of Xaixai, Nxauxau accessed by gravel roads only and Jao, being a flood plain accessible by air or boat, meant the people of Okavango incurred hardships and costs to travel for such services to the neighboring districts of Ghanzi and North West in Maun.

On the sidelines of the mobile X-ray clinic handover by Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ignatius Moswaane on Saturday, a number of speakers expressed their delight.

Nominated councillor, Mr Oselelelo Gaebolae who spoke on behalf of the Okavango District Council chairperson, expressed gratitude for the X-ray mobile clinic, stating the facility was a worthwhile investment for the people of Gumare and Okavango as a whole.

"Patients will receive the necessary services nearer, as the mobile X-ray machine will be moved to other parts of the district whenever the need arises," he said.

Moreover, Mr Gaebolae appreciated the recent theatre b e d given to Primary

Hospital, adding that such swift responses from government were humbling and renewed hope for Okavango.

In his remarks, Kgosi Moitshepi Molelwa of Gumare said the mobile X-ray mobile unit was a welcome development and proved government's commitment to heed challenges facing the district.

He however decried that the proposed upgrading of Gumare Primary Hospital kept on being deferred although the community had offered land for

the project.

A resident, Ms Sofiya Qhumorozi expressed happiness that X-ray services were available in Gumare, something she said would cut costs incurred travelling to places such as Maun to access the same.

Gumare Primary Hospital Family Physician, Dr Ditiro Goitsemang stated that lack of crucial services such as X-ray machines overwhelmed health care officers since they had to refer patients as far as Maun amid bad roads that oftentimes caused vehicle breakdowns.

For his part, Mr Moswaane reiterated government's commitment to tackle challenges facing the health system.

"The current government would ensure Batswana received necessary healthcare services and other relevant services," he said.

To this end, he said ministers and assistant ministers were going around the country visiting government institutions to appreciate challenges on the ground and to provide support to public officers.

He relayed also that government would continue to ensure medicines are available, although not yet at 100 per cent. **BOPA**



The three state-of-the-art mobile X-ray clinics, which were on Friday dispatched to Pandamatenga Clinic, Gumare and Bobonong primary hospitals to reduce the need for patients to travel long distances for services. Minister of Health, Dr Stephen Modise, said the units, procured in 2025, were being deployed to areas with greatest need and would help reduce waiting times for patients requiring radiological services. Photo: Pheno Moalosi

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### CONFIRMATION OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) IN JACKALAS NO. 1 VILLAGE, NORTH EAST DISTRICT (ZONE 6B) AND SUSPECTED CASES IN KGARI AND MOROKA CRUSHES (ZONE 3C)

Farmers, members of the public and stakeholders are informed that;

- (i) Laboratory investigations have confirmed an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) at Jackalas No. 1 village crush in the North East District (Disease Control Zone 6B).
- (ii) In addition, ongoing disease surveillance has detected suspected cases of FMD at Moroka and Kgari village crushes in the neighbouring Disease Control Zone 3C, also within the North East District. Further investigations are ongoing.
- (iii) To prevent the spread of infection, vaccination will be carried out in Disease Control Zones 6B and 3C, starting February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.
- (iv) Disease prevention measures announced in the Press Release of the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 **remain in place until further notice**. Additional prevention measures include prohibition of transportation, movement or slaughter of cloven-hoofed animals, including for personal consumption or social events (such as weddings, funerals, and megoga etc) countrywide except in zones 1 (Chobe) and 2 (Ngamiland).

Farmers are urged to cooperate fully with government officials conducting disease surveillance nationwide and implementing vaccination programmes in the affected zones.

Farmers, members of the public and stakeholders are urged to **STRICTLY** comply with all the imposed disease prevention measures, and to remain vigilant and report any signs of illness in livestock to the nearest Department of Veterinary Services or the Police.

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## 'No learner will be left behind'

Benita Magopane  
**GABORONE**

Following the release of the 2025 Junior Certificate Examination (JCE) results, Minister of Child

Welfare and Basic Education, Ms Nono Kgafela-Mokoka, has stated that no learner, regardless of the grade attained, will be left unaccounted for.

While the results showed improvement, with the overall pass rate for the 2025 cohort standing at 83.7 per cent, Ms Kgafela-Mokoka and the Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) Board revealed during a media briefing in Gaborone that the cut-off point for progression to mainstream senior secondary education would be Grade D.

However, it was noted that not all Grade D candidates may transition into mainstream senior schools.

In light of this, the minister assured the public that no learner would be left unaccounted for, as all learners would transition into alternative government programmes such as the Out-of-School Project, Bula Buka, a transformative government initiative aimed at empowering out-of-school youth through education, skills training, and character development.

She further highlighted that

the ongoing transformation of the education agenda, which is shifting toward a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)-based curriculum, would ensure that Form 3 learners who did not meet the minimum requirements for entry into mainstream schools transitioned seamlessly into the Technical and Vocational Education and Training sector or other government programmes aligned with their vocational strengths.

"As government, we are working to end the pattern of learners who fail Form 3 being left on the streets," said Ms Kgafela-Mokoka, adding that efforts were underway to introduce a multiple-certification system that would allow learners to acquire diverse, lifelong skills.

She also reiterated that the ministry was advancing toward a digitalised education system, including borderless and smart classrooms, to ensure that every learner had access to quality education.

Ms Kgafela-Mokoka lauded the 2025 JCE cohort for improving on the 2024 performance, noting that 43 candidates attained merit awards, compared to 16 candidates in the previous year. **BOPA**

Mabutsane District residents during a consultative kgotla meeting on the introduction of a Constitutional Court addressed by Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa recently. Mr Motshegwa assured them that introducing the Constitutional Court would not affect other plans and programmes from other sectors and ministries. Photo: Kehumile Moekejo



## Marginalised tribes throw weight behind Constitutional Court

Kehumile Moekejo

### MABUTSANE

As part of the ongoing nationwide consultations on the establishment of the Constitutional Court, the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa

recently addressed a kgotla meeting in Mabutsane. In addition to Mabutsane residents, the meeting was also attended by representatives from other 18 villages which fall under the Mabutsane district jurisdiction, among them tribal leaders, village development committee members and other local structures. From Kanaku, a village 9km from

Mabutsane, Kgosi Moratiemang Tshubalobone expressed their desire to see the Constitutional Court being introduced in order to promote equality among all tribes in Botswana.

He said as Basarwa, they had been overpowered by other tribes and their rights were violated.

“As I speak, there are people who represent us at Ntlo ya Dikgosi

and we are denied the opportunity to represent ourselves. Even right now, we do not have any Mosarwa who has been appointed a chief representative,” he said.

He said the establishment of the Constitutional Court would accord them the opportunity to fight for their rights since the current judicial system failed them.

He noted that the specialised court would also assist with jurisdiction and tribal boundaries.

Sharing the same sentiments, Kgosi Biki Nthomang from Lefhoko said it was unfair for many of their tribes to be grouped under Bangwaketse, yet they had their own identities.

“We support the introduction of this Constitutional Court, which is expected to protect the rights of all tribes. We are currently referred to as Bangwaketse but we do not want that, as Bakgalagadi we want to reclaim our own identity,” he said. Nevertheless, some opined that establishing the Constitutional Court was not a priority area during the current fiscal challenges.

In his contribution Mr Motlhathedi Motokwane noted that the government should defer the process and instead focus on improving the health and education sectors.

He also said the Constitutional Court could be part of a comprehensive Constitutional review, after intensive consultations with Batswana.

“There is need for a comprehensive review of the Constitution, which will also include the Constitutional Court, to ensure separation of powers. It is also important to assess the needs of the people and prioritise them accordingly, in line

with the financial situation,” he noted.

Mr Chapson Bokitla also noted that even though he acknowledged the importance of the court in protecting people’s rights, it should be established by a comprehensive review of the Constitution.

He said this would enable it to interpret the revised Constitution, rather than preceding it.

The minister assured them that introducing the Constitutional Court would not affect other plans and programmes from other sectors and ministries.

He said while a comprehensive review of the Constitution entailed a long process, there was need to establish the court in order to protect the rights of people, which continued to be violated, owing to the inefficiency of the current system.

He further noted that this would enhance democracy efficiency of the judiciary in Botswana.

Additionally, Mr Motshegwa allayed fears that the government was planning to abolish the death penalty through the Constitutional Court.

He explained that all laws were made by Parliament and there was no provision to amend them without the same process.

“The mandate of the courts is to preside over matters and implement what is prescribed by the existing law, they do not make laws. Therefore, there is no how the Constitutional Court could ban the death penalty, it could only be changed by Parliament,” he explained. BOPA could only be changed by Parliament,” he explained. BOPA

## Okavango councillors embrace ConCourt but criticise timing

Kedirebofe Pelontle

### GUMARE

Although a Constitutional Court is important, introducing it now is ill-timed as the country is facing economic uncertainties.

This was a consensus by most Okavango District Council (ODC) councillors when Minister for State President, Defence and Security Mr Moeti Mohwasa consulted with them on the proposed establishment of the Constitutional Court.

Councillors, Mr Television France of Kauxwi-Xakao and Mr Molathegi Moyei of Beetsha-Gudigwa wards welcomed the idea of setting up the court, but proposed that its take-off be delayed while focus was zoomed in on pressing concerns facing some sectors such as education

and health.

Mr France also suggested that prior to establishing the court, government should first review the Constitution and make it tribally inclusive, a sentiment shared by councillor for Sepopa-Ikoga Mr Botshelo Mapa.

When briefing the councillors, Minister Mohwasa said the Constitutional Court would safeguard the interests of Batswana by guarding against human rights violations and would also entrench second-generation rights, some of which he noted, government had already started delivering on.

He said the increase of the old age pension, vocational students’ stipend and the reduction of electricity tariffs were in line with government’s commitment to the protection of people’s rights.

Mr Mohwasa said the Constitutional Court would therefore cement government’s

position as a human rights-based administration.

On the other issues raised by councillors, Mr Mohwasa said government continued to address challenges faced within the health sector.

He however highlighted that the challenges gripping the sector had emanated from the ineffectiveness of the supply chains in place, but that government would continue to make efforts to address the issue and ensure the availability of medicines in health facilities.

He said infrastructure development, including the construction of roads, was planned for under the National Development Plan 12.

The minister said the government remained committed to the promise to review the Constitution of Botswana; a process which he said would take about two years.

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## BENEFITS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

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## MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

### PUBLIC AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY

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#### Auction Dates

- 31 January 2026 – 01 February 2026
- 07 February 2026 – 08 February 2026

**Venue :** Central Supplies Depot, Gaborone West Industrial

**Time:** 08:00 hours

#### Conditions of Sale

1. Payment shall be **strictly cash**, and **card swiping will be accepted**.
2. Payment shall be made **during the auction process**.
3. Items are offered **"as is"** and **"where is"**, without any warranty, expressed or implied.
4. Items will be sold in **lot numbers** to the **highest bidder**.
5. Purchased items must be **removed from the premises within two (2) days** after purchase, failing which the items will be **forfeited to the Government**.
6. The Ministry shall **not be responsible for the safety** of goods purchased after sale.
7. The auction sale is **open to Batswana citizens only**, and a **valid National Identity Card** will be required.
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  - **Second Batch:** 06 February 2026 from **07:30–12:45hrs** and **13:45–16:30hrs**

Items on sale include **office furniture, office equipment, and many other assorted items**.

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**Any clarification contact:** Desmond Ramontsho - 75 757 057 / 395 0912 Procurement Officer II

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# DailyBusiness



Farmers during a consultative meeting with Botswana National Beef Producers Union in Ghanzi on Saturday. The union's chairperson, Mr Mpaphi Phumaphi called for collaboration among farmers' associations in response to the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak in South Africa and cases in Botswana.

Photo: Malebogo Lekula

## Beef producers union rallies farmers to protect national herd

Malebogo Lekula  
**GHANZI**

Through BNPBU council, members have set up a disease control fund to assist government with the maintenance of disease control fences across zones as well as the purchasing of buffers and other necessities in the wake of financial challenges.

The Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak in South Africa and cases in Botswana is a wake-up call for farmers to harness the transformative power of collaboration in order to strengthen their operations.

The remarks were made by Botswana National Beef Producers Union (BNPBU) chairperson, Mr Mpaphi Phumaphi during a Saturday meeting attended by the community and members of farmers' associations in Ghanzi.

Mr Phumaphi said it was worth noting that it had been a common practice for some farmers' associations to work in isolation and that had contributed to some inefficiency in the agricultural sector.

He, therefore, called for farmers' associations to collaborate

and affiliate to BNPBU in order to bring seasoned wisdom and experiences that could infuse innovation for sustainable growth of the industry.

Mr Phumaphi noted that through their successful collaborations, farmers could contribute successfully to the newly established Botswana Meat Industry Regulatory Authority (MIRA) Act, which was designed to regulate, licence and oversee the livestock and meat industry.

He said through BNPBU national council, they had proposed for the liberalisation of the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), saying breaking its monopoly would foster a more competitive sector where farmers would be spoilt for choice on where to sell their livestock.

He further emphasised that the liberalisation of the BMC would allow for more local abattoirs to be established across the country to allow continuity in trading, more especially in unaffected zones during the times of outbreaks.

Moreover, he said the liberalisation of BMC would afford BNPBU the opportunity to strategise and reinvent the meat industry to make it appealing to consumers as well as control the

pricing of their products in the market.

On other issues, he informed farmers that through the BNPBU council, members have set up a disease control fund to assist government with maintenance of disease control fences across zones as well as the purchasing of buffers and other necessities in the wake of financial challenges.

A member of the executive committee, Mr Masego Phuduhudu informed farmers that as part of its continued efforts to rebrand the meat sector, BNPBU national council had made a recommendation for a comprehensive transformative strategy to be put in place.

He said the strategy would be driven by the need to adopt sustainable farming practices and to implement some technological advancement that would enhance supply chain transparency and foster industry-wide collaboration.

Mr Phuduhudu added that these transformative strategies also called for synergy collaborations with government for proper policies governing the industry to ensure increased production and meeting growing global demand.

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### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### OPEC+ pauses oil output increase until March

**VIENNA** - The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies, known as OPEC+, decided on Sunday to continue pausing oil output increases in March, OPEC said in a statement. The decision came after a virtual meeting of OPEC+ member countries, including Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria and Oman, to review global market conditions and the economic outlook. The eight OPEC+ countries had been raising oil output on a monthly basis since April 2025. However, they decided in late November last year to pause the increases in the first three months of 2026 due to seasonality. **Xinhua**

#### New Zealand household living costs up 2.2 per cent in 2025

**WELLINGTON** - The average New Zealand household's living costs rose 2.2 per cent in the year to December 2025, Stats NZ said Monday. Household living costs price indexes (HLCPIs), which measured the increase and how inflation affects New Zealand households, have continued to moderate since peaking at 8.2 per cent in 2022, returning to levels last seen in June 2021, said the statistics department. The consumer price index (CPI), a broader gauge of inflation, rose 3.1 per cent over the same period, statistics showed. "Interest payments fell 17.3 per cent for the average household over the past year, while the cost of building a new home increased 1.2 percent over the same period," Stats NZ prices and deflators spokesperson Nicola Growden said. **Xinhua**

#### Vietnam manufacturing sector records faster output growth

**HANOI** - Vietnam's manufacturing sector recorded faster increases in output, new orders and employment in January 2026, according to a report released Monday by S&P Global Market Intelligence. A faster expansion in production coincided with sustained new order growth and firms becoming increasingly optimistic regarding the year-ahead outlook for output, the report said. The S&P Global Vietnam Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) stood at 52.5 in January, easing slightly from 53.0 in December but remaining well above the 50.0 no-change threshold, signaling a solid monthly improvement in business conditions at the start of the year. **Xinhua**

# Beef producers union rallies farmers to protect national herd

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BNBPU Secretary, Mr Alfred Pilane said following the FMD outbreak in South Africa last year, in their meeting with government, BNBPU national council recommended for the establishment of a committee to provide guidance on the control measures.

