

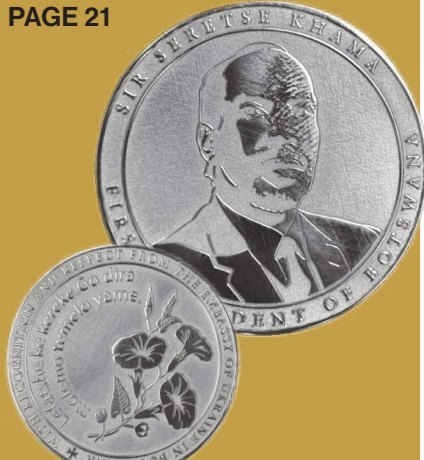
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Diamond Jubilee preparations underway

Bakang Wren

GABORONE



Botswana’s creative sector will play a central role in the country’s 60th Independence celebrations, with government setting aside P23 million for the Diamond Jubilee programme that will celebrate the nation’s cultural, artistic and sporting achievements.

Addressing a media briefing in Gaborone yesterday, Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeg said this year’s Independence celebrations would provide opportunities for the creative

Minister of Sport and Arts Jacob Kelebeg

sector to participate and benefit from the national programme.

He said artistes, musicians, actors, fashion designers, cultural groups, visual artists and other creative practitioners would all be included in activities leading up to and during the celebrations.

Mr Kelebeg said districts would also be given an opportunity to celebrate the national arts in their unique ways, allowing communities across the country to showcase their creativity, culture and heritage.

He said heritage and historical exhibitions would form part of the activities as Botswana reflects on its journey over the past 60 years.

The minister said the celebrations

would also feature a wide range of activities, including sporting events, church services, fashion showcases and cultural performances.

He said while the National Stadium would be used during the celebrations, activities at the venue, would be limited in order to preserve the athletics track.

The main Independence celebrations will be held at the Main Mall on September 30, with a fireworks display expected to mark the occasion.

Mr Kelebeg also appealed to the private sector, organisations and individual citizens to support the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, saying national commemorations require collective participation and partnership.

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Basarwa appeal for Kgainyane recognition

Thuso Kgakatsi
KGAINYANE

Seven decades after 1950, the San community of Kgainyane still lives in mud and stick huts, with no running water, no school and no clinic.

To an outsider, the settlement resembles a squatter camp, while to its residents, it is home. It is an ancestral land, among other things, marked by seven tombstones of forefathers near the Kgainyane Artificial Insemination Camp, with heritage sites scattered across the surrounding landscape. That bond to the land has been tested repeatedly. Years ago, the government relocated families to Inalegolo, but went back to Kgainyane, only to face the Hukuntsi Sub-Land Board's insistence that they relocate. Their plea for the settlement to be recognised, were echoed during a kgotla meeting addressed by the inter-ministerial committee set up by President Advocate Duma Boko to look into the situation of Basarwa in Botswana to address long-standing and pressing issues they have. They requested government to declare their habitat a recognised

settlement. They said a single act would unlock everything, which included basic services such as water, schools and clinics. They said their own future was hinged on formal recognition. Without settlement status, they argued, essential services and economic opportunities would continue to pass them by. Residents noted that, they had been locked out of a number of government programmes such as the Remote Area Development Programme (RADP) benefits, poverty eradication programmes and wildlife quotas that brought millions of pula to neighbouring villages. They said being grouped under Tshane Constituency compounded the problem. They said Tshane was classified as a village, which made it impossible for Kgainyane to access RADP benefits meant for Remote Area Dwellers. They said most government programmes remained out of reach as Kgainyane was not officially a settlement. Residents shared that their challenges extended beyond infrastructure. Community spokesperson, Mr Rasta Kgosile said unemployment was almost impossible because residents were expected to compete on equal terms with the



Some residents of Kgainyane during a consultative Kgotla meeting addressed by the inter-ministerial committee set up by President Advocate Duma Boko to look into the situation of Basarwa in Botswana to address long-standing and pressing issues they have. In their remarks, residents appealed to government to declare Kgainyane a settlement. Photo: Thuso Kgakatsi

rest of other Batswana, despite being reserved people whose skills were rooted in the bush. He appealed for affirmative action on employment, youth grants, and CEDA loans. Mr Kgosile proposed for a community cooperative that would turn bush skills into viable business opportunities. He pointed out land allocation was a challenge as fields and farms were allocated to outsiders while Kgainyane residents were denied residential plots. Mr Kgosile also requested government to set aside a communal farm for livestock management, suggesting a farm previously owned by Kgalagadi North District Council. Village elder, Ms Mmakhaba Lekolori said they wanted their own kgosi of their ethnic origin who lived in Kgainyane and understood their needs. Ms Lekolori noted that currently they shared kgosi from Tshane, who neither resided with them nor shared their origin. Tshane Kgosi, Kgosi Bogosi Motshoge, backed the residents, saying Kgainyane existed long before Inalegolo and Maake, yet those areas were declared settlements while Kgainyane was not. He noted that without formal plots, residents would continue to remain squatters who could be evicted anytime. He noted that fields and farms had been allocated around them, but residential plots must now be considered. Kgosi Motshoge welcomed the government's attention and expressed hope that services

would finally reach the people of Kgainyane. He also shared the origin of the name; Kgainyane describes a stabbing with a spear, born from ethnic clashes between Bathaga from Tshane in the early years. "It is derived from a Tswana word 'go tlhaba'." For his part, head of delegation, Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure Acting Permanent Secretary, Mr Pius Seole said they had been delegated through the Office of the President to consult with Basarwa, as it had been noticed that despite continuous government assistance, Basarwa communities still lagged behind. The ministerial committee, he said, was tasked with identifying gaps and recommending solutions after hearing directly from communities. **BOPA**

Botswana and Zimbabwe to upgrade border posts

Manowe Motsaathebe
MABOLWE BORDER POST

The government of Botswana will upgrade infrastructure at the Mabolwe Border Post to position the facility as a gateway for trade, investment and regional cooperation. Similarly, Zimbabwe, just across the Shashe River, is expected to upgrade the Mlambapele Border Post as a demonstration of its desire to facilitate the movement of people, goods, and services between the two sisterly countries. Speaking during a bilateral engagement on the Mabolwe Border Post, officials from both nations emphasised the pivotal role these border posts play. With upgraded infrastructure, additional services, and extended operational hours, the border posts are expected to improve connectivity while unlocking opportunities for both countries and the citizens living along the borderline. For the two border posts to serve their mandate effectively, a bridge will be constructed to connect the neighbourly states. The Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, revealed

that the process was underway for Zimbabwe and Botswana infrastructure officials to begin working on the bridge's designs. Minister Mohwasa led a delegation that included the Ministers of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Labour and Home Affairs, Justice and Correctional Services, as well as the Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship. Currently, movement between the two countries is halted whenever the Shashe River flows. Until the river dries, the movement of people, goods, and services via these border posts is suspended. Once the river dries, only four-wheel-drive vehicles can cross the heavily sandy riverbed. Those without powerful

machines rely on donkey carts to ferry goods across the river into the Gwanda district of Matabeleland South, Zimbabwe. Consequently, some people earn a fee by spending their days pushing vehicles that lack four-wheel-drive capabilities to cross the river. It is against this backdrop



that the two countries seek to ease movement by constructing a bridge and offering services that have not previously been available at these facilities. Minister Mohwasa praised the forecasted infrastructure developments on both sides. He revealed that these developments were initiated during the fifth session of the Botswana-Zimbabwe Bi-National Commission in April. He also spoke highly of Zimbabwe's commitment to the bi-national infrastructure project, particularly the construction of the bridge. "That is a conversation that Zimbabwe takes very seriously and highly," Minister Mohwasa said. While the upgraded border infrastructure will essentially benefit the two countries, Minister Mohwasa expects the benefits to trickle down to the people who live and do business in the region. Once implemented, the upgraded infrastructure at the Mabolwe Border Post will be linked by a 13-kilometer road from the border post to the village

and vice versa. This road is part of a 189-kilometer road network that the government intends to construct across the Bobirwa District through public works. Zimbabwe's High Commissioner to Botswana, Mr Henry Mukonoweshuro, stated that infrastructure development at the border posts remained the best way to facilitate economic interaction and regional integration. "Development of this infrastructure at the Mlambapele and Mabolwe border posts is one key bilateral project that will demonstrate our desire to facilitate the movement of people, goods, and services," Mr Mukonoweshuro said. He added that the project would be a testament to both governments' commitment to facilitating seamless movement and developing the communities along the border. "I note with appreciation the deliberate desire by both countries to improve cross-border roads and modernize border facilities, which will drastically reduce transit times, cut transport costs, and open up our rural corridors, including the Bobirwa District," he concluded. **BOPA**

Minister for State President, Defence and Security Mr Moeti Mohwasa

Botswana and South Africa enjoy smoother ties

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

Botswana and South Africa enjoy smooth relations, with emerging issues resolved efficiently and effectively through close collaboration, says President Advocate Duma Boko.

Speaking during a farewell courtesy call by the outgoing South African High Commissioner to Botswana, Ms Thaninga Shope-Soumah in Gaborone on Monday, President Boko said Botswana was grateful for the role that Ms Shope-Soumah played in strengthening relations between the two neighbouring countries.

He said Botswana and South Africa worked closely together in fighting Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), travel and movement of people and goods.

President Boko said the two nations would continue to engage as it was witnessed by the recently



Outgoing South Africa High Commissioner to Botswana Ms Thaninga Shope-Soumah

held Bi-National Commission, the Southern African Customs Union and the Southern African Development Community.

“We have worked very well together, thanks to your facilitation, support and efforts. We are most grateful,” he added.

The President also expressed confidence that Ms Shope-

Soumah’s successor would continue the good work she had done.