We suggested that the committee should comprise of experts and farmers' community who were previously involved in FMD outbreak to beef up the dispatched team to the northern part of the country, he said.

He also said they proposed for the setting up of the disease control fund which would be controlled by the union and be used for the resuscitation of the Dibete cordon fence and others across the country as their support in controlling the diseases across zones.

Other proposals included the establishment of district abattoirs, which he said could reduce inconveniences amongst the farming community during an outbreak.

For his part, Ghanzi Farmers Association chairperson, Mr Quinton Barnes applauded BNBPU for their engagements with farmers' associations across

the country on how to contain and control the spread of FMD at local level.

On other issues, Mr Barnes informed them that Ghanzi Farmers Association terminated its affiliation to BNBPU due to some conflicted operations but he acknowledged that, with the new management and thorough consideration they would renew their affiliation.

He called for organisational transformation strategy at BMC that would drive long term growth by enhancing operational efficiency, and improve customer satisfaction.

Furthermore, he proposed for autonomy of MIRA to foster increased productivity and efficiency in the meat industry.

In his remarks, Ghanzi district Council Chairperson, Mr Thabiso Kebadile, implored farmers to work in sync noting that isolation would defeat the efforts to protect the meat industry.

He informed farmers about the government initiative to liberalise the beef sector through the establishment of MIRA.

He therefore, challenged farmers to generate progressive ideas that could reshape the industry and help restore the economy to its former glory.

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Botswana National Beef Producers Union chairperson, Mr Mpaphi Phumaphi said the liberalisation of the Botswana Meat Commission would allow establishment of more abattoirs across the country to enable continuity in trading, more especially in unaffected zones during the times of outbreaks. Photo: Malebogo Lekula



**BANGKOK** - Workers at the Great Wall Motors manufacturing plant in Rayong. Thailand's manufacturing sector continued to grow in January as both new order inflows and output remained in expansion but at slower paces, a survey showed yesterday. Photo: Xinhua

## Thailand manufacturing sector expansion slows in January

### BANGKOK

Thailand's manufacturing sector continued to grow in January as both new order inflows and output remained in expansion but at slower paces, a survey showed yesterday.

The Southeast Asian country's manufacturing purchasing managers' index (PMI) came in at 52.7 last month, plunging from 57.4 in December 2025, marking a ninth successive month of improvement in operating conditions and the softest rate in five months, according to S&P Global.

A PMI reading above 50 indicates

expansion in the manufacturing sector, while a reading below 50 reflects contraction.

The slowing new business growth was partly due to another drop in incoming export orders, as subdued foreign conditions dampened demand for Thai-manufactured products, S&P Global said in a statement.

However, increased backlogs prompted manufacturers to hire more staff, in line with expanded purchasing activity as firms acquired more raw materials to replenish stocks, the statement said.

It was positive to see resilient domestic demand supporting

the latest rise in production and fueling a renewed increase in staffing levels, said Jingyi Pan, economics associate director at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Forward-looking indicators, such as new orders, work backlogs, and future output indices, all pointed to the likelihood of ongoing output growth in the months ahead, Pan said.

She noted that despite rising costs, Thai goods producers further lowered average selling prices, adding to margin pressure. The impact on profits will thus need to be closely monitored.

**Xinhua**

## China rolls out shopping campaign to boost Spring Festival consumption

### BEIJING

China will launch a special nine-day shopping campaign during the Spring Festival holiday to boost consumption, enrich cultural life, and stimulate market vitality, the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) announced yesterday.

The campaign, scheduled to run from February 15 to 23, features activities across six areas, including dining, accommodation, transportation, tourism, shopping and entertainment, according to an action plan jointly issued by the MOC and eight other government departments.

Measures include promoting festive dining and reunion banquets, offering discounts on home appliances and home renovation, increasing transport capacity, organizing nationwide cultural and tourism consumption events, and rolling out shopping promotions in major commercial districts and discounts for cinema

tickets.

A strong emphasis has also been placed on the expansion of "trade-in" programmes, with increased subsidies for consumer goods to support physical retail stores.

Furthermore, the government intends to optimise the payment environment for international travelers by enhancing bank card, mobile payment, and cash services, ensuring a seamless experience for inbound tourists.

The Spring Festival, the most important traditional holiday in China, is typically a peak season for consumer spending, driven by family reunions, travel, dining, entertainment and gift purchases.

As domestic demand remains an important driver of economic growth, authorities have introduced a series of policy measures aimed at further unlocking consumption potential and stabilising market expectations during the holiday period. **Xinhua**

## New measures optimise tax rebate and exemption

### BEIJING

China's State Taxation Administration (STA) said Sunday it has released an announcement to adjust and improve export tax rebate management regulations to make declaration and handling processes more convenient and efficient.

The announcement integrates various export tax rebate and exemption regulations issued at different times into a unified set of administrative measures. It clarifies matters such as record filing, declarations, processing, and service management, helping taxpayers better understand and comply with the rules.

The new measures optimise rebate and exemption procedures and leverage big data and new technologies to further facilitate high-efficiency processing for taxpayers.

For the vast majority of enterprises, the announcement will not significantly change their existing declaration practices, enabling a seamless transition for most export tax rebate and exemption businesses. **Xinhua**

# DPSM to harmonise employee privacy notices

Gontle Merafhe  
GABORONE

Secretary for Public Administration in the Ministry of State President, Defence and Security, Mr Richard Molosiwa, says the Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) will harmonise employee privacy notices across the public service.

Speaking during the Data Protection Day commemoration in Gaborone recently, Mr Molosiwa said DPSM had successfully developed the first standardised government data subject rights form. He said a standardised approach across government was necessary, adding that intergovernmental collaboration with the Ministry of State President, Defence and Security was continuing to advance digitisation of systems, including the introduction of data protection management

solutions to strengthen security infrastructure.

Mr Molosiwa said across governments, the shift towards digital service delivery was no longer aspirational but an operational necessity.

Referring to the Data Protection Act of 2024, Mr Molosiwa said compliance with the Act represented a fundamental reorientation of how government must conduct its business. He emphasised that the protection of citizens and employees data was a core obligation of public administration.

He said breaches of the Act attracted hefty penalties, noting that contravening the Botswana Act could result in fines of up to P50 million or imprisonment. However, through training, workshops, competitions and continuous engagement with data protection officers, the ministry aimed to reduce institutional risk and enhance compliance.

Providing insight into mandatory compliance and alignment of digital innovation with data protection, Commissioner of the Information and Data Protection Commission, Ms Kepaletswe Somolekae, said government had enacted two digital laws, the Digital Services Act and the Cyber Security Act of 2025.

She said the Digital Services Act came into effect in November 2025, with the aim of accelerating Botswana's Digital Transformation Agenda.

Ms Somolekae said the new laws complemented existing legislation such as the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, the Electronic Records and Evidence Act, the Cyber Crimes and Computer Related Crimes Act. She said while digital technologies were beneficial, they also posed new privacy challenges and risks, including cyberattacks, phishing scams, identity theft and unlawful collection and processing



Ministry for State President, Defence and Security permanent secretary, Ms Goitsemang Morekisi (left), secretary for public administration in the ministry, Mr Richard Molosiwa (second left) and other dignitaries at the Commemoration of International Data Protection Day in Gaborone recently. Mr Molosiwa urged all stakeholders to treat personal data with the highest level of care and to remain informed on Data Protection Act. Photo: Felicity Male

of personal data. Ms Somolekae said the commission received complaints from data subjects on

unlawful processing of personal data and was empowered to investigate them. **BOPA**



## PARLIAMENT OF BOTSWANA

### VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT | VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 1 OF 2026

**Background:** The Parliament of Botswana wishes to recruit a Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Researcher/Project Officer. The Project Officer will be required to deliver the SRHR HIV and AIDS Governance Project funded by the Embassy of Sweden under the SADC Parliamentary Forum. The SRHR, HIV and AIDS Governance Project aims at building the capacity of Members of Parliament in order to enhance parliamentary interventions on SRHR governance. The officer, who will be a focal point for the project will be expected to coordinate statutory committees, forums and networks or pressure groups that bring together Members of Parliament with interest in human rights, SRHR and HIV/AIDS.

#### Implementation will entail the following:

- a) Gender equality and Sexual Gender Based Violence
- b) Early and Unintended Pregnancy and Safe abortion
- c) Commodity Security and Access to SRHR and HIV related services with a view to reinforcing health systems and contributing to Universal Health Coverage.
- d) Comprehensive Sexuality Education
- e) Non-Discrimination and Key Populations.

#### Main vision of the Project

Universal access to integrated SRHR and HIV/AIDS services and related rights, including bringing forward social change, improved health and respect for human rights that are enjoyed by all in the SADC region.

#### Applications are therefore invited from suitable qualified citizens of Botswana for the position in the National Assembly:

<b>Vacancy</b>	: SRHR Researcher/Project Officer
<b>Reference</b>	: SG/SRHR/2019/0007
<b>Salary</b>	: USD 2000 per month
<b>Leave</b>	: 30 working days per annum
<b>Qualifications</b>	: Degree in Social Sciences, Public Health, Public Health Management and Law
<b>Experience</b>	: Minimum of 6 years on SRHR, Health, and Parliamentary Committee work.
<b>Duration</b>	: 8 months contract. The successful candidate will be expected to take up employment immediately.
<b>Benefits:</b>	

- (i) A gratuity at the rate of 30%, payable at the end of contract.

#### Duties

1. Function as SRHR and HIV and AIDS Researcher attached to Parliamentary Portfolio Committees on Health and HIV/ AIDS, Education and Skills Development, Local Governance & Social Welfare and Youth, Sports, Arts & Culture
2. Report to the Clerk of the National Assembly with a view of assisting directly in the implementation of the SRHR, HIV and AIDS Governance Project within the national Assembly.
3. Provides technical and expert guidance to Members of Parliament on the SRHR and HIV and AIDS and the application of parliamentary practice and procedures
4. Researches and prepare Concept Notes and briefs for Project activities for onward programmatic approval by the Manager under the SRHR Project, and for approval by the Clerk of the National Assembly.
5. Ensure that Members of Parliament are linked to their communities and the public with regard to issues of national importance on SRHR and HIV and AIDS, including other governance issues
6. Lliaises with identified stakeholders/ partners, in SRH, HIV and AIDS related issues for capacity development, technical support and knowledge sharing,
7. Assist in the logistics involved in project activities under the supervision of the office of the Clerk.
8. Ensure gathering and submission of financial data with respect to contributions made by partners under co-funded Project activities, if any.
9. Ensure publication in the media and in the Gazette, where applicable of matters on SRHR, HIV and AIDS
10. Prepare high level briefs for MPs on live SRHR, HIV and AIDS Governance issues which may be of interest at parliamentary level.
11. Assist in the establishment and conduct of regular meetings of the National Working Group (NWG) under the auspices of the National Assembly.
12. Prepare research papers, briefs and reports on SRHR, HIV and AIDS for submission to SADC-PF and Parliament for monitoring and evaluation purposes.
13. Keep abreast of all major SRH, HIV and AIDS development in other jurisdictions
14. Attend such regional meetings as may be required for purposes of training, peer learning, and benchmarking project results with other implanting countries.
15. Researches into matters of parliamentary practice and programmes and prepares written opinions and papers for review on SRH, HIV and AIDS

16. Assists Members of Parliament in the drafting of parliamentary questions and Motions related to SRH, HIV and AIDS
17. Notes the decisions on SRHR and HIV and AIDS arising from Committee meetings and ensures that all decisions are followed up and implemented.

#### Key Competencies

- Functional
- Problem Solving
- Timely Decision Making
- Informing
- Drive for results
- Ethics and Values
- Interpersonal Skills
- Planning and Organising
- Confidentiality

#### APPLICATIONS:

##### Your application should include the following details:

- (a) Brief summary of career with duties (CV) and certified copy of Omang.
- (b) Certified copies of academic certificates and three (3) recent references (two years)

#### IMPORTANT

Quote the number of this vacancy circular, and reference of the post applied for and route your application through your Head of Department (where applicable).

#### Applications should be addressed to:-

**Clerk of the National Assembly**  
P. O. Box 240, Gaborone.

OR

**Hand delivered to the Main Records Management Unit at Annex 1, Parliament of Botswana**

**CLOSING DATE:** 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 1630hrs

**For further information required contact the Human Resources Unit at 3616800 Extensions 587 and 557.**

**NB : ONLY SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE RESPONDED TO.**

# Ombudsman initiates human rights lecture series

Esther Mmolai

MAUN

**The office of the Ombudsman held the inaugural North West Human Rights Lecture Series in an effort to promote dialogue on human rights, governance and accountability within the North West District.**

The platform seeks to foster cooperation and strengthen working relationships with civil society organisations, the tourism sector and other key stakeholders in the promotion and protection of human rights and good governance.

Held in Maun on Thursday, the lecture series attracted representatives from diverse sectors including civil society organisations to share their perspectives on advancing human rights, broadly defined in all its aspects with all communities.

Delivering the inaugural lecture series, the deputy Ombudsman –Human Rights, Ms Beaulah Mguni stated that the meeting was a build-up on the important work done by the Maun Regional Office following a discussion dubbed: Voices of Maun: A Community-Based Situational Analysis of Human Rights in May 2025. The platform brought together stakeholders to engage in dialogue on community focused, rights-based practices.

“It is through this platforms,

that the Office of the Ombudsman can enhance its contribution to the strengthening of democratic governance, accountability and a culture of human rights in Botswana. Our strategy is to establish these stakeholder engagements as a permanent forum for evidence-based informed discussion, critical reflection, and knowledge exchange on the human rights issues that were identified during a situational analysis conducted in May last year,” she added.

She also revealed that the platform would support national development priorities, institutional reform efforts, and ongoing initiatives to enhance compliance with international human rights standards.

She acknowledged that the office of the Ombudsman had played a significant role in the advancement of administrative justice since its establishment, citing that following the conferment of the human rights mandate on the Office of the Ombudsman, they had already

developed a 5-year strategic plan to run from 2024 to 2029.

The strategy reflects the dual mandate of promoting administrative justice and the promotion and protection of human rights.

Through this strategy, the office has set up systems, processes, procedures, programmes and practices to resolve complaints of human rights violations and promote a human rights culture as mandated by the Ombudsman Act, she said.

Ms Mguni challenged stakeholders to understand that their institutions were classified as duty-bearers because of their duty and responsibility toward rights-holders, with the state, represented by the various government departments, being a primary duty-bearer.

In that regard, the state, she said had a legal duty to respect, protect, promote and fulfil human rights and that private sector institutions, such as companies, are also duty-bearers because they also have a legal duty to

respect and fulfil human rights, and to avoid infringing upon the rights of others, and to address the impacts of their business activities or projects.