He added that outstanding issues connected with the remembrance of the struggle icons and heroes who went through Botswana would be taken into consideration.

President Boko said Botswana remained willing and ready to continue working closely with South Africa.

He also assured her that the government would ensure completion of the Lobatse Monument project.

“It is good for cementing the role that the country played and some of the sacrifices and loss of lives that we incurred in our support of the struggle for liberation. It will also help support, or augment, the Samora Machel Monument and create some attraction and bring about some economic activity in the area. So, we look forward to having the project proceed,” he added.

For her part, Ms Shope-Soumah

appealed for the implementation of the proposed major international Liberation Heritage Park and Freedom Monument, in partnership with the African Union and South Africa.

She said the heritage park and monument was aimed at honouring Lobatse’s pivotal role in the Southern Africa liberation struggle, including the African National Congress (ANC) meetings and sheltering of prominent figures like Nelson Mandela and Samora Machel.

The outgoing High Commissioner said the Lobatse Monument was, ‘historically important for the younger generation to see the role Botswana played in the liberation of, not only South Africa, but Southern Africa’.

She said the implementation of the project had been delayed by changes in the ministries in both South Africa and Botswana, but stressed that, ‘it is really very

important that the two countries implement it together’.

Ms Shope-Soumah said she would appreciate if the incoming High Commissioner was assisted, through the Minister of Environment and Tourism, to ensure that the project came into effect.

She said the project was also personal, because she and her family had passed through Lobatse where the first conference of the ANC, outside South Africa, was held.

“It is very important to have that historical factor, so that people should be able to see the role that was played by Botswana in liberating African countries, particularly South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia, among others,” she said.

Further, Ms Shope-Soumah thanked the government and the people of Botswana for the hospitality, and she felt at home.

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Botswana supports Sahrawi Republic quest for self-determination

Gontle Merafhe
GABORONE

Botswana is poised to support the Sahrawi Republic in its quest for self-determination as a sovereign nation.

Speaking on the sidelines of a courtesy call by the Sahrawi Republic’s Special Envoy, Mr Mahomed Yeslem Beisat on President Advocate Duma Boko in Gaborone yesterday, Minister for International Relations, Dr Pheny Butale said the Sahrawi Republic’s struggle for self-determination was a just cause that aligned with Botswana’s principles and one of the cornerstones of the country’s foreign policy.

Dr Butale said Botswana supported efforts to bring all parties together, emphasising that dialogue should remain the primary

mechanism for resolving conflicts.

“As we have been following all efforts aimed at bringing peace and resolving the conflict between the Sahrawi Republic and Morocco, we have also noted the Washington dialogue and the efforts that have been ongoing. Therefore the purpose of today’s meeting was that President of the Sahrawi Republic sent a Special Envoy to President Boko, to update him on the dialogue, peace initiatives and efforts to resolve this issue,” he said.

Dr Butale said it was important to understand that Botswana believed in the peaceful resolution of conflicts, dialogue, territorial integrity, sovereignty and the promotion of home-grown solutions to African challenges. He said in an efforts to solve issues on the continent, they should encourage and promote African solutions to African problems.

He further noted that Botswana’s independence from Britain in 1966 had shaped the country’s



President Advocate Duma Boko (right) and Sahrawi Republic special envoy, Mr Mohammed Yeslem Beisat during the latter’s courtesy call on President in Gaborone yesterday. Mr Beisat expressed gratitude for Botswana’s unwavering solidarity, describing the country as a long-standing champion of democracy, human rights and self-determination. Photo: Felicity Male

commitment to supporting the right of all peoples to determine their own political future and govern themselves.

Dr Butale said Botswana had witnessed the benefits of transformation, having emerged from being one of the poorest countries in the world at independence.

Angola. This is in the DNA of who we are as a people,” he said.

For his part, Mr Beisat said Botswana was one of the frontline states that remained surrounded by hostile regimes but was never deterred from championing the rights and freedoms of Africans.

He described Botswana as a source of inspiration and hope for the continent and commended the country’s peaceful, lawful and orderly transformation.

“The transformation of the continent has unfortunately often been linked to crises, pain and difficulties. We learn from Botswana’s experience of a beautiful transformation that was legal and peaceful.

That has made Botswana more than just another country. There are values, morality and symbolism attached to Botswana as a champion of democracy and peaceful democratic transformation,” he said.

Mr Beisat said the right to self-determination was enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, arguing that without that right, other rights could not be fully enjoyed.

He said it was unfortunate that after the end of Spanish colonial rule, Morocco, which he described as an illegal occupier, had undermined the implementation of the principle of self-determination.

Mr Beisat expressed hope that, with the support and solidarity of countries such as Botswana, the Sahrawi people would achieve their aspirations.

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‘Child upbringing collective responsibility’

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

Every child deserved to be cared for by both parents, regardless of biological ties, says President Advocate Duma Boko.

Addressing members of Ntlo Ya Dikgosi in Gaborone Monday, President Boko said whether a man was a biological or putative father, the presence of a father figure in a child’s life remained essential.