The civil society was also commended for reaching out to vulnerable groups and marginalised communities and enhancing accountability in relation for the violations they experience.

Ms Mguni said promoting a human rights culture also required the Office of the Ombudsman to acknowledge and validate the best practices that had been adopted by stakeholders, by giving credit where it is due, and not just shining light upon instances of human rights violations.

“Therefore, regular interaction in this type of forum will create an opportunity for each of our stakeholders to showcase the best practices that they have adopted to promote, protect and enhance the enjoyment of human rights, as well as an opportunity for others to benchmark and implement such practices,” she said. **BOPA**

# Inefficient healthcare system impacts on reproductive health rights

Bonang Masolotate

GABORONE

Botswana's inefficient and corruption in the public healthcare system is hindering progress in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.

The country is spending more per capita on health and education than its peers, but achieving poor outcomes, says Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse.

Mr Keorapetse was receiving a delegation from the SADC Parliamentary Forum led by General Secretary Ms Boemo Sekgoma in Gaborone on Wednesday. The delegation is in the country ahead of the launch of the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Project Plan.

“...Unlike here, where we spend more per capita, the outcomes are such that when a patient goes to a hospital, chances of them seeing a doctor are slim,” Mr Keorapetse said, noting that such had implications on the sexual and reproductive health rights.

He said to demonstrate collaborative efforts in the scaling up of the integration of sexual and reproductive health rights in the healthcare system, the government had a partnership with UNFPA.

This collaboration aims to expand access to a comprehensive range of quality, client-centered services in the success of programmes that support sexual and reproductive health rights outcomes.

Mr Keorapetse said between 2018 and 2021, UNFPA invested substantially in the country to

advance youth empowerment, particularly for adolescent adults.

He said this was done by expanding global access to sexual and reproductive health rights services and information, while supporting government-led policy development and programme implementation.

Furthermore, Mr Keorapetse said the country was facing challenges coupled with inefficiencies in the public health system, noting that the country was experiencing problems of shortage of drugs and other important equipment and materials.

He further noted that President Advocate Duma Boko had taken the matter seriously and at one point declared a state of public health emergency, visited public health facilities and started making directives to speed up solving the situation.

SADC Parliamentary Forum General Secretary Ms Sekgoma and her delegation, who visited ahead of the launch of the SRHR Project Plan, said the visit comes at a critical stage of the project aimed at supporting and strengthening the institutional capacity of the Parliament of Botswana to effectively roll out the project.

She said the project would help in putting systems in place to assist Parliament to accelerate some of the promises made.

Ms Sekgoma also stressed the need to capacitate Parliament staff members, saying they were the backbone of a functional Parliament.

Prior to meeting with the Speaker of the National Assembly, the SADC PF delegation met with the Clerk of the National Assembly, Dr Gabriel Malebang,

**Botswana is spending more per capita on health and education than its peers, but achieving poor outcomes.**

where they discussed SRHR project operationalisation and the role of Parliament in its implementation.

Dr Malebang noted that although the project had been

ongoing and Parliament had been aware of SRHR issues, it was crucial to consolidate its components, further noting that there was a need to build the capacity of members of Parliament

so as to make policies which are inclusive. Further noting that issues of gender and human rights cut across various spheres of life, hence they had found their way into Parliament. **BOPA**



*Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse (left) and SADC Parliamentary Forum General Secretary, Ms Boemo Sekgoma during a courtesy call in Gaborone recently. Mr Keorapetse noted that government, in partnership with UNFPA, was scaling up efforts to integrate sexual and reproductive health rights into the healthcare system. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi*

# Dikgang

PAMPIRI YA THUTO LE DIKITSISO



Setshaba se obamela melawana ya go laola kanamo ya bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo ka go gata metsi a a nang le molemo wa go bolaya mogare kwa hekeng ya Bisoli mo kgaolong ya bokone-botlhaba ka Tshipi. Motshwarelala Tona wa lefatshe le temothuo, Dr Edwin Dikolotl o tlhalositse fa dikgomo kwa Jakalas No. 1 di tlaa kentelwa bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo go thibela kanamo ya jone go simolola gompieno. Senepe: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

## Banni ba dumalana le koketso ya madi a dipalamo tsa setshaba

*Ba ne ba kopa gore ba dipalamo tsa setshaba ba ipaakanye, bogolo jang boitshwaro jwa bone le tlhokomelo ya dikoloi tse ba di dirisang.*

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**B**ontsi jwa banni ba Palapye ba supile fa ba sena bothata jwa gore puso e oketse madi a dipalamo tsa setshaba.

Ba buile se kwa phuthegong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke mothusa tona wa lephata la dipalamo le mafaratlhatlha a dikago Rre Keoagile Atamelang ka Labobedi mo Palapye.

Maikaelelo a phuthegong eo e ne e le go rerisa setshaba ka maikaelelo a puso a go oketsa madi a dipalamo tsa setshaba kgwedi ya Moranang e rogwa.

Mme puso ene ya bona go le botlhokwa go utlwa maikutlo a setshaba ka koketsego eo le go utlwa tirisanyo ya setshaba le boradipalomo tsa setshaba.

Rre Atamelang o ne a supa fa e ne e rile mo ngwageng o o fetileng malatsinyana pele ga malatsi a keresemose ba dipalomo tsa setshaba ba supa fa ba na le maikaelelo a go emisa go thusa setshaba fa madi a go duela dipalomo a sa okediwe.

O ne a tlatsa ka gore bane ba dumalana le ba dipalomo tsa setshaba gore puso e tla a oketsa madi a dipalomo go simolola kgwedi ya Moranang e rogwa mme pele ga moo go tla a rerisanngwa le setshaba gore go seka ga bewa ope ka fa mosing.

A re koketsego ya ditlhwatlha tsa dipalomo e nna morago ga ngwaga tse pedi, mme koketsego ya bofelo e nnile ka ngwaga wa 2022 jalo hee go le maleba gore go okediwe.

O ne gape a ba itsise fa lephata la gagwe le setse le itebagantse le go baakanya melao mengwe ka ba filwe boikarabelo jwa go rurifatsa gore mo ditseleng go na le pabalesego e e kwa godimo.

Le fa go ntse jalo mothusa,

tona o ne a lebogela banni ba Palapye go ntsha megopolo e e farologaneng ka kgang ya gore puso e ikaelela go oketsa madi a dipalamo le dikgang tse dingwe tse di amang dipalomo tsa setshaba.

Banni ba ne ba supa fa go le sebaka madi a dipalomo tsa setshaba a sa okediwe ka jalo go maleba gore a okediwe.

Ntswa ba se kgatlanong le gore madi a dipalomo a okediwe, ba ne ba kopa gore ba dipalomo tsa setshaba ba ipaakanye mo dilong dingwe di le mmalwa bogolo jang boitshwaro jwa bone, tlhokomelo ya dikoloi tse ba di dirisang gore

bapalami le bone ba itumelele go ntsha madi a sepalamo e bille ba goroge ba babalesegile.

Banni ba ne ba supa fa ba ntsha madi otlhe a ba a lopiwang ke ba dipalomo tsa setshaba ntswa ba sa ba kgotsofats. Bontsi jwa dibui kwa phuthegong eo, ba ne ba supa fa go na le dingwaga ba ngongorega ka bo radipalomo tsa setshaba mo Palapye mme go sena

sepe se se dirwang ke ba lephata le le maleba. Ba ne ba supa fa ba dipalomo tsa setshaba go na le mafelo mangwe a ba ganang go ba isa kwa go one mme ba ba folosa ba ise ba goroge kwa ba supileng gore ba ya teng, mme ba solofera gore bapalami ba ntshe madi otlhe.

Ba ne gape ba ngongoregela ditsela mo motseng wa Palapye, ba supa fa di sa tsamaege e bille dingwe di felela di baka dikotsi.

Modulasetilo wa khansele ya Palapye Rre Kabo Ketshogile ene o ne a gatelela kgang ya go tlhoka lephata la perekole le selegae, Major General Pius Mokgware kwa Good Hope ka Labotlano. Kgosi Lesomo a re gantsi mo dithuto-puisanong dingwe tsa bogosi, go atle go supege go thulana ga molao mo go tsa ngwao, ditshwanelo tsa setho le sedumedi.

“Keletso le kgakololo yame ke gore go tsewe nako e ntsi go rutuntsha Batswana ka kgotla ya molao-motheo”, ga kopa Kgosi Lesomo.

Kgosi Thabo Mathiba wa Mmathehe a re tshekatsheko ya go dira kgotla ya molao-motheo ke kgang e e yang go fetola matshelo a Batswana, ka jalo, a re go tlhokela gore magosi a nne le kitso e e tletseng le morero ka dikgang tsa mofuta o.

O ne a supa matshwenyego a gore go lebega marara a saletse kwa morago mo morerong wa kgotla ya molao-motheo.

A re le ntswa thulaganyo ya go begela magosi kwa ntlong ya dikgosi e dirilwe, a re tsholofelo e ne ele gore magosi a tlaa rerisa barwarrabone.

Le fa go ntse jalo o tshepisitse fa a tlaa e tsaya mhago mabapi le go e sekaseka go ya pele. BOPA

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# Magosi a kopa go tlhatlhelelwa ka kgotla ya molao -motheo

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GOOD HOPE

Go rutuntsha setshaba go tseneletse go ka fa Batswana sebaka se sentle sa go ka atla mogopolo kgotsa go o gana ba phutholotse mahatlha.

A re go tshwanetse gore molao le kgotla ya molao-motheo tse di sekasekiwang di akaretse go baakanyetsa bogosi le melao ya Setswana, a re dikgosi di tshwanetswe go busediwa dithata mo molaong.

A re kgang e, e emelwe ka dinao ka jaana bogosi bo gateletswe. Mongwe wa ba-tsena phuthego Rre Francis Mokoto a re go ka nna molemo fa tshekatsheko e ka lemoga le go busetsa magosi dithata ka jaana go sa itumedis ka fa ditsamaiso tsa molao wa lefatshe di dirwang ka teng. Mme Gokatweng Separa o atlie mogopolo wa tshekatsheko molao motheo, a re dikgang tsa boswa di tlhokisa magosi boroko, mme go tlhoka gore go nne le ka fa molao o ka thusang go di tshereganya ka teng.

Mme Separa o ne a atla mogopolo wa gore tsamaiso ya kgotla ya molao-motheo e tsile go tlhopholetsa Batswana go itsheka.

A re seemo sa go itsheka kwa makgotleng a ditsheko se baya ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane ka fa mosing.

Bangwe ba banni ba re ntswa ba amogela mogopolo wa go dirwa ga kgotla ya molao-motheo, ba eletsa gore mogopolo o emisiwe pele ka mabaka a gore go lebaganwe le go tokafatsa seemo mo mhameng wa botsogo le kgang ya temo go direla lefatshe leno dijo.

Fa a tsibogela matshwenyego a morafe, Tona Major General Mokgwane o tlhaloseditse morafe gore puso e na le thulaganyo ya tse di tleng pele segolo jang botsogo jwa setshaba, jo e leng matshwenyego a ba le bantsi.

O rotloetditse setshaba go emela pego ya setshaba ya madi kgwedi ya Tlhakole e le boferabongwe go bona tse di rulagantsweng ke puso go tla pele mo lenaneong la tiriso ya madi go ya ka letlhoko la tsone.

O ne a tlhomamisetsa morafe fa go na le baitsaanape ba eleng Batswana ba ba ithutetseng dikgang tsa melao-motheo.

O supile fa kgang ya bogosi mo molaong e le nngwe ya dikgangkgolo tsa kgotla ya molao motheo.

A re le ntswa thulaganyo ya go begela magosi kwa ntlong ya dikgosi e dirilwe, a re tsholofelo e ne ele gore magosi a tlaa rerisa barwarrabone.

Le fa go ntse jalo o tshepisitse fa a tlaa e tsaya mhago mabapi le go e sekaseka go ya pele. BOPA



**Foods Botswana (Pty) Ltd a leading nutritional Food Manufacturer located in Gaborone is in search of a high caliber, self-motivated candidates to fill the following positions:**

## VACANCY: 1. UHT TECHNICIAN

### QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

The ideal candidate should be a qualified Millwright / Electrician artisan and have at least 5 years' working experience with food packaging/ processing machinery (Tetra platform will be advantageous)

### JOB SPECIFICATION

- Ensure all mechanical, Electrical, and electronic maintenance including PLCs to be done according to maintenance manuals
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- Be able to do any ad hoc tasks, both mechanical and electrical, as usually found in a processing environment
- Available for call outs

### CAPABILITIES

Candidate should possess:

- Technical/ analytical skills
- Strong leadership skills
- Maintain team good work
- Have Knowledge of the Tetra machines
- Computer Literacy
- Sound Knowledge of the business
- Good communication skills

**NB:** Only short list candidates will be contacted. Enclosed **comprehensive CV, with certified copies of certificates and summary details of the current duties as well as traceable references to:**

Human Resources Officer  
Foods Botswana (PTY) Ltd  
P O Box 1403 AAD Gaborone

Email: [bmoipolai@foodsbotswana.co.bw](mailto:bmoipolai@foodsbotswana.co.bw)  
Closing date: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025



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**Bamalete Lutheran Hospital is a reputable; very busy level 1 District Mission Hospital providing a range of health care services. The Hospital invites applications from suitable candidates for the following positions:**



### 1. Position: SPECIALIST ANAESTHETIST

**Salary scale:** E2 (P449, 256 – P467, 436) per annum

**Qualifications:** First Grade Specialist in Anesthesiology

**Experience:** At least 1-year post qualification.

#### Duties & Responsibilities:

All basic duties related to the medical department of a busy District Hospital:

- Heads the Anaesthesia department and is responsible for the efficiency of the department. This includes decisive ward rounds, counseling of patients and relatives, ordering investigations, referring patients to other departments or facilities.
- Gives anaesthesia to patients, supervises anaesthesia given by others and advises on the scope safely possible
- Competent in all anaesthetic techniques
- Assists in the management of critical patients

### 2. Position: SPECIALIST GYNAECOLOGIST/ OBSTETRICIAN

**Salary scale:** E2 (P449, 256 – P467, 436) per annum

**Qualifications:** Specialist qualification

**Experience:** At least 1 year post qualification.

#### Duties & Responsibilities:

All basic duties related to Gynaecologist/obstetrician in a busy District Hospital:

- Heading Maternity Ward
- Guiding Medical Officers, Midwives and Nurses in all obstetrics and gynecology related topics.
- Performing standard major Gynecological operations.

### 3. Position: MEDICAL OFFICER

**Salary scale:** D4 (255, 948 – 282,120) per annum

**Qualifications:** Bachelor of Medicine (MBchB)

**Experience:** At least 1 year post qualification. Experience in Obstetrics and should be able to perform caesarean sections on his / her own.

#### Duties & Responsibilities:

All basic duties related to the medical department of a busy District Hospital:

- Takes history and physically examines the patient.
- Assesses the patient and continuously refines and updates findings through subsequent examinations of the patient.
- Refers patients to Senior Health Care providers for management above his/her level of competence.
- Taking calls

### 4. Position: THEATRE NURSE

**Salary scale:** C1 (P192, 588 – P229, 104 per annum) plus allowances

**Qualifications:** Diploma in General Nursing plus Post Basic Diploma in Theatre Nursing

**Experience:** At least 2 years of experience as a theatre nurse

#### Duties & Responsibilities:

Duties are but not limited to:

- Providing pre-operative nursing care for patients within the operating room
- Performing operating department work with agreed SOPS and theatre policies
- Participating in supervision of junior staff and assisting in Bacteriological investigation in theatre
- Assisting in compilation of theatre procedure manuals and nursing reports

### 5. Position: PRINCIPAL PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

**Salary Scale:** C1 (P192, 588 – P229, 104) per annum

**Qualifications:** Diploma in Pharmacy Technician

**Experience:** At least 6 years post qualification

**Computer Literacy and ARV experience is of advantage**

#### Duties and Responsibilities:

All duties related to pharmacy in a busy district hospital. The officer should be able to work independently and his/her responsibilities include among others:

- Ordering, Stock control and dispensing of pharmaceuticals as per Ministry Of Health and Mission Standards
- Taking calls, Supervising and guiding junior staff
- Deputizing the pharmacist.

#### Attach the following:

Updated Curriculum Vitae

Certified copy of ID/Omang

Certified copies of academic certificates (foreign)

Certificates/documents to be in English/ translated to English

At least 2 recent work references

Current practicing certificates where applicable

Applications should be submitted to:

**Chief Administration Officer I (HR)**

**Bamalete Lutheran Hospital**

P.O Box V6

**Ramotswa**

Or hand delivered to Records Management Unit

Or emailed to: [recruitment@blh.co.bw](mailto:recruitment@blh.co.bw)

#### N.B

- Applications with incomplete documentation will not be considered.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

**Closing date for all applications: 13/02/2026**



Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana (second left) touring Molepolole Prisons Service (BPS) farm recently. He expressed admiration for BPS quest to fill their silos with abundant grain this ploughing season. Photo: Keetile Bontsibokae

# Prisons service boosts food production

Keetile Bontsibokae  
MOLEPOLOLE

The Botswana Prisons Service (BPS) is on a quest to fill the BPS' silos with abundant grain this ploughing season.

Already, Molepolole Prisons, which has a 400-hectare farm, has planted 93 hectares of maize and three hectares of lablab while another three hectares of maize was yet to be planted.

In Mahalapye, 40 hectares of sorghum have been planted while 38 hectares in Machaneng and 28 hectares at Lethlakane have been planted while a target of 101 hectares of sorghum was to be ploughed.

"We have also planted 40 hectares of beans in Tsabong and we also have an egg farm as well, while in Tshane we have planted 20 hectares," said Botswana Prisons Service Commissioner, Mr Anthony Mokento during Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana's tour of Molepolole Prisons recently.

He said if the rains could remain consistent, they aimed to at least produce 3 000 bags of maize, which would be enough to feed all the 23 prisons nationwide, but if not, they should at least produce two thirds of the expected harvest.

He was however optimistic that the harvest would be enough to feed the 4 497 prisoners nationwide.

He highlighted that the notion of ploughing was to equip prisoners with farming knowledge so as to use the skill once they were released from prison.

"Our plan is to make prisoners produce food for themselves instead of relying on government coffers since the economy is struggling. Today, the minister came to assess how we were progressing since we ploughed earlier this season," Mr Mokento said.

For his part, Assistant Superintendent Mooketsi Lesego said the planted hectares in Molepolole were a stepping stone of a bigger dream to

turn BPS as a hub for food security.

As BPS, he said they made a choice to use hybrid varieties of white maize; SC555 which made 50 hectares and 42 hectares of SC419, which were drought resistant and high yielding.

"We sowed SC555 so that we can give it enough time to grow because it is medium maturing variety and SC419 is early maturing so that we are able to maximise yield within the area that we have. We also have three hectares 'highworth' variety of lablab, which is the common variety that we usually grow here and it is a highly performing and we also have the remaining five hectares from which three hectares is yet to be grown SC555 to make it 53 hectares and the two hectares we have spared it for yellow maize (SC503)," said Mr Lesego.

He said majority of the SC503 was going to be crushed with sunflower to feed guinea fowls in Lethlakane and used for livestock mix.

In addition, he said they kept various breeds of livestock, cattle, goats and sheep that also helped them with meat and milk.

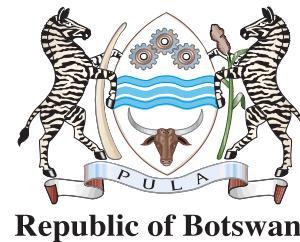
However, he said they were rearing a lesser number of livestock, though various breeds, because their main focus was to help inmates to be fully acquainted with diversified knowledge and skills of managing an array of breeds to help them make wise choices when they joined the society and wanted to venture into farming.

Mr Lesego also said most of the time they auctioned the livestock when it multiplied.

Last year, he said they auctioned livestock worth more than half a million Pula.

For his part, Minister Ramaotwana appreciated BPS' efforts to fill BPS' silos with grain during this ploughing season.

Besides bagging in cash into the government coffers, he said auctioning also gave Batswana an opportunity to have good breeds, thus helping to improve the quality of their livestock. BOPA



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Government of Botswana recognises the importance of a free, independent, and ethical media as the backbone of democracy and as such seeks to solidify those commitments by establishing a legal framework that fosters press freedom, journalistic integrity, and responsible reporting and information dissemination. As such, the Government appointed a Task Team/Force in March, 2025 to review and reform existing media laws and such other laws that may adversely impact on media freedom, ensuring they uphold press freedom, access to information, and accountability.

Following its appointment, the Task Team has since submitted the Media Legislative Review Report and the Draft Media Bill. Consequently, the Government wishes to consult the general public/nation further on the Draft Media Bill and its pronouncement especially on the establishment of the Media Regulatory Council in Botswana, setting out its governance, membership, functions and funding model to ensure sustainability. The proposed framework combines self-regulation within a statutory framework, to safeguard media freedom of expression while maintaining accountability, respect for human rights and ethical standards to eliminate inaccurate reporting and violation of other persons rights across both traditional and digital media.

You may access the **Draft Media Bill** at <https://dailynews.gov.bw/dailynews.pdf> or visit the **Office of the District Commissioner** in your jurisdictions, **MISA Botswana and Editors Forum Offices**. Furthermore, you are requested to submit your comments through the following platforms:-

- **Email/Electronic:** to [bgmotsamai@gov.bw](mailto:bgmotsamai@gov.bw) and [gubanabotlhe@gov.bw](mailto:gubanabotlhe@gov.bw)
- **Post Mail:** Ministry for State President, Defence & Security. Private Bag 001, Government Enclave. Gaborone.
- **Physical Address:** Hand Delivery Submissions to Ministry for State President, Defence & Security. Finance House Building. Khama Crescent Street. Gaborone West Ext. 9. Government Enclave.

**The Deadline for the submissions is the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**



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**HERDBOY WANTED** at Karakubis, Extension Area Masaasele Cattle post. Please call 73 201 590

## FARM WORKERS WANTED

Contact Postmates Holdings (Pty) Ltd Private Bag BO 250 Bontleng.

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**FARM WORKERS REQUIRED** with experience of 5-10 years. Apply to Eduardo De Morain Correia. P O Box 403211, Gaborone. Tel: 267 72303155

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**FARM WORKER WANTED.** Minimum 5 years' experience in horticulture farming. Call 71314827 by 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Legothwana Contact 71 744 448 / 72 744 448

**FEMALE FARM WORKER** wanted at Kavimba. Contact Kedibonye Sankwasa 71 490 334

**TWO FARM WORKERS WANTED** at Satau. Contacts Poniso Shamukuni 77 624 824

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**HERDBOY WANTED** at Tonota Arnold Pule Box 330 Tonota 71748575

**HERDMAN WANTED** at Bobonong. Contact 71 467 181

**LOOKING FOR A HERDBOY** in Munga Cattle Post, Contact Mr Tawana Tawana At 71 807 583

## FARM WORKER WANTED.

Contact 71 625 407

**TWO FARM WORKERS WANTED** at Mmaphela near Molepolole. Contact 72 249 936

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Ghanzi contact Shima Magombo P.O Box 83 Ghanzi cell: 75 335 900 / 72 192 947

**2 FARM WORKERS NEEDED** in Gamonyane/Mmamhiko. Apply to Mafter Holdings (Pty) Ltd P O Box 1382 AAD Poso House Gaborone. Post will remain open until filled.

**TIGERFIELD (PTY) LTD**, farm worker wanted, +5 years experience. Python path, Notwane, 71 301 804 / 75 929 220 johankokcj@gmail.com

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**HERD-BOY WANTED** at satau village simasiku rungwe contact: 77510666

## NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the owner of plot 951, Matlapana, Maun intends to change land use from residential to multi-family residential. Objections may be lodged within 14 days to Maun District Council, Physical Planning Office (686 0241) or Ruth Kauthengwa (76 945 596)

## NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**KEDIBONYE PHEKO, OWNER OF TRIBAL LOT 1879, RASESA** INFORMS NEIGHBOURS TO HER PLOT ABOUT HER INTENTIONS TO ERECT A BOUNDARY WALL. FOR ANY OBJECTIONS, CONTACT KGATLENG DISTRICT COUNCIL, PHYSICAL PLANNING OFFICE AT TELEPHONE NO. 5777411 / 5773512 WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

## 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
Shadrack Enos	ESHFT-000061-25	29-04-26	0900hrs	SARM

DATED AT MAUN THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
ONEILE M UKET	ESHFT-000824-24	05/05/2026	0900 HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

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Name of Deceased	Person Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Ditshotlo Daniel	ESHFT-001555-25	02-04-26	0900hrs	SARM

DATED AT MAUN THIS 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
TIRELO OTISITSWE AND MMOLOKI OTISITSWE	ESHFT-000105-26	02-04-26	0900HRS	SARM

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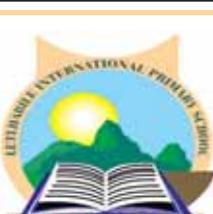
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## Notice to Debtors And Creditors

Master's Reference: ESHGB001639/25

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late ALEXANDER FOWLIS who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2026.

The Executor, Neil Brigham Alexander c/o, Gaobatwe Law, P O Box 1131 AAD, GABORONE, CELL:3961043

## NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act

(Cap 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
BRIGHT MARITSENG SIKU AND FILDHA SIKU	ESHFT-000108-26	02-04-26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

## FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000945/24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late HAROLD MOGOTSI KGWATALALA who died at Kgwatalala Ward, Bobonong, Central- Bobonong District, Botswana on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT** in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of publishing hereof.

**Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged the Master**

DATED at On the day of 2026

The Executor Kgosietsile Kgwatalala P O Box 403692 GABORONE CELL: 75 199 990

## NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**OWNER OF PLOT 37623** in Gaborone, Block 8 wishes to change land use from residential to multi-residential. For any enquiries, the public should contact 365 7400 or GCC planning department within fourteen (14) days of this publication

**I BOAGO CITY SENNANYANA**, owner of plot 15144, Mogoditshane Block 5 wishes to change land use from single family residential to multi-family residential. For any objection please contact Mogoditshane -Thamaga district council physical planning division on telephone No. 310 5615, within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

**NOTICE TO NEIGHBOURS** of plot 4682 Magope ward, Ramotswa from residential to multi residential. Please contact Ramotswa physical planning office at Telephone No: 539 0375 for any query

**OWNER OF TRIBAL LOT 31**, Tutume has applied for change of land use from commercial to mixed use commercial to include residential accommodation. For objections call Physical planning office on 245 1395 / 245 1345 within 14 days.

**THE OWNER OF PLOT 4378** Palapye Khurumela ward, would like to change land use from single-family residential to multi-family residential. For any objections contact Urban Heights at 71329400 or Palapye District Council, Physical Planning Department within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

**RATANANG SELAO, OWNER** of a residential plot at Selibe Phikwe Extension 17, plot 10481 proposes to erect a boundary wall. For any queries, please contact Selebi Phikwe building control on 2610570 or 76 481 577 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

**OWNER OF PLOT no 12460**, Mhiko ward in Kanye village wishes to inform neighbours of the intention to erect a boundary wall. For any objections and questions please do not hesitate to contact Kanye District Council physical planning office 544 0217/206 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

## FARM VACANCY

**1. Farm Operations Manager**: A Degree or a diploma or a certificate in horticulture and animal science holder with experience in dairy. (With experience in the related field)

**2. Farm workers: 5 NOS**

**Requirement:** any one with or without horticulture experience

Apply to P.O. box: Metflow (Pty) Ltd10124, village, Gaborone or to metflowfarms@gmail.com before 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026.

## CHANGE OF LAND USE

TEBOGO BOITUMELO RAKOLA of Tribal Lot: 3750 in Gabane intends to change land use from single-family residential to multi-family residential.

Anyone with objections, contact Mogoditshane-Thamaga Council, Physical Planning Office Telephone Number: 3166646 within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

Architects Collaborative (Pty) Ltd: Cell phone No. 72336280

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time
1. Hlonipa Ndjunga	ESHMIN-000069-26	24-03-2026	0900HRS

DATED AT MAUN THIS 27 DAY OF JANUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

Company Reference: UIN BW 00000800441

IN THE COMPANY of CROC B (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED which is duly incorporated and registered according to the Companies Laws of the Republic of Botswana, whose registered office address is Plot 64511, Unit 3, Block 5, Fairgrounds, Gaborone.

TAKE NOTICE that the Company intends to sell the company shares in a sale of shares agreement. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DEBTORS and CREDITORS in the above Company are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within seven (7) days after publication hereof. Any objections to the notice of sell of shares may be lodged with Piyush Sharma Attorneys.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 10<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY 2026.

PIYUSH SHARMA ATTORNEYS & CO.,  
P.O BOX AD 34 ADC, GABORONE,  
Telephone No. (+267) 3191622,  
Cellphone No. (+267) 72727272

Piyush Sharma  
ATTORNEYS & CO. NOTARIES

PLOT 6358, KGWALE ROAD  
BROADHURST P O BOX AD 34 ADC, GABORONE  
(PS/tm/18404)

## Vacancy: Retail Pricing Strategist

C.C.W Pty Ltd owns and operates a popular franchise Supermarket in a highly challenging environment in Gaborone, which is surrounded by competitors with aggressive marketing and cut-throat competition. To counter these effects, we seek to appoint a Retail Pricing Strategist, who will be responsible for determining the ideal target price for products and analyzing competitor pricing matching market expectations. Pricing strategists work with complex data sets to help businesses determine and set competitive prices to gain market share and achieve revenue goals.

## The responsibilities of the position inter alia include the following:

- Perform competitor analysis on similar products and services
- Scope out opportunities based on market trends and industry conditions
- Identify ideal pricing structures and sales funnels
- Draft strategic pricing plans and processes to improve existing projects
- Create reports reflecting metrics and project status, objectives, and barriers.
- Communicate findings effectively to relevant departments of the company
- Work with the sales and marketing team to define pricing structure for company product
- Address issues and concerns raised by team members relating to pricing suggestions

## Qualifications &amp; Experience:

- A master's degree in business administration (MBA)
- Hands-on experience in retail pricing strategies i.e., premium, skimming, economy, and penetration
- Minimum three years' experience in FMCG industry

We offer competitive packages commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested candidates should forward their CV, references, and credentials to:

Human Resources Manager,  
C.C.W Pty Ltd  
P.O. Box 281, Mogoditshane.  
Email: hr@wentzel.co.bw

**Closing Date:** 14 days from the date of issue of this advert.

*Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview.*

## VACANCIES

Vacancies exist in a reputable Architectural firm in Francistown. Qualified persons preferably Batswana are invited to apply for the positions listed below.