He said every child deserved the care, love and support of both parents.

A man who has been identified as the father of a child should

accept responsibility, regardless of whether a DNA test had been conducted, President Boko said, arguing that even if a DNA test carried out years later established that the child was not biologically his, the man should not react with anger or resentment.

“If, after many years, a DNA test shows that the child is not yours, do not throw tantrums, instead, regard the role you played in raising that child as a noble contribution to society, something to be proud of,” he said.

President Boko questioned whether the increasing emphasis on DNA testing was always in the best interests of children, arguing

that society should continue to recognise a residual obligation on adults to care for children, even where biological parentage was disputed.

He challenged dikgosi to thoroughly examine issues surrounding DNA testing and parental responsibility, conduct research and present informed recommendations that could guide national debate and legislative reforms since protecting children’s welfare was a collective responsibility.

Families, communities and government all have a role to play in ensuring every child is raised in a safe and supportive

environment, President Boko said.

He also explained that government had accepted its responsibility in children’s upbringing by introducing a monthly P300 child support grant aimed at contributing to their welfare.

Although acknowledging that the amount was not sufficient to meet a child’s needs, President Boko said the initiative demonstrated government’s commitment to ensuring that children were cared for.

“The P300 may not be enough, but it is meant to show that, as a nation, we care about our children,” he said.

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The knighthood of Seretse

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

July 1 marks Sir Seretse Khama Day. The nation remembers the birth of Botswana's founding president, the same month he died. The legacy of the Bangwato rested on his shoulders, but his life was also shaped by a love story that crossed borders and challenged the conventions of his time. That story begins in Serowe and ends with a title before his name that many still ask about, Sir.

Who was Seretse Khama? And why did Queen Elizabeth and the Royal House confer a knighthood on him?

Historian, Mr Kabo Garechaba says the answer is not only about the man, but about the empire and the region he was about to lead.

Mr Garechaba explains that a knighthood is usually given to someone not holding political office at the time. Seretse received his before independence and before he became Botswana's first Prime Minister.

The honour was the Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire, or KBE, the second-highest rank of knighthood in Britain.

The exact year is not certain to Mr Garechaba, but he is clear that it came before 1966, when Bechuanaland became the Republic of Botswana.

To understand the KBE, Mr Garechaba places Seretse on a Cold War map. Bechuanaland sat between South Africa under apartheid, Namibia under Portuguese administration, and Rhodesia under the Rhodesian Front.

London needed a stable, Western-aligned leader in a territory that served as a buffer. Seretse was a 'British citizen' – he was in exile; having been banished from his homeland in resistance to his marriage to a White woman. He was educated in the United Kingdom, and he carried on his shoulders the traditional authority of the Bangwato. For Britain, that made him an anchor it could not afford to lose. Here is the contradiction that gives the story its weight. In 1951, the British government exiled Seretse from Bechuanaland because of his marriage to Ruth Williams, a white British woman.

The colonial office judged the union politically inconvenient and bowed to pressure from apartheid South Africa. The same man who was treated as a liability for love would later be honoured by the Crown.

Mr Garechaba argues that the 1966 KBE was not a reward for a lifelong favourite of the establishment. It was strategy.

"It is not given to people hostile to the British Government. Knighthoods are used to secure loyalty. Britain was knighting him to bring him close, so that after he took the presidency he would not turn against them," he said.

In Mr Garechaba's view, London wanted to buy back goodwill and keep Botswana anchored to the Commonwealth and the West, rather than risk a deeply aggrieved leader seeking support elsewhere. The pattern was not unique. Mr Garechaba points to other African leaders who received British honours at

moments of political transition.

Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe, South Africa's Nelson Mandela and Thabo Mbeki all carried British awards, with Mandela receiving the Order of Merit and Mbeki the Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (GCMG). Botswana's own Sir Ketumile Masire was made GCMG in 1991.

"These are not random awards. They are geopolitical chess pieces. Seretse's KBE fits the same pattern," said Mr Garechaba.

In that reading, the knighthood tells two stories at once. One is the story of a Bangwato prince whose marriage defied colonial prejudice and changed the course of Botswana's history.

The other is the story of an

empire adjusting to a changing Africa, using honours to repair ties and secure alignment.

The KBE, Mr Garechaba argues, was Britain's way of mending fences with a leader it once exiled, and of positioning him as a bulwark against communism in a region surrounded by hostile regimes.

So the "Sir" before Seretse Khama's name is more than

a mark of respect. It is also a record of how power works.

A government that once banished a man for whom he loved later placed a sword on his shoulder, because Southern Africa's politics demanded it.