## 1) PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT

## Must be/have:

- Minimum 15 years' experience in architectural practice.
- Minimum 5 years' experience as principal architect of an architectural firm.
- Registered with Architects Registration Council of Botswana.
- Valid Architect's Practicing Certificate in Botswana.
- Contact details of latest employer

## 2) CAD TECHNICIAN

## Must be/ have:

- Certificate or diploma in the field of Architecture.
- Minimum 5 years' experience in a reputable architectural practice.
- Registered with Architects Registration Council of Botswana.
- Knowledge of Archicad, AutoCAD etc.
- Contact details of latest employer

**Applications with supporting documents must be received within 2 weeks from the date of publication of this advert.**

Apply by email to: Board of Directors

P. O Box 40176  
Francistown.  
Email: ultimatepropertydevelopers@gmail.com

## VACANCIES

Position	Qualifications	Experience & Requirements
<b>COST ACCOUNTANT</b>	CERTIFIED AND REGISTERED ACCOUNTANT BY BICA	A minimum of 10 years working experience in manufacturing sector. Skills in manufacturing accounting, costing and knowledge in Pastel Excellent Communication skills. Very good in computers.
<b>ACCOUNTANT ASSISTANT</b>	AAT QUALIFICATIONS BUSINESS STUDIES	A minimum 5 years working experience in a micro finance business. Knowledge of Income tax. VAT and PAYE USE OF PASTEL Excellent Communication skills Ability to attend tax matters all the time

**EMAIL TO:** DIRECTOR EXPRESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
P.O BOX 2831 GABORONE  
emsbotswana@gmail.com

Desert Road (Pty) Ltd t/a ZebraNet is in the business of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), focusing mainly in operating as an Internet Service Provider (ISP).

A position for Technical Manager exists for those with the drive and enthusiasm to make a difference.

## Key responsibilities:

- LINUX system-installation, configuration and administration. Installations and configurations of spam filters, mail scanner, dovecot, file servers, Configuring and Managing Domain Name servers, Mail, Configuring AD, Exchange Server and maintenance of Exchange.
- Working with Matrix Wireless equipment and wireless technologies Servers and Web Servers.
- Managing Exchange servers for e-mail infrastructure for base use and scheduled and supervised back-ups. Connecting point to point, point to multipoint and handling fibre networks.
- Experience with VSAT, leased-lines,

Correspondence should be emailed to info@zebranet.co.bw

**Closing date: 16th February 2026.**

*Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be responded to.*

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE TRIBAL LAND TO A NON-CITIZEN

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** in terms of Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act that Golden Image Construction (Proprietary) Limited entered into a sale agreement with Keorapetse Sediakgotla in respect of the below-mentioned property for sum of **P860, 000.00** (Eight Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pula) in respect of the following properties:

**CERTAIN:** Lot 11962, Tlokweng;

**SITUATE:** In Cadastre 3, Batlokwa Tribal Territory;

**MEASURING:** 1,381m<sup>2</sup> (One Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty One Square Metres);

**HELD UNDER:** Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. DR004305489 dated 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 made in favour of **KEORAPETSE SEDIAKGOTLA**.

Any citizen interested in a similar transaction in respect of the above-mentioned properties shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the parties.

**Any citizen objecting** to this transaction should do so **in writing** to Tlokweng Land Board, Private Bag T09, Tlokweng within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice.

**SEBEGO Attorneys**  
Notaries, Conveyancers and Patent Agents  
Plot 387, Independence Avenue  
Private Bag B0 177 GABORONE  
Tel: 390 6311 / 312 1999 Fax: 318 2686



**BOTLAHE**  
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## VACANCIES

The School invites general applications for the following:

**1. Teaching positions in the Pre-Primary, Primary, Secondary and AS&A Levels sections:** English, Setswana, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, PE, Agriculture, Computers, Library, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Accounts, Business Studies, History, ICT, Geography, RME, Art, Music, Guidance & Counselling, Travel & Tourism, Science lab technician.

## 2. Receptionist

## Requirements for Teachers:

- Candidates must possess a B.A. degree and the appropriate teaching (minimum qualification is a Diploma) and subject qualifications as applicable
- Minimum teaching experience of 5 years at a comparable level
- All candidates are required to provide the names of two contactable referees, in a relevant professional field.
- Preference will be given to Botswana citizens.

## Requirements for Receptionist:

- Certificate in office Administration
- Computer Skills - MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook remain essential
- Previous experience in a role of reception is required especially working in a School.

**ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED FOR AN INTERVIEW**

**CLOSING DATE: 17 February 2026**

Please address all correspondence to:  
The Principal, PO Box 3076, Gaborone, Botswana  
Tel: 3162307/8; Fax: 3162309;

Email: botlale@btcmail.co.bw/m.phokoje@botlale.ac.bw

## 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
DONALD M GULUBANE	ESHFT-001100-25	21-05-26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

## LOST DEED OF TRANSFER

NOTICE is hereby given that we intend applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 465/1996 dated 24<sup>th</sup> June 1996 in favour of BULEMBU INVESTMENTS PROPRIETARY LIMITED, in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 2960, Selebi-Phikwe (Portion of Lot 3261, Selebi-Phikwe);  
SITUATE: in the Selebi-Phikwe Administrative District;  
MEASURING: 749 m<sup>2</sup> (Seven Hundred and Forty Nine Square Metres);  
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Transfer No. 465/1996 dated 24<sup>th</sup> June 1996 in favour of BULEMBU INVESTMENTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED.

ANY person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge same in writing to the Registrar of Deeds within three (3) weeks of the last publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2026.MOGALE LEGAL PRACTICE  
Applicant's Attorneys  
P.O. Box 931, FRANCISTOWN.

## VACANCY: DENTAL TECHNICIAN

Genesis Orthodontics is a leading clinic dedicated to providing exceptional orthodontic and dental care. We pride ourselves on precision, innovation, and patient satisfaction, and we are seeking a skilled Dental Technician to join our growing team.

## Requirements

- Diploma in Dental Technology or equivalent qualification.
- Registration with Botswana Health Professionals Council
- Have a minimum of 15 years' experience
- Strong attention to detail and manual dexterity.
- Excellent communication, self-motivated and teamwork skills.

## How to Apply

Interested candidates should send their CVs, reference, valid BHPC Membership Card and a minimum of a Diploma as a Dental Technician to: P O Box 403521, Gaborone

Closing date: 16 February 2026.

## NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 (1) OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jindal Resources (Botswana) Proprietary Limited as the Sub-Lessor has entered into a Sub-Lease with and Jindal Energy (Botswana) Proprietary Limited as the Sub-Lessee, which are both non-citizens, in respect of the following properties:

1) PROPERTY: a piece of land being Sub Lease 1;  
SITUATE: Lot 1071 Mmaphashalala in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;  
MEASURING: 303.5525 Ha (Three hundred and Three point Five Five Two Five Hectares; and

2) PROPERTY: a piece of land being Sub Lease 2;  
SITUATE: Lot 1071 Mmaphashalala in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;  
MEASURING: 170.2105 Ha (One hundred and Seventy point Two One Zero Five Hectares;

WHICH PROPERTIES: were held under Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. DR004308362 registered on the 13th day of November 2025 made in favour of Jindal Resources (Botswana) Proprietary Limited.

RENTAL AMOUNT: BWP 237,630.00 (Two Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Pula)

AND FURTHER notice is hereby given that the above-mentioned properties will be mortgaged.

By virtue of this notice, any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the above-mentioned properties shall be given priority and any person wishing to object to the proposed shall be given contention to object with reasons thereof in writing with the **Ngwato Landbaord Board Secretary, Private Bag 12, Serowe** within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

DESAI LAW GROUP  
DLG House, Plot 2566, Extension 9, Off Nyerere Drive, Gaborone,  
P O Box 640, Gaborone  
e-mail address: bangu@desailawgroup.co.bw  
(Ref: BM/knn)

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## NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF LOT 73152 wishes to change land use from residential to civic and community. Any objection should be forwarded to Gaborone city council physical planning office on 365 7400 or call 77 621 481

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jacob Hange intends on applying for a certified copy of lost title Deed

Certain : Piece of land being lot 9754 Ghanzi  
Situate : in Ghanzi, Kgaphamadi ward  
Measuring : 630 m<sup>2</sup> (Six Hundred and thirty square metres)  
Which Property : is held under Mr Jacob Hange

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

Jacob Hange P O Box 83 Ghanzi

LOST TITLE DEED

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
LETSOGILE ODUBLE	ESHFT-000840-25	24/03/2026	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

VACANCY:  
PHARMACIST

## JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Must be conversant with present software currently in use in Botswana.
- Minimum of 2 - 3 years working experience in retail or similar setup.
- Must be fully registered from BHPC and able to work under supervision

## KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Accurately dispense medication safely
- Manage pharmacy inventory, records and documentation.
- Provide professional advice to patients and healthcare staff
- Comply with workplace policies, ethics and regulatory standards

Candidates who meet the required requirements should submit their detailed documents to:

Alshifa Pharmaceuticals  
Managing Director  
P O Box 45578, Riverwalk  
Email: pharmajaved@gmail.com

Closing date: 14 days from date of publication

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time
Gunther Kaizer	ESHMN-000015-22	27/03/2026	0900hours

DATED AT MAUN THIS....26th ....DAY OF JANUARY...2026

 **STAR RAYS DIAMONDS BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD**  
Plot 61128 - 30, Unit C1 -2, BITC Factory Shells, Block 8, Gaborone, Botswana  
Tel : +267 3101196 | Email: info@starraysbw.com

## VACANCIES

**Star Rays Diamonds Botswana** is a Diamond Cutting, and Polishing Factory seeking experienced, passionate and dedicated candidates to apply for the following vacant position:

- 2x Full Stone (All Shapes) Fancy Diamond Polish Trainer
- 2x Full Stone Diamond Polish Trainer (All shapes)
- 1x Diamond Grader Trainer

Applicants must possess strong expertise in the art of Diamond Polishing and Grading as mentioned above, have at least 10 – 15 years' experience polishing and Grading diamonds as per GIA standards in the Diamond cutting & polishing industry.

## Requirements:

- Minimum of 10 - 15 years' work experience in full stone polish (all shapes fancy and round shape) and training
- Minimum of 10 - 15 years' work experience in full Diamond Grading Process until GIA standards and Training
- Fluent in both spoken and written English
- Ability to supervise and train different candidates
- Excellent interpersonal skills

Interested candidates should send a comprehensive CV, References & certified ID or Omang with a cover letter to: [hr@starraysbw.com](mailto:hr@starraysbw.com)

**Star Rays Diamonds Botswana (PTY) Ltd**  
Plot 61128/30, Unit C1/C2, BITC Factory Shells,  
Block 8 Industrial, Gaborone, Botswana

Closing Date: 09<sup>th</sup> February 2026STAR RAYS WILL ONLY GET INTO CORRESPONDENCE WITH  
SHORT LISTED CANDIDATES

## PROPERTIES

**INDUSTRIAL PLOT FOR SALE**  
3267 SQM along Mmopane highway opposite GUC. Call 71989155

## VACANCIES

**MOBILE CARWASH WORKERS** with driver's license. Phakalane 77029887

**WORKSHOP MANAGER** urgently needed with more than 20 years experience. Should communicate well in Setswana and English, have licence and own car, relevant certificates, supervisory skills, diagnose with or without machine. Reply to P O Box 600020 G/West before 07/02/2026

**BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE & FINTECH** analyst wanted. Must have Hpe hybrid cloud certification, cyber security, MCSE background 10 years experience. Apply to Chiccolems International Box 1236 Lethakane

**LOWER PRIMARY TEACHER** needed Gaborone 74 909 769

**PHC CHEMISTS AT PLOT 13124;** BBS Mall Gaborone requires one pharmacist for dispensing medication & consultation with minimum 5 years experience; citizens would be preferred. Closing date 17 Feb 2026; Apply on P O Box 404651 Gaborone; Phone - 391 4394

**CONSULTING ARCHITECT NEEDED.** Degree, 10 years experience in Project management. Apply Palatime Holdings, Box 47380, Plot 113 Independence avenue, Gaborone. (Closing 18/02/2026)

CHANGE OF  
LAND USE

**DIALWA MONAMETSI** of plot 1304 Mokatse, would like to change land use from a dam to commercial (shopping complex).

Owners of neighbouring plots are to contact Kgaleng District Council, Physical Planning Department on **Telephone Nos:** 577 7411 / 577 7412 for any queries, within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

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## NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE BARITONE W MORARA AND ELECTA MORARA

**IN PURSUANCE** of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), the heirs and next of kin of the deceased persons specified above are hereby invited to attend a next of kin meeting on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 11:30 hours** at the **office of the Master-B Kgerethwa** located at the Gaborone High Court Division.

At the respective meeting, the next of kin are to recommend person(s) to be appointed as Executor(s)/ Executrices Dative, identify beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to the estate of their deceased relative.

*For any enquiries concerning the deceased person's estate please contact the Masters Office on 371 8343, or 371 8000/371 8040 (switchboard)*

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of Section 8 (1) (f) of Married Persons Property Act, 2014)

1. **TSHEPO OFENTSE** and **OFENTSE MOCHANKANA** married in community of property on the 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 at Francistown, wish to change their property regime to out of community of property.
2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after three (3) consecutive publications of this statutory notice.
3. 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' Attorneys, NSALA LAW CHAMBERS, before the expiration of the said 3 consecutive publications, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

**DATED AT PALAPYE ON THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2026.**

NSALA LAW CHAMBERS  
MAKWAPA COMPLEX, ABOVE CHOPPIES  
UNIT 3 PALAPYE

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
CHABAESELE MPATI MAZEBIDI	ESHFT-001555-25	07-04-26	0900HRS	ARM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 29TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026**

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
SAMUEL MAFORAGA	ESHFT-001369-25	07-04-26	0900HRS	ARM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026**

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

H/W MAJUTA  
IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF GABORONE  
HELD AT EXTENSION II

CASE NO: CCMEX-001315/24

In the matter between:  
Barrow Long Farms (Pty) Ltd  
AND  
Ketumile Lekona

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

### SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

**TO: KETUMILE LEKONA**, an adult male of full capacity whose full and better particulars are to the Plaintiff unknown;

**TAKE NOTICE** that by summons issued by the Magistrate Court, at Gaborone, you are required, within 30 days after publication hereof, to give notice to the Clerk and to the Plaintiff's Attorneys of your intentions to defend the action in which the Plaintiff seeks the following:

1. Cancellation of the parties' agreement.
2. Payment of the sum of **P64 750.00 (Sixty- Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty pula).**
3. Interest thereon at the rate of 10% per annum from the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 to date of full and final payment.
4. Cost of suit
5. 10% collection commission on any instalment paid
6. Further/alternative relief

**DATED AT GABORONE THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2026**

MAKGANE ATTORNEYS, PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEYS, P.O BOX 3035  
GABORONE, PLOT 14416, SABLE HOUSE, G-WEST INDUSTRIAL

## 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
SETHOMO LELATISITSWE	ESHFT-000992-25	07-04-26	0900HRS	ARM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 29TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026**

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

## 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
KENANE GAOBUWE	ESHFT-001522-25	08-04-26	0900HRS	ARM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 29TH JANUARY 2026**

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

## NOTICE IN TERMS OF REGULATION 46 (1) OF THE DEEDS REGISTRY ACT, CAP 33:02

**Notice is hereby** given that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of lost title deed number No 835/1995 dated 25<sup>th</sup> September 1995 made in favour of **Gaolathle Dichabeng** in respect of the following:

**CERTAIN** : Piece of Land being Lot 26426 Gaborone  
**SITUATE** : In the Gaborone West Extension 2  
**MEASURING** : 450m<sup>2</sup> (Four Hundred and fifty Square Metres)  
**HELD UNDER** : Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. No 835/1995 dated 25<sup>th</sup> September 1995 made in favour of Gaolathle Dichabeng

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020 Gaborone within three (3) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000405-25**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **MICHAEL AMHAD FOUD ZAHED** who died at Tondoni, Zanzibar in Tanzania on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

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

**DATED AT GABORONE THIS ..... DAY OF ..... 2026.**

.....  
**THE EXECUTRIX TESTAMENTARY**  
**CECILIA MORAG PUTTERILL**  
c/o CHIBANDA MAKALEMELE & CO  
P O BOX 1401 GABORONE (TEL:3911503)  
E-MAIL:pepsi@cmclaw.co.bw khopotsol@cmclaw.co.bw

## INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY (SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **MACLEAN CORTEZ LETSHWITI** have entered into a purchase and sale agreement with **PLASTIC SHOP PROPRIETARY LIMITED** in respect of A Customary Land Grant, namely:-

**CERTAIN:** Customary Grant No 94-KP  
**SITUATE:** at Ramodibe in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory  
**MEASURING:** 13.1570 ha  
**LAND USE:** Horticulture and Poultry Farm Herein after referred to as (the Property).

The property is transferred at **P 5,250,000.00** (Five Million Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand 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 a similar transaction in respect of the property.

Any citizen objecting to the Transaction is hereby requested to **lodge such objection with reason, in writing**, to **KGATLENG LAND BOARD, PO BOX 4, MOCHUDI, within thirty (30) days** from the last publication of this notice.

**s.khan** **S.KHAN LAW ATTORNEYS**  
LAW PLOT 2851, South Ring Road, P O Box 72, Gaborone



## TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

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1. **TENDER NO: CEDA 025 / 2025-2026 INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES TO CITIZEN ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CEDA) FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS**
  - 1.1. Sealed Tender offers are invited for the Provision of Public Relations Services to CEDA for a Period of Two (2) Years.
  - 1.2. Procurement Method is: Open Domestic Bidding Method
  - 1.3. Tenderers must, in order to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) in the following categories: **Code: 138 [Marketing and Public Relation Services] Sub code: 03 (Public Relations Services)**.
  - 1.4. All Bids must be submitted no later than **10:00hrs on 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2026** (As per CEDA timepiece placed at Reception Area).
2. The Tender document is available for purchase and collection at **CEDA Head Office Only** at a non-refundable fee of **P250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Pula Only)** inclusive of VAT and **P 125.00 (One hundred and Twenty-Five Pula)** inclusive of VAT for youth owned companies as per Presidential Directive CAB (B)/2015 from **30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.
3. Preference Margins will be applied to qualifying bidders in line with the Economic Inclusion Act of 2021.
4. 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](http://www.ceda.co.bw) or scan the QR code.
5. The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority's Standardised conditions of Tender 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.
6. **For any further information regarding this tender, please contact: Procurement Office at [procurement@ceda.co.bw](mailto:procurement@ceda.co.bw)**

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Bango Trading (Pty) Ltd** is engaged in the construction and general maintenance of bitumen paved roads including new construction and surfacing works with its headquarters in Phakalane. The company urgently requires the services of the following personnel at their Kanye/Mmakgodi OPRC project.

### ROAD ASSET MANAGER/QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER

**MAIN DUTY:** To manage conformance/quality management of the road project as well as development of the quality control systems.

#### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- To develop, optimise, and manage the Forward Work Programme including identification and timing of all major interventions.
- Responsible for network performance (routine maintenance) programmes, pavement deterioration modelling and subsequent required risk analysis for the contractor.
- Handle any disputes or conflicts that arise during the project and facilitate resolutions with stakeholders.
- Execute any other morally reasonable assignments to meet the exigencies of service.

#### COMPETENCIES

- Leadership
- Planning and scheduling
- Project management skills.
- Problem-solving and analytical
- Good communication/report writing
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.
- Ability to work under minimal supervision

#### Qualifications:

- Degree in Civil Engineering/Highway Engineering or any related field
- Valid ERB practising certificate
- Valid Class B driver's license

**Experience:** Minimum of eight (8) years in managing the construction and maintenance of road networks, as well as road asset data collection and analysis.

Applicants with detailed CVs, certified copies of certificates and traceable references should be addressed to:

**The Human Resources Manager**  
Bango Trading (Pty) Ltd  
P.O. Box 501662, Station Road,  
Gaborone

Or email to: [bangorecruitment@gmail.com](mailto:bangorecruitment@gmail.com) and cc: [hrm.bango@gmail.com](mailto:hrm.bango@gmail.com)  
**Closing date for applications:** 14 Days from date of publication



### Company: Simolola Drilling Services/Mitchell Drilling Botswana (Pty) Ltd

Simolola Drilling Services and its subsidiary, Mitchell Drilling Botswana (Pty) Ltd, are leading drilling services providers dedicated to delivering safe, efficient, and innovative drilling programs for mining projects. Our team consists of seasoned Drilling Engineers, Drill Rig Operators, Geologists, Drill Rig Equipment Mechanics, and Drill Safety Coordinators with extensive experience in managing drilling contracts.

To support our ongoing drill programs in Botswana, we are looking for a highly skilled professional for the following role:

#### DRILL RIG ERGONOMICS SPECIALIST

##### Key Responsibilities:

- Implement ergonomic safety standards for drill rig operations to minimize risks.
- Conduct risk assessments and recommend preventive measures for occupational injuries.
- Ensure compliance with OHSAS 18001/ISO 14001 and establish audit standards in new drilling environments.
- Design safe human-machine interaction protocols to enhance efficiency and safety.
- Develop strategies to reduce injury risks associated with deep-hole drilling operations.
- Required Experience & Qualifications:
- Extensive background in mining or drilling ergonomics.

##### Experience & Competency:

- A qualification in Drilling Methods or Drill Site Safety (Mandatory).
- A minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Ergonomics or Human Movement Science.
- A recognized qualification in Health and Safety Management.

##### Required Qualifications:

- ISO 9001 Internal Auditors Training Course certificate
- ISO 9001 Implementation Training Course certificate
- Certificate in Samtrac
- Exploration safety office certificate program
- International Diploma in Occupational safety and health
- Drill Rig Ergonomics Training

At least 10 years of experience in large drilling field camps, including technical, mechanical, administrative, and operational aspects. Sound knowledge of exploration, RC, Aircore drilling rig and equipment is a must.

#### How To Apply:

##### Applications must include:

- A motivational letter explaining your interest in the role.
- A detailed CV addressing the specific requirements listed above.
- Copies of all relevant qualifications.
- Traceable references.

Interested candidates should submit their applications to  
[recruitmentbw@simololadrilling.com](mailto:recruitmentbw@simololadrilling.com) on or before the 16th February 2026

## CHANGE OF LAND USE

**Lot 2461** would like to change land use from Agriculture to Commercial at **Matebele**. For any comment or objection call Kgaleng Council at **5773512/09/11**, within **fourteen (14) days** of the publication of this notice.

**Lot 2462** would like to change land use from Agriculture to Commercial at **Matebele**. For any comment or objection call Kgaleng Council at **5773512/09/11**, within **fourteen (14) days** of the publication of this notice.

**Lot 2463** would like to change land use from Agriculture to Commercial at **Matebele**. For any comment or objection call Kgaleng Council at **5773512/09/11**, within **fourteen (14) days** of the publication of this notice.

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**Lot 2468** would like to change land use from Agriculture to Commercial at **Matebele**. For any comment or objection call Kgaleng Council at **5773512/09/11**, within **fourteen (14) days** of the publication of this notice.

**Lot 2469** would like to change land use from Agriculture to Commercial at **Matebele**. For any comment or objection call Kgaleng Council at **5773512/09/11**, within **fourteen (14) days** of the publication of this notice.

**Lot 2470** would like to change land use from Agriculture to Commercial at **Matebele**. For any comment or objection call Kgaleng Council at **5773512/09/11**, within **fourteen (14) days** of the publication of this notice.

**Nafa Distribution (Pty) Ltd** would like to change land use from Agriculture to Commercial at **Mmatshipa**. For any comment or objection call Kgaleng Council at **5773512/09/11**, within **fourteen (14) days** of the publication of this notice.

**Nafa Distribution (Pty) Ltd** would like to change land use from Agriculture to Commercial at **Mmatshipa**. For any comment or objection call Kgaleng Council at **5773512/09/11**, within **fourteen (14) days** of the publication of this notice.

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**Sandridge Enterprises (Pty) Ltd** would like to change land use from Agriculture to Mixed Use Agriculture and Commercial at Ntswana la Theko. For any comment or objection call Kgaleng Council at **5773512/09/11**, within **fourteen (14) days** of the publication of this notice.



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# Ethiopia Prime Minister inaugurates wind farm project

ADDIS ABABA

Ethiopia Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed on Saturday inaugurated the first phase of the Aysha II Wind Power Plant in Somali Regional State, stressing that clean energy development is central to the country's long-term economic transformation. Speaking at the event, which was attended by Djiboutian President Ismail Omar Guelleh and Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, Abiy said the Aysha

II Wind Power Plant reflected Ethiopia's pursuit of self-reliance through effective utilisation of local resources. "I would like to extend my gratitude to the Ethiopian Electric Power (EEP), Dongfang Electric Corporation, a Chinese company that undertook the project, and the people in the region for their contribution to the successful completion of the first phase of the project," said Abiy. Noting that clean energy development in Ethiopia would

foster regional integration and cross-border connectivity, Abiy said Ethiopia's strides toward growth and energy development could not be guaranteed without cooperation with neighbouring countries.

Launched in 2017, the Aysha II project will have a total installed capacity of 120 megawatts (MW), with 80 MW from its first phase already connected to the national grid, according to EEP Chief Executive Officer Ashebir Balcha.

"The Somali Region is rich in wind, solar and natural gas resources. The government will shortly launch two wind farm projects in nearby areas, with generating capacity of 300 MW and 350 MW of electricity, respectively," Balcha said.

Upon completion, the Aysha II Wind Power Plant will feature a total of 48 wind turbines, 32 of which are already operational, with each generating 2.5 MW of electricity.

Moges Mekonnen, communication director of the EEP, said that Dongfang Electric Corporation introduced new technologies and designs in the first three wind farm projects in Ethiopia.

"Each windmill at the Aysha II wind power project has a generating capacity of 2.5 MW at maximum, which is at least one MW higher than the generating capacity of each windmill at other wind farms in the country," Mekonnen said. **Xinhua**



Remote Exploration Services Botswana is a dynamic exploration consulting company that provides geological, geophysical and analytical services to the exploration and Mining industry. The company is currently looking to fill the following field-based position in Botswana.

## POSITION: PRINCIPAL GEOLOGIST

### DEGREE

MSc in Geology

### REGISTRATION

SACNASP (or Similar)

### EXPERIENCE

19 Years+

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Managing greenfield and brownfield exploration programs in remote locations. Direct experience in gold, uranium, base metals, rare earth elements and diamonds in Africa. In depth knowledge of the Kalahari copper Belt.
- Management and oversight of all technical aspects of explorations.
- High level planning, execution and interpretation of geological and geochemical surveys, as well as Air Core, Percussion, Reverse Circulation and Diamond Core drilling project.
- Compilation, integration and interpretation for all exploration dataset: geology, structure, various ground and airborne geophysics (Magnetics, AEM, IP, Gravity, Radiometric); soil and rock geochemistry, remote sensing and drilling within GIS for target generation and exploration planning.
- Experience in the setup and technical operation of a portable XRF field laboratory, including stringent QAQC.
- Technical, operational and logistical supervision, mentoring, training and management of exploration teams.
- Contractor management, preparation and monitoring of budgets and technical Client reporting.
- Overall responsibility of leading capacity building by developing local personnel, fostering a strong safety culture and upskilling the Botswana workforce in line with internationally accepted exploration and mining standards.

### SOFTWARE

- Proficient in ArcGIS, Geosoft Target, ioGAS, MS Office Sui.

### DRIVING

- Driver's Licence with qualifications in Advanced Driving and 4x4 Vehicle Driving.

### FIRST AID

- Certified in Level 4 First Aid.

These roles require significant time out in the field, based in a tented camp. Candidates should therefore have a genuine enthusiasm for the outdoors, and be willing to spend large amounts of time away from home in remote conditions. Proven leadership and people management skills are essential. Only candidates with good operational, administrative, communication and teamwork skills and experience, as well as the above detailed job-specific requirements will be considered.

Applications should be emailed to hr@res.co.za by close of business on 16 February 2026 and should include a letter outlining their motivation for applying, all relevant qualifications and a CV addressing the specific requirements given above providing references. Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Applicants who have not received an email /communication from RES after 7 days from closing date, must consider their application unsuccessful.



Republic of Botswana

## MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT

### Department of Broadcasting Services

## TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

TENDERING PROCEDURES

T1.1 TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

### • Tender Reference No. SP/DBS/010/2025/2026

### • Tender Title: A WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION, EQUIPPING AND COMMISSIONING OF TWO (2) BOREHOLES (SOLAR-POWER, PUMPS, RESEVOIR, WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WATER KIOSK) AT MASS MEDIA COMPLEX

Sealed Tender offers are invited for A WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION, EQUIPPING AND COMMISSIONING OF TWO (2) BOREHOLES (SOLAR-POWER, PUMPS, RESEVOIR, WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WATER KIOSK) AT MASS MEDIA COMPLEX

### • The Procuring Entity is Department of Broadcasting Services

### • Procurement Method is: OPEN DOMESTIC METHOD

The Tenderer shall furnish the following documentary evidence to demonstrate that it meets the compliance criteria:

(i) Local companies should be registered with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board in the following categories:  
Code: 09 Drilling Works  
Sub codes: 01 Drilling, borehole development and equipping and 02 Test Pumping Grade: 0C

- The tender is reserved for 100% citizens owned companies as stated under Section 76 (2) of the Public Procurement Act.
- Local Procurement Scheme Presidential Directive 19 (B)/2013 – which is in line with the Citizen Economic Empowerment Policy and Presidential Directive Cab no. 34 (B)/2014 on the "Economic Diversification Drive" will be applied in this tender.

### • The physical address for collection of tender documents is:

Department of Broadcasting Services, Procurement Office no: 13, Transport Block, Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2, Gaborone, Botswana from the 23/01/2026 until 06/02/2026 from 08:00 -12:45hrs and 13:45 -15:30hrs.