And from that moment, the founding president carried both the dignity of his people and the calculations of an empire into independence. BOPA



President Advocate Duma Boko laying a wreath at the Statue of the Botswana founding President Sir Seretse Khama during July 1 commemoration in Gaborone on Wednesday. President Boko said Sir Seretse Khama was a true patriot who ensured the country's minerals wealth benefited all citizens rather than only communities where resources were found and also believed strongly in self-reliance. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

Boko urges Batswana to uphold legacy

Ndingillilo Gaoswediwe
GABORONE

President Advocate Duma Boko has called on Batswana to draw inspiration from the enduring legacy of Botswana's founding president, Sir Seretse Khama, saying his vision, humility and unwavering commitment to democracy continue to provide a blueprint for the nation's future.

Speaking at Sir Seretse Khama Day commemoration in Gaborone on Wednesday, President Boko said Sir Seretse's contribution had become more significant with the passage of time as Botswana continued to deepen its understanding of its history and national identity.

He described the founding president as a visionary leader whose policies of non-racialism, universal education, prudent economic management and political tolerance laid the foundations of the modern Botswana.

Although born into royalty, Sir Seretse chose the path of building a republic, fostered ethnic unity, championed self-reliance and ensured that the country's mineral wealth was invested in education, healthcare and infrastructure for the benefit of all Batswana.

President Boko also paid tribute to Sir Seretse's humility, recounting how he once welcomed a group of university students into State House long after an official function had ended, spending hours in their company. He said the late president's warmth and accessibility reflected his deep love for the people. Quoting Sir Seretse's words that "a nation without a past is a lost nation, and a people without a past is a people without a soul," President Boko urged Batswana to honour

his legacy by building a caring nation that left no one behind, particularly those living in remote and marginalised communities.

Kgosi Khama IV echoed those sentiments, reminding Batswana that the country's achievements should never overshadow the immense difficulties it faced at independence in 1966.

He said Botswana emerged as one of the world's poorest nations, with little infrastructure, limited access to education and healthcare, as well as serious security threats from neighbouring minority ruled states. Sir Seretse's greatest achievement was building a united, democratic and internationally respected nation from those difficult beginnings and therefore, Kgosi Khama credited the founding president who was also his father, with establishing strong institutions, promoting unity among diverse communities and ensuring that diamond revenues were invested prudently for national development.

He further noted that while every administration since

independence had faced its own challenges, including droughts, disease outbreaks, HIV/AIDS epidemic, global financial crisis, COVID-19 pandemic and the current downturn in diamond revenues, none matched the challenge of building a nation from virtually nothing.

He urged Batswana to honour Sir Seretse through action rather than words alone by confronting present-day challenges with unity, discipline, honesty, humility and vision.

During the ceremony, President Boko led former leaders and other dignitaries in laying wreaths at Sir Seretse Khama's memorial in honour of the founding president's enduring contribution to the nation. Among those in attendance were Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe, former president Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi and his wife Neo, former vice president Slumber Tsogwane, Leader of the Opposition, Mr Dumelang Saleshando and wife, Dineo as well as Speaker of the National Assembly Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse. BOPA

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1. Background

The Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) is undertaking a strategic SMART Customs reform and modernisation programme aimed at strengthening customs revenue mobilisation, enhancing border security, improving trade facilitation and transforming Customs into a modern, intelligence-led, leveraging on emerging technologies, data-driven and data-enabled border management and revenue administration.

As part of this initiative, BURS seeks to identify suitably qualified and experienced firms, consortiums and solution providers with demonstrable experience in customs modernisation, border management transformation, customs digitalisation, smart border technologies, trade facilitation, revenue protection and broader customs administration transformation programmes.

2. Objective

The objective of this Expression of Interest is to identify and shortlist solution providers capable of supporting BURS in the design, development and implementation of SMART Customs reform and modernisation initiatives that deliver measurable improvements in customs revenue performance, border management effectiveness, trade facilitation, operational efficiency, stakeholder service delivery and long-term institutional capability

3. Implementation Approach

The SMART Customs reform and modernisation programme will be implemented through a phased approach designed to deliver immediate operational control, border visibility and revenue protection benefits while establishing the foundations for long-term customs transformation in two (2) phases.

The programme shall be underpinned by enterprise-wide capabilities relating to data analytics, business intelligence, artificial intelligence, machine learning, risk management, decision support, interoperability and systems integration. These capabilities shall support and enhance all solution components across both Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Phase 1: SMART Customs Operational Control Solution

Phase 1 shall focus on the implementation of a SMART Customs Operational Control Solution aimed at strengthening real-time visibility, monitoring, control and management of the movement of goods, conveyances and persons across Botswana's border environment. The objective of this phase is to establish the operational capabilities necessary to support customs revenue protection, border security, transit integrity, trade facilitation and coordinated enforcement activities, while creating the foundational architecture for broader SMART Customs transformation.

This phase shall provide capabilities for cargo and transit control through the monitoring, tracking, control and management of cargo movements, transit operations and associated customs processes; border gate and port operations to be achieved through the management, automation and optimisation of border gate, port and cargo processing activities, passenger and traveler management through the efficient processing, facilitation and control of their movements across borders, border visibility, monitoring and enforcement through real-time surveillance, situational awareness, enforcement coordination and border security capabilities; and Security and operational oversight through command and control centres, performance monitoring, executive dashboards, coordinated enforcement activities and real-time decision-making capabilities.