- A non-refundable deposit of P250.00 payable in cash or must be made out in favour of the Government of Botswana or the entity stated in the tender document and must be paid on collection of the tender documents. Youth Companies shall purchase the ITT at 50% of the fee as per Presidential Directive CAB 14 (B) 2015 (P125.00) should be paid to: Revenue office ,029, Administration Block (GROUND FLOOR), Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2 , Gaborone ,Botswana

### • (Cheques will not be accepted)

- Queries or clarifications relating to the issuance of these documents may be addressed in writing not later than two (2) days before the tender closing date to M. M. R. Matula, Tel No. 365 3201 Email: mmatula@gov.bw; Vusa Ziga 365 8090 Email: vzia@gov.bw

• The closing date and time for receipt of sealed tender offers is 1000 hours on the 06/02/2026.

• Late tender offers will not be accepted.

- The Bid Submission Method is: a single envelope or package submission, in which a tender document containing the financial and technical officer of a bidder is submitted together in one sealed envelope or packaging;

### The Evaluation Method is: Least Cost Selection Works

- Withdrawing of bids: A bidder who wishes to withdraw, modify or replace a bid shall do so in writing, and submit in the same manner as the submission of a bid, in an envelope or package marked "WITHDRAWAL", "MODIFICATION" or "REPLACEMENT".

• The re-submission of a bid shall be marked "REPLACEMENT BID" or "SUPPLEMENTARY BID" on the outer envelope or package.

- Tender documents submitted by courier shall only be acceptable if they bear the appropriate tender number and description and the inscription "Tender Documents. Not to be opened before ..." on the face of the package.

• In addition to any other requirement in the bidding document, a bid submitted after the date and time of submission shall be returned, unopened, to the bidder immediately or after the bid opening with the words "Late Tender", together with the date and time on which the bid was so received.

- Submit One (1) original tender document marked "ORIGINAL" and 2 duplicate copies of the original document marked "COPY" in one sealed envelope clearly marked

### • Tender Reference No. SP/DBS/010/2025/2026 - A WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION, EQUIPPING AND COMMISSIONING OF TWO (2) BOREHOLES (SOLAR-POWER, PUMPS, RESEVOIR, WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WATER KIOSK) AT MASS MEDIA COMPLEX

### • The Tender documents shall be delivered to:

The Government Buyer, Ministry for State President, Defence and Security  
Finance House Building, Floor 4, Office 402 Government Enclave, Gaborone

The name and address of the bidder should be clearly marked on the envelope.

The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Standardised Conditions of Tender for Services shall apply to this procurement, for which all the applicable Tender Data is contained in the tender documents.

(Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, the Government of Botswana is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender offer)

Office of the Government Buyer  
Ministry for State President, Defence and Security

# Chinese medical team brings holistic healing to Namibia

**The Chinese Acupuncture Clinic at Katutura Intermediate Hospital in Windhoek, is combining acupuncture with traditional Chinese exercise methods to help improve the health of local residents.**

## WINDHOEK

For years, Cecilia Mundida from Windhoek suffered severe pain, sleepless nights and limited mobility. After conventional treatments failed, she was referred to the Chinese Acupuncture Clinic.

"When I started coming here towards the end of 2025, I was in so much pain. After a few sessions, I could sleep without pain. I am really happy that the Chinese medical team is here to help us," she said. Dr. Huang Qin, head of the 16th batch of the China Medical Team in Namibia, introduced Baduanjin, a traditional Chinese exercise,

**Two Nipah virus cases reported in India - WHO**

## GENEVA

World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday that two laboratory-confirmed cases of Nipah virus (NiV) infection have been reported in India. In its latest Disease Outbreak News, WHO said that the National IHR Focal Point for India on Monday notified it of the two cases detected in West Bengal State.

The infection was confirmed at the National Institute of Virology in Pune on Jan. 13, the WHO said, noting that both cases involved healthcare workers at a private hospital.

India authorities have identified and tested over 190 contacts, all of whom tested negative, and no further cases had been detected to date, according to the WHO.

This event represents the third NiV outbreak reported in West Bengal following previous outbreaks in 2001 and 2007.

Enhanced surveillance and infection prevention and control measures are in place as investigations into the source of exposure continue.

NiV infection is a serious but rare zoonotic disease transmitted between animals and humans and in some instances, through human-to-human contact. The WHO assesses the risk posed by Nipah to be moderate at the sub-national level, and low at the national, regional and global levels. Xinhua

to complement acupuncture treatments. Baduanjin is an ancient Chinese Qigong exercise consisting of eight simple, flowing movements that combine slow motions and controlled breathing to promote health and vitality without the need for equipment, Huang said.

Huang said he first applied the method while volunteering at the 19th Hangzhou Asian Games in 2023.

"My main work was introducing traditional Chinese medicine, including Baduanjin, to journalists from various countries and officials of the Asian Games Organizing Committee, which was very well received.

I then saw it as appropriate to introduce it to Namibia," he said. Local residents widely accept acupuncture and Baduanjin as gentle and noninvasive therapies.

Elias Simon brought his father, who had suffered a stroke, to the clinic. "Indeed, traditional Chinese medicine is a unique way to restore health to those who lost hope. I can only say thank you to the Chinese medical team," Simon said.

The Chinese Medical Team also uses downtime in the outpatient clinic to guide patients in group practice of Baduanjin. "Modern research shows this method of Baduanjin to be highly beneficial for health. We lead patients to practice together during clinic downtime," Huang said.

"We also printed a QR code and posted it on the wall for patients to scan and learn on their own." This approach, along with music therapy, complements acupuncture treatments, and many patients have reported improvements. Some patients even travel long distances for treatment. Mmakau Garoës, 27, came from South Africa with her grandmother. "This is her second session, and her condition has improved.

It is evidence of the hope China brings to Namibia," she said. Huang said the clinic had developed into a center for quality health care over the years. "We have seen growing demand for traditional Chinese medicine, mainly acupuncture, integrated with other suitable techniques like cupping," he said.

Since September 2024, the team has treated more than 16 000 patients, setting a new record for the number of patients seen in a single day.

"After completing the handover from the 15th batch, our team saw 126 patients in the morning of September 25, 2024, which I believe

is a remarkable achievement," Huang said. Chinese medical teams have worked in Namibia since 1996 and will mark 30 years of service in April 2026.

The current team, which began work in 2024, consists of four members: two acupuncture specialists and two traditional medicine nursing specialists.

The team also provides public

health services, health education and free community clinics. Huang said the team supported local resources and works to improve access to health care while building partnerships with local organizations. "Against the backdrop of increasingly close relations between China and Namibia, the dispatch of Chinese doctors to Namibia to

provide medical services is a vivid practice of China-Africa medical and health cooperation," Huang said. Professor Jairos Kangira, a Namibian academic, said the health cooperation reflected long-standing ties.

"It serves as a bridge for cultural exchange, enabling interaction and yielding tangible benefits for the people in Namibia," he said. Xinhua



**WINDHOEK - Head of the 16<sup>th</sup> batch of the China Medical Team in Namibia, Dr Huang Qin (left), diagnosing a patient at the Chinese acupuncture clinic at Katutura Intermediate Hospital in Namibia. Photo: Xinhua**

# World laureates summit in Dubai focuses on global challenges

## DUBAI

The World Laureates Summit kicked off Sunday in Dubai, bringing together more than 150 scientists and invited participants, including Nobel Prize laureates, to exchange insights on addressing challenges facing humanity and shaping future of civilization.

The three-day summit, themed "Basic Sciences: Scientific Consensus for Addressing the Challenges of Humanity" and held alongside the World Governments Summit 2026, highlighted the pivotal role of fundamental scientific research in shaping global policies, economic systems and

technological innovation.

Discussions at the summit focused on key fields including artificial intelligence and machine learning, and quantum sciences and nanotechnology, as well as energy and advanced materials. "By uniting scientific wisdom and decision-making under one roof, we seek to establish a global reference that helps protect humanity's civilizational achievements and guides future policies toward sustainable, evidence-based progress," said Omar Sultan Al Olama, minister of state for artificial intelligence, digital economy and remote work applications of the United Arab Emirates, and vice chairman of the World

Governments Summit Foundation.

Roger Kornberg, chairman of the World Laureates Association, who is also a Nobel Laureate, said that, at a time of urgent global challenges, this summit offered scientists a rare opportunity to contribute directly to long-term thinking about civilization, prosperity and human progress.

Almost all major challenges in human history have ultimately been addressed through advances in fundamental science, which provides the essential foundation for sustained human progress, said Wang Yifang, chief scientist of Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory (JUNO), a gigantic and complex scientific facility.

**"Fundamental science thrives on global collaboration. By remaining open and collaborative, the international scientific community can pool talent and resources, improve the quality and efficiency of research, and ensure that scientific achievements are more widely shared for the benefit of global progress and common development,"**

# Artificial organ keeps patient alive for 48 hours after removal of bilateral lungs

## LONDON

A groundbreaking case published this week in the journal *Med* reported a successful use of an external, artificial lung system to sustain a critically ill patient for 48 hours after the complete removal of both lungs, which won enough time for the patient to have lung transplants.

In spring 2023, a 33-year-old male patient diagnosed with acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) was admitted to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in the United States.

The patient's condition escalated into necrotizing pneumonia and overwhelming sepsis. Despite being placed on a ventilator, his

condition kept deteriorating, and he had to face renal failure and cardiac arrest as a consequence. Facing the rare clinical dilemma, the medical team led by thoracic surgeon Dr. Ankit Bharat at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago decided to support the patient with a newly developed artificial lung system, after removing the patient's infected lungs.

The patient's condition began to improve within just 48 hours. Bharat observed that the man's kidney function was completely restored and his heart returned to normal.

He no longer required any medication to support his blood pressure.

The patient later received a

successful double lung transplant and has not experienced any signs of organ rejection or impaired lung function to this day.

Dr Natasha Rogers, a transplant clinician at Westmead Hospital in Sydney, Australia, said that the engineering behind the artificial lung system was remarkable and the team involved was "very brave."

Dr. Bharat expressed hope that such life-saving technology would be increasingly accessible for critically ill patients awaiting lung transplants.

However, Rogers emphasised that implementing this approach required multiple specialised teams, because only large hospitals would be capable of deploying it. Therefore, the application of this system remains limited. Xinhua

# Arts & Culture



Mr Botswana, Moitshepi Seametso (left) and first runner-up, Poloko Tanamisa during Seametso's welcome ceremony in Kanye following his recent crowning as Mr Friendship International Africa 2025/26 in Bangkok, Thailand. Photo: Thandy Tebogo

## Seametso puts Botswana on world map

Thandy Tebogo  
KANYE

A number of Bangwaketse main kgotla to welcome Mr Botswana 2025 Moitshepi Seametso, who was recently crowned Mr Friendship International Africa 2025/26 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The event started with a motorcade from United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA) in Kanye and traversed the village streets until they reached the main kgotla, where he was met with ululations and celebration songs.

The mood was ecstatic at the kgotla as different forms of entertainment were displayed by among others the TJ choir, Seepapitso Senior Secondary School band, traditional dance performance, poems and UCCSA choir sealed the event with gratitude hymns.

Seametso attributed his victory at Mr Friendship International Africa to the immense support he received from Bangwaketse and Batswana at large.

He indicated that though he experienced challenges in processing a VISA, missing the first session of the contest, as it started when he was still in

Botswana, he however emerged victorious due to the prayers from his church, the UCCSA.

Seametso has a project called Monalente, which was derived from the idiom, 'Mmualebe o bua la gagwe gore monalente a le tswe'.

The project is aimed at reconciling cultural, religious and bio-medical perspectives with regard to masculinity.

The intention, he said was to look at how culture and religion define a man or how a man was expected to carry himself.

He said he would seek guidance and advice from traditional leader and religious leaders to share how a boy child was groomed from a young age.

Seametso's hope was to leave a mark that generations that would come after him would reference to. He also has a campaign dubbed 'I am him project', which was aimed at encouraging men to assume responsibility and leadership roles, as well as portray good personality and conduct.

Kanye East Member of Parliament, Prince Mosanana commended Seametso saying he had raised the Botswana flag high and put Kanye on the map.

Mosanana said Kanye was adorned with stars like Seametso, Letsile Tebogo and Collen

Kebinatshipi.

He described Seametso as well disciplined person who had good conduct and leadership roles, saying Bangwaketse should be proud of him.

The talent found in Gangwaketse, he said could attract tourists and investors, stating that government had reserved P200 million for arts and entertainment.

The founder of Mr Friendship International Botswana, Charity Mokoloba said she found the pageant upon realisation that the boy was not recognised nor empowered.

Mokoloba said she started a project aimed at empowering the boy child to enable them to stand for the voiceless. As they realised the boy child could not vent out the organisation came up with a programme that could tackle out various issues like mental health, boost self-confidence through boot camps.

Mokoloba said it was the first time Botswana participated and scooped position one.

Seepapitso Senior Secondary school head, Sandy Mphuting said Seametso came up with the idea of kgotla initiative at their school, stating that good personality traits were built at the kgotla as it helps to instill discipline on learners. **BOPA**



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## Robot adds twist to Chinese new year parade in Paris

PARIS

A human-shaped robot set the pace on Paris's Champs-Elysees on Sunday as hundreds of Chinese and French artists welcomed the Chinese Year of the Horse, blending ancient tradition with futuristic flair on one of the world's most famous avenues.

The robot, walking steadily at the head of a parade of around 800 performers, turned, paused and waved to spectators in time with the music, prompting cheers and raised smartphones as crowds lined the boulevard.

Organisers said about 100 000 residents and tourists gathered along the Champs-Elysees to watch the 2026 Chinese New Year parade, filling the avenue with a festive Spring Festival atmosphere.

The event, co-organised by the Champs-Elysees Committee and the China National Tourist Office in Paris, highlighted growing cultural exchanges between China and France, combining time-honoured customs with contemporary creativity.

The robot, invented by a Chinese company and supplied by French technology firm INNOV8 Group, quickly became one of the most talked-about features of the parade adding a light-hearted technological twist to the festivities.

"It carries strong symbolic meaning," said Stephane Bohbot, chief executive of INNOV8 Group.

He added that new technologies could be integrated into these celebrations and show how technology can improve people's lives.

The millennia-old Spring Festival is also about the future and future generations, he noted. Behind the robotic usher came traditional dragon and lion dance troupes.

Their pounding drums echoed along the avenue as performers conveyed wishes of good fortune, prosperity and vitality.

The procession also featured a wide range of traditional Chinese cultural traditions, including more than a hundred participants dressed in elegant hanfu (traditional Chinese attire), the Yingge folk dance from south China's Guangdong Province, Mongolian dance, martial arts and tai-chi demonstrations.

Didier, a resident who came with his family, said it was his first time seeing a Chinese New Year parade on the Champs-Elysees.

"The dance performances in traditional costumes were especially unforgettable," he told Xinhua.

Marc-Antoine Jamet, president of the Champs-Elysees Committee, said the parade has become a clearly identified cultural rendezvous on the avenue, noting that the horse symbolizes auspiciousness in both

Chinese and French cultures. Jeanne d'Hauteserre, mayor of the 8th arrondissement of Paris, said she was delighted to see residents and visitors celebrating together.