Phase 2: Enterprise SMART Customs Platform

Phase 2 shall build upon the capabilities established under Phase 1 and focus on the implementation of a comprehensive and integrated Enterprise SMART Customs Platform supporting the full customs administration lifecycle. The objective of this phase is to transform Customs into a modern, intelligence-led and technology-enabled border management and revenue administration capable of delivering enhanced compliance outcomes, revenue mobilisation, trade facilitation, operational effectiveness and institutional capability.

This phase shall provide a smart customs platform with capabilities for compliance management through customs enforcement, post-clearance audit, investigations and associated compliance activities. Revenue management and protection through customs revenue mobilisation, excise administration, debt management and revenue protection capabilities. Trade facilitation and stakeholder services through trade facilitation programmes, Authorised Economic Operator programmes, digital services and stakeholder engagement capabilities; and trade and border information management through valuation, tariff classification, origin management, trade statistics, economic intelligence and related customs functions.

4. Information Required

Interested respondents shall submit an Expression of Interest containing the information required under Paragraph 5.

5. Shortlisting Process

Submissions shall be evaluated against the following mandatory requirements:

No.	Mandatory Requirement	Pass/Fail
1	Submission of a technical proposal addressing all of the following minimum requirements in relation to Phase 1, and Phase 2, or both phases of the SMART Customs Reform and Modernisation Programme. At a minimum, the proposal shall include: · Executive summary. · Proposed solution and key functionalities. · Proposed approach to customs revenue mobilisation, trade facilitation enhancement, border security and customs modernization. · Proposed implementation methodology and indicative implementation roadmap. · Proposed commercial, implementation and funding model. · Proposed innovation, automation and advanced analytics capabilities, including the application of artificial intelligence, machine learning, real-time monitoring, intelligent surveillance, risk management and where applicable, other emerging technologies.. · Demonstration of how the proposed solution has been successfully implemented elsewhere, including at least two (2) comparable implementations in customs administrations, border management agencies, revenue administrations or revenue services. · Measurable outcomes achieved from such implementations, including, where applicable, customs revenue growth, trade facilitation improvements, border processing efficiencies, compliance improvements, border security enhancements, transit integrity improvements or other comparable customs administration results. · Skills transfer, localisation and sustainability arrangements.	
2	Submission of at least two (2) reference letters from one of the following customs administrations, border management agencies, revenue administrations or revenue services confirming the successful implementation and operation of the solutions and outcomes claimed under Mandatory Requirement 1. At least one of the referenced implementations shall be currently operational.	
3	Submission of company profiles, including consortiums where applicable, demonstrating organisational capability, technical expertise and implementation capacity to support the proposed SMART Customs reform and modernisation programme, including details of relevant experience, key personnel and regional or international presence.	
4	Submission of a valid certificate of incorporation or equivalent evidence of legal registration.translated to English where applicable.	
5	Submission of audited financial statements for the last three (3) financial years demonstrating financial capacity and organisational sustainability to undertake projects of similar scale and complexity.	
6	Submission of a valid tax clearance certificate or equivalent document issued by the relevant tax authority.	

Only respondents satisfying all mandatory requirements shall be shortlisted. BURS reserves the right to undertake verification of any information, claims, references or supporting documentation submitted by respondents.

Respondents who fail to submit the above-mentioned (3-6) documents will be requested during the evaluation to submit them within three (3) working days of notification. Respondents will be notified through a telephone call, sms or email as an alert. Non responsiveness by the respondents shall result in disqualification of the expression of interest.

BURS may invite shortlisted respondents to participate in presentations, demonstrations, workshops, clarification meetings, proof-of-concept exercises or other market engagement activities intended to assist in identifying the most suitable partners for the programme.

6. General Conditions

BURS reserves the right to accept or reject any submission and undertake further engagements and determine any subsequent procurement approach considered appropriate in pursuit of its SMART Customs Reform and Modernisation objectives.

Submission of an Expression of Interest does not guarantee participation in any subsequent procurement process.

BURS shall not be liable for any costs incurred by respondents in the preparation or submission of Expressions of Interest.

7. Submission of Expressions of Interest

Respondents may submit Expressions of Interest as individual firms or as consortiums. Where a consortium is proposed, the lead firm shall be clearly identified and shall assume overall responsibility for the submission and any subsequent engagement with BURS.

The Expression of Interest proposals should be submitted as One (1) Original copy marked ORIGINAL and two (2) duplicates of the Original document marked COPIES, in one sealed envelope clearly marked;

BURS/EOI/OPS/SER/13/2026-2027: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PROCUREMENT OF SMART CUSTOMS REFORM AND MODERNISATION SOLUTION

The submission shall clearly indicate whether the respondent is proposing a solution for:

- Phase 1 only;
- Phase 2 only; or
- Both Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Expressions of Interest shall be deposited in the Tender Box located at:

Procurement Unit
Ground Floor, Motsentsela South Block
BURS Head Office
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Gaborone, Botswana

Closing Date: 1000hrs(CAT) on 24th July 2026 (Late submissions shall not be accepted)

Tender submissions can also be made electronically by sending your bid to the following email address - procurement@burs.org.bw
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DailyBusiness

Mining: Catalyst for import substitution

Marvin Motlhabane
GABORONE

The development of local industries through import substitution initiatives remains one of the mining sector's most critical contributions to Botswana's broader economic growth.