The parade has brought a strong festive atmosphere and a unique cultural experience to the district, further enriching Paris's diverse cultural life, she added. **Xinhua**

China and UK museums to co-host exhibition on European art

SHANGHAI

Museums from China and the United Kingdom have agreed to jointly host an exhibition on European art in Shanghai in 2027, showcasing works spanning nearly seven centuries.

The National Galleries of Scotland, Art Exhibitions China and the World Expo Museum signed a letter of intent in Shanghai to organise the exhibition, scheduled for the summer of 2027, the World Expo Museum announced Sunday.

Featuring more than 60 precious works from the National Galleries of Scotland, the exhibition will cover the period from 1350 to 2021, spanning major artistic movements from the Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo to modern art.

Works by artists such as Peter Rubens, Pierre-Auguste Renoir and Edgar Degas are expected to be included.

Anne Lyden, director-general of the National Galleries of Scotland, said the cooperation came at a meaningful moment and reflects efforts to deepen ties through exhibitions and works of art.

"We look forward to offering Chinese audiences deeper insights into the sweeping historical transformations in European art and society," said Liu Wentao, director of the World Expo Museum.

Tan Ping, director of Art Exhibitions China, said the cooperation represents a further step in promoting mutual learning among civilizations and enhancing people-to-people exchanges. **Xinhua**



DAR ES SALAAM - Tanzania students learning 'silver needle' cut, a demanding test of knife skills in Chinese cuisine in Tanzania recently. Photo. Xinhua

## DAR ES SALAAM

In a bustling kitchen in the heart of Dar es Salaam, the rhythmic thud of cleavers hitting chopping boards fills the air.

Amid the steam and sizzle of woks, Ruth Washima Seni, a young Tanzania hospitality student, is attempting a feat of precision, slicing a potato into hair-thin strips.

This is the 'silver needle' cut, a demanding test of knife skills in Chinese cuisine. For Seni, it represents more than just a cooking technique; it is a slice of a new future.

"I did not just learn how to cook Chinese food. I learned techniques, nutrition, discipline, and culture," said Seni, wiping her brow after mastering the cut.

"Now, I can prepare dumplings, buns, and stir-fried beef and I understand why Chinese food focuses so much on health and balance."

Seni is one of 20 students in the latest batch of a unique culinary programme at the Kilimanjaro Institute of Technology and Management (KITM).

Launched in January, the course is a collaboration between the institute and 'The Best Company' a Chinese enterprise dedicated to cultural exchange.

### BEYOND THE RECIPE

The programme goes beyond teaching recipes; it immerses students in the philosophy of Chinese gastronomy.

Led by Chef Wang Bo from Sichuan Province, the curriculum covers the spicy heat of Sichuan dishes, the savory depth of northeastern stews, and the delicate, fresh flavors of Cantonese cuisine.

"Chinese cuisine is very flexible," said Wang.

"You can combine and substitute ingredients. But to do that well, you must understand the principles behind the food."

For the students, the learning curve involves more than just taste. It includes mastering the use of chopsticks and understanding the cultural stories behind dishes like dumplings (Jiaozi), which symbolise wealth and togetherness.

"I realised Chinese people are not all the same," Seni noted.

"Each region has its own culture and food."

### COOKING FOR A CAREER

While the cultural exchange is vibrant, the primary driver for these young 'dreamers' is economic opportunity.

Filbert Haule, a hospitality tutor at KITM, explained that the decision to introduce Chinese cuisine was strategic.

With Chinese tourists and businesspeople playing an increasingly visible role in Tanzania's economy, the demand for authentic Chinese food is rising.

Furthermore, Tanzania is pre-

# Tanzania youth embrace Chinese culinary art

paring for a major influx of international visitors as it gears up to co-host the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations.

"We want to offer visitors new tastes," Haule said.

"When investors and restaurant owners see that these students can cook authentic and delicious Chinese food, they will be impressed.

That creates more opportunities."

### A BRIDGE OF FLAVORS

The course structure is rigorous. Mornings are spent watching video lessons from professional chefs in China, followed by afternoon practical sessions in KITM's kitchens where local ingredients-Tanzanian beef, lamb, and seafood-are trans-

formed into Chinese classics. For Chef Wang, food is the ultimate diplomat.

"Food is a bridge that connects people," he said. "When students understand the culture, they cook with feeling, and the dish reaches a higher level."

For Ruth Seni, the wok has opened a world of possibilities. She

now practices her skills at home, confident that she possesses a competitive edge in the job market.

"These are skills that make you different," she said, looking at her finished dish of stir-fried beef. "It's culture, health, business, and connection."

I can even start my own restaurant one day." **Xinhua**

## From traditions to trends: How Chinese brands win global fans with culture



TIANJIN - Consumers viewing products related with 'Guochao' or 'China chic' in north China. Photo. Xinhua

addresses reminiscent of those worn by imperial brides.

Ye Zuwei, deputy general manager of Dongguan Weishi Culture Technology Co., which operates the brand, said the company's exports rose 15 percent year on year last year.

"Cultural elements give products a longer life cycle," he said.

"Once completed, these models resemble finely crafted artworks rather than conventional toys, offering consumers both visual pleasure and a sense of accomplishment."

Data underscores this trend. Despite mounting global headwinds, exports of products from Chinese homegrown brands increased by 12.9 per cent year on year in 2025, according to customs figures.

In the first three quarters of last year, exports of festive goods, dolls and animal-themed toys exceeded about US\$7.18 billion and reached more than 200 countries and regions.

The global popularity of China-chic products reflects the influence of traditional Chinese culture, the creativity of Chinese enterprises, and the strength of the country's manufacturing base, said Wang Jun, deputy head of the General Administration of Customs.

Echoing the view, Lu Dandan, an associate professor at the Shanghai Academy of Fine Arts, emphasised the pivotal role of China's manufacturing ecosystem in translating profound cultural heritage into sophisticated consumer products.

"The rise of Chinese IP is the result of almost a decade of evolution," Lu said.

"It is the country's manufacturing capacity that has sustained this shift and will continue to shape the trajectory of China-chic."

The explosive growth of China-chic products has been further accelerated by the global expansion of China's Internet platforms, experts said.

By leveraging social media and

cross-border e-commerce, Chinese brands are reaching consumers worldwide, integrating Chinese lifestyles into global culture while building brand awareness and loyalty. Policy support has also played a crucial role.

The government launched China Brand Day in 2017 to raise public awareness of brand development and foster a favorable environment for brand building.

Provinces such as Zhejiang and Guangdong have rolled out specialized programmes to steer cultural consumption away from short-lived trends toward sustainable growth.

Wang Xianqing of Guangdong Baiyun University said Chinese companies are not merely selling products; they are exporting Eastern cultural experiences, philosophy and aesthetic wisdom.

These offerings resonate with global consumers' growing desire for diverse civilizations, sustainable lifestyles and meaningful experiences, he said. **Xinhua**

# Mbappe penalty lifts Real Madrid to top two in La Liga

## MADRID

Kylian Mbappe converted a penalty deep into stoppage time as Real Madrid edged Rayo Vallecano 2-1 on Sunday to stay one point behind FC Barcelona in the La Liga title race.

Mbappe sealed the win in the 100th minute after Madrid was awarded a late penalty when Rayo defender Nobel Mendy mistimed a clearance and made contact with Brahim Diaz inside the area.

The match was played in a tense atmosphere at the Santiago Bernabeu following Madrid's midweek Champions League defeat to Benfica, and the hosts were dealt an early blow when Jude Bellingham limped off with a hamstring injury after eight minutes.

Vinicius Junior, who had been targeted by boos from sections of the crowd, gave Madrid the lead with a curling strike, but Rayo drew level early in the second half through

Jorge de Frutos.

Rayo was reduced to 10 men when Pathe Ciss was sent off for a reckless challenge on Dani Ceballos with 10 minutes of normal time remaining.

Pep Chavarría was later dismissed in the 103rd minute following an incident involving Rodrygo.

In the Basque derby, Athletic Club salvaged a

1-1 draw at home to Real Sociedad after Inigo Ruiz de Galarreta scored an 88th-minute equalizer.

Goncalo Guedes had put Sociedad ahead with a spectacular first-half strike, and Athletic goalkeeper Unai Simon made several key saves to keep his side in contention.

Ruiz de Galarreta's goal came five minutes after Sociedad's

Brais Mendez was sent off. Real Betis snatched a late 2-1 win over Valencia.

Luis Rioja opened the scoring for the visitors before Chimy Avila equalized from the penalty spot. Midfielder Pablo Fornals struck the winner two minutes from time.

Getafe and Celta Vigo played out a goalless draw in heavy rain at the Coliseum Stadium, offering little to entertain the crowd.

Barcelona maintained its lead at the top of the table with a 3-1 win away to Elche, with goals from Lamine Yamal, Ferran Torres and Marcus Rashford on Saturday night.

Second-from-bottom Levante held Atletico Madrid to a 0-0 draw, with Atletico striker Alexander Sorloth taken to hospital following a clash



**MADRID** - Real Madrid's Kylian Mbappe (right) vying for the ball with Rayo Vallecano's Nobel Mendy during La Liga football match in Spain on Sunday. Real Madrid edged Rayo Vallecano 2-1. Photo: Xinhua

## IOC to deploy digital tools to tackle media challenges

## MILAN

The International Olympic Committee will deploy a suite of digital technologies to help global media cover the 2026 Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics, aiming to ease logistical challenges posed by widely dispersed venues.

Lucia Montanarella, associate director of Olympic Games Media Operations at the IOC, said the geographic spread of competition sites presents significant hurdles for media organisations, particularly smaller outlets with limited staff.

"My job is to make sure that the accredited media can do the job at the best," Montanarella told Xinhua in an exclusive interview.

She said long distances should not become a barrier to telling Olympic stories, especially for media teams made up of only a handful of reporters.

About 2900 athletes from around

the world are expected to compete at the Winter Games for 116 gold medals across venues scattered among Italy's cities, valleys and mountain peaks.

Set across Lombardy and Veneto, as well as the autonomous provinces of Trento and Bolzano, the Games will cover more than 22 000 square kilometers in northern Italy, making it the most geographically spread-out Winter Olympics ever held.

The event will also be the first fully built on a multi-hub hosting model, with competitions divided into four clusters: the urban hub of Milan and the mountain venues of Cortina, Valtellina and Val di Fiemme.

The four clusters are separated by average distances of more than 250 kilometers, with one-way travel often taking several hours - a daunting prospect for roughly 3 000 accredited journalists expected

to cover the games.

To bridge those gaps, Montanarella said the IOC team has designed press conferences powered by digital platforms. Unlike previous Winter Games, where only medalist press conferences were available for remote viewing, all press conferences held at the Main Media Center and venue media centers will be livestreamed on the IOC's Media Zone platform.

"That is what is new. There is more press conferences made available for everybody from everywhere," she emphasised.

In addition, building on initiatives tested at Paris 2024, the IOC will provide all accredited media with access to the HBO Max streaming platform. Reporters traveling between venues will be able to watch live competitions or replays on their phones, tablets or other mobile devices.

"So that everybody, even if you

are sitting on a train, or you are sitting in a car, you can watch the sport event when you are moving," Montanarella said.

The IOC has also assigned about 50 Olympic Information Service (OIS) remote reporters to competition venues, introducing a new 'interview by proxy' service.

The initiative allows accredited journalists who are unable to attend events in person to submit interview requests and questions through on-site OIS reporters.

"If you need an interview with these athletes, but you do not have anyone there, you can contact the OIS reporter for that venue."

The OIS reporter will ask your question and provide you content so that you can cover," Montanarella said. She noted that the service was designed not only for major international outlets but also for smaller media organisations with limited reporting teams. Xinhua

of heads.

Elsewhere, Osasuna and Villarreal drew 2-2, Oviedo beat Girona 1-0, and Alaves won 2-1 away to Espanyol. Xinhua

## Morupule Wanderers stun Rollers

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Morupule launched frequent forays through Obonwe Maome, who was in his element against his former club.

Likontsane finally broke the deadlock in the 75th minute to seal the Wanderers' triumph, compounding Rollers' poor start to the 2026 calendar year.

Another former Rollers player, Maano Ditshupo, was brought on late for Maome, a deep-lying midfielder for an offensive one, as Mogotsi applied game management tactics to see out the 1-0 result.

Meanwhile, the weekend's action kicked off on Friday night with Hendrick Moyo's headed goal handing Mochudi Centre Chiefs a 1-0 win over Calendar Stars.

The result keeps championship dark horses 'Magosi' third on the log with 30 points, 10 adrift of pacesetters Gaborone United (GU) and seven behind title contenders Jwaneng Galaxy.

Goals in either half by Omatla Kebatho and Moagi Sechele helped second-placed Galaxy secure a 2-0 home win over Black Lions in Jwaneng on Sunday.

Galaxy have now reduced the margin at the summit to three points after league leaders, GU played to a goalless draw away to Nico United at the Sam Sono Stadium on Saturday.

Santa Green, under the tutelage of Phil Makhwengwe, continued to pick up crucial points in a 2-2 draw with Extension Gunners.

The four points earned from their last two encounters push Santa Green into 13th place.

Conversely, historic crowd-pullers Gunners sit in a precarious 16th position, desperately needing points to safeguard their top-flight status.

In other matches, Sua Flamingoes defeated Orapa United 3-1, while Matebele FC overcame BDF XI 2-1. Police XI and TAFIC played to a 0-0 draw. BOPA



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# Morupule Wanderers stun Rollers

Bafana Ba Magala  
secures seventh win of  
the season

Pako Lebanna

**GABORONE**

A solitary goal by South African centre-forward, Julius Likontsane in the 75<sup>th</sup> minute handed Morupule Wanderers a morale-boosting 1-0 triumph over Township Rollers in an FNB Premiership encounter at the Royal Aria Stadium on Saturday.

The Palapye Coalboys' also known as Bafana Ba Magala, secured their seventh win of the season, leapfrogging Rollers into sixth position on the log with 24 points.

Meanwhile, Popa endured their third consecutive loss since the league resumed, dropping to seventh on 23 points.

A casual glance at the stands, which were empty save for the grandstand, was unlikely to intimidate the visitors in the slightest.

Wanderers strolled into their hosts' dungeon with confidence akin to the biblical Daniel preparing to tame beasts in the lion's den. The match began as an evenly balanced, open

contest, with both sides going hammer and tongs at each other rather than employing a cautious low block.

As the first half wore on, Rollers dominated possession.

However, as was the case in their recent losses to Jwaneng Galaxy and Gaborone United, poor decision-making in the final third and a lacklustre finish cost the Blues.

Rollers right-back, Lemogang Maswena looked lively on the overlap but missed a couple of gilt-edged chances.

As play resumed after the halftime recess, Wanderers' coach, Agang Mogotsi brought on the eventual goalscorer, Likontsane, to replace Gaone Japane. On the hour mark, Rollers introduced Lehlohonolo Fothoane and Kago Monyake for Thatayaone Ramatlape and Botshelo Mangena, but the Blues still struggled to stamp their authority.

Instead, Wanderers grew in confidence and began threatening the Rollers' goal, forcing keeper Karamelo Kgosipula into several critical

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Action during Morupule Wanderers and Township Rollers' previous encounter. Wanderers beat Rollers 1-0 in the FNB Premiership League game held at the Royal Aria Stadium on Saturday.

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