Described as a low-hanging fruit, the Botswana Chamber of Mines (BCM), in partnership with various mining companies, is actively working to reduce the national import bill.

They aim to achieve this by supporting the growth, development, and capacity building of local manufacturing industries.

Speaking on Monday at the Future of Mining Summit, themed: Mining for Transformation: Economic Diversification and Shared Prosperity, Mr Mogakolodi Maoketsa, General Manager of Debswana Orapa and Damtshaa Mines, emphasised that the mining sector's significant procurement power presents a major opportunity to develop local businesses.

"Mining companies can provide the initial market base

needed for local manufacturers to grow, improve their capabilities, and eventually compete beyond the mining sector," Mr Maoketsa said.

He added that through local procurement, Botswana can build stronger industrial capacity and value chains that extend beyond mining.

Furthermore, mining companies and other consumers of locally manufactured products can serve as catalysts for industrial development and economic diversification.

To advance this objective, Mr Maoketsa noted that the BCM has partnered with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on a supplier development programme to support local manufacturing.

He also highlighted that the BCM organised an annual Local Manufacturing Summit, backed by the government, to promote growth within the sector.

He urged all stakeholders including the government, industry players, communities, and businesses to strengthen collaboration to address shared challenges and secure a brighter future for the mining sector.

"As the world of mining evolves, Botswana has an opportunity to position itself as a responsible and competitive mining destination, one that attracts investment, develops local capabilities, protects the environment, and ensures that the benefits of mineral wealth are shared across society," he said.

In a separate presentation, Mr Xiaoliang 'Light' Liu, Integrated Asset Strategy Manager at MMG Khoemacau Copper Mining, highlighted his company's role in the country's mining-led growth. Speaking on the topic 'MMG Beyond 200 Copper – On the Path to World Scale and Quality,' Mr Liu noted that Khoemacau was positioned as a cornerstone of Botswana's economic diversification drive.

The operation was currently boosting exports, GDP, and downstream industries in the Kalahari Copper Belt while helping to reduce the nation's reliance on diamonds.

Mr Liu emphasised the company's commitment to innovation and sustainability through smart mining, the energy transition, digital technologies, and global best practices.

These initiatives are aimed at improving efficiency, extending mine life, and ensuring responsible operations.

Regarding shared prosperity, he highlighted significant job creation, skills development, local content promotion, community partnerships, and reskilling programs that deliver broad socio-economic benefits. **BOPA**

Private sector key to economic transformation

Bofelo Tshwene
LETLHAKANE

The private sector has a critical role to play in transforming Botswana's economy and supporting national development, according to the Acting Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Mr Justin Hunyepa.

Speaking at the Voorslag Agri and Mining Expo in Letlhakane, Mr Hunyepa described the event as historic for the Boteti district and the Republic of Botswana.

He noted that it signalled the country's readiness to enter a new era of bold economic transformation.

The Expo, he added, was a declaration that Botswana is prepared to unlock opportunities in the agriculture and mining sectors while challenging every Mswana to become a producer and an innovator.

Mr Hunyepa commended the private sector for its continued partnership with the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic

Education.

"This collaboration has been demonstrated through the provision of learning materials, construction of classrooms, academic sponsorships, and student motivation programmes.

"The private sector is an important part of our communities and has consistently supported education by supplying books and printers, building classrooms, and motivating learners," he said.

He noted that although education has always been an engine of national transformation, the government alone cannot transform Botswana.

"The private sector, farmers, entrepreneurs, financial institutions, and communities must become equal partners in building the Botswana we aspire to have," he stated.

Mr Hunyepa also highlighted that Parliament approved two landmark programmes last year: the National Development Plan 12 and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme and urged students to study these programmes to identify emerging opportunities.

He added that the initiatives would fundamentally transform key sectors, including mining, agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, education, and healthcare.

Furthermore, Assistant Minister Hunyepa emphasized that Botswana was richly endowed with natural resources, including vast tracts of arable land suitable for agriculture and agro-processing, which must be fully utilised to strengthen the country's economy.

He pointed out that President Advocate Duma Boko's introduction of the English breakfast initiative in schools should encourage local farmers to increase production, thereby reducing the country's dependence on imported food. **BOPA**

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Access Bank invests in future banking leaders

GABORONE - Access Bank Botswana has welcomed back its second cohort of graduate trainees, comprising 11 high-potential graduates who have returned from an intensive twenty-one-month Entry Level Training Programme at the Business School of Excellence in Lagos, Nigeria. Launched in late 2024, the programme identifies promising young professionals and supports their transition into full-time roles across the Bank, underscoring the Bank's commitment to developing local talent and building a future-ready workforce. "With each cohort, we continue to see the programme mature and deliver on its objectives. This group has demonstrated the qualities we seek in emerging talent: drive, adaptability, and a clear willingness to learn. As they assume their roles, they will contribute to building a more dynamic and future-ready organisation," said Njalakangwa Ndzingo, Head of Human Resources. Following their return, each graduate will be appointed to the Bank, with exposure across several departments. **BOPA**

SEZA and BNPC seal five-year deal

GABORONE - The Special Economic Zones Authority and Botswana National Productivity Centre signed a Memorandum of Understanding Tuesday to boost productivity, efficiency and competitiveness in Botswana's Special Economic Zones. Under the agreement, BNPC will deliver consultancy, training, research and productivity assessments to SEZ firms, while SEZA will onboard companies and facilitate engagement. The partners will also co-host knowledge-sharing events on leadership, performance management and quality. SEZA acting CEO Tapiwa Masie said the deal would help investors meet 'world-class standards,' with BNPC Executive Director Matlho Seitshiro saying it aimed to attract and retain investors and create jobs. The collaboration aligns with national priorities to diversify the economy and grow exports. **BOPA**

Guinea port brings opportunities and creates employment

MOREBAYA PORT - The Simandou iron ore project and the newly developed Morebaya Port are reshaping life in Guinea's Forecariah prefecture, bringing new roads, expanding markets, and a surge in local employment to areas that were once remote and underdeveloped. For decades, communities across Forecariah remained largely cut off from Guinea's economic growth. That is changing as infrastructure linked to the Simandou project connects villages to regional trade routes and the Atlantic coast via Morebaya Port. The improved transport links have cut travel times between rural settlements and urban centers. Local traders say market activity has picked up sharply, with agricultural produce, building materials, and imported goods now moving more freely through the prefecture. **Xinhua**



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (right), Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo (left), Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse (second left) and Debswana Orapa, Letlhakane and Damtshaa Mines General Manager, Mr Mogakolodi Maoketsa during the official opening of Future of Mining Summit in Gaborone Monday. Mr Maoketsa said mining companies could provide the initial market base needed for local manufacturers to grow, improve their capabilities, and eventually compete beyond the mining sector. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

"The private sector, farmers, entrepreneurs, financial institutions, and communities must become equal partners in building the Botswana we aspire to have."

Ngakaagae warns against whitewash white collar crime

Mmoniemang Motsamai
MOCHUDI

Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) director, Mr Kgosietsile Ngakaagae has warned politicians against whitewash white collar crime infesting public officers.

Addressing Kgatleng District full council meeting on Friday on DPP mandate, he said such a crime was mostly committed by senior public officers, politicians and people in positions.

“The white collar criminal is the most dangerous and the one bringing down the national economy, causing destitution and pain to Batswana across the country,” he said.

In that regard, he said it was disheartening that most of such cases that involved illegal transactions of huge sums of money have left the country in disarray. “As I speak,

“The white collar criminal is the most dangerous and the one bringing down national economy, causing destitution and pain to Batswana across the country.”

**Director of DPP
Mr Kgosietsile Ngakaagae**



P33 billion that disappeared from government coffers involved people of responsibility and trust in public offices,” he said.

Furthermore, Mr Ngakaagae

affirmed DPP’s prioritisation on corruption cases of national importance.

As such, he said there was a unit comprising executive officers

that specialised with high profile cases especially those involving corruption and economic crime.

Outlining the DPP mandate and sharing government concerns, he said DPP would not spare the rod for anyone involved in corruption.

Furthermore, reaffirming the office’s constitutional mandate, he said DPP was established under the Constitution of Botswana to act independently and without external influence, working with investigative bodies, including the Botswana Police Service and the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC).

He also stressed DPP’s commitment to prosecutorial independence, outlining the institution’s key specialised units such as International Cooperation Unit, the Sexual Offences Unit, Corruption Unit, and Asset Forfeiture Unit.

Regarding gender-based violence, he expressed concern that the scourge of sexual offences was too high.

Mr Ngakaagae emphasised on cases of defilement and rape among young people, adding that DPP would not condone withdrawal of such cases.

He urged Councillors and other district leaders to play a role in addressing such issues.

For their part, councillors engaged on a wide range of issues including case back logs, including dragging corruption investigations on high profile culprits, delays in prosecution, bail applications and protection of whistle blowers.

Kgatleng District Commissioner, Mr Innocent Maotwe called for implementation of electronic case management and introduction of digital courts, especially regarding giving evidence to save costs. **BOPA**

Govt weighs DIS grading structure review

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

Ministry for State President, Defence and Security is considering a review of the grading structure for senior leadership positions within the Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) as part of broader reforms aimed at improving accountability, professionalism and institutional effectiveness.

Responding to a question in Ntlo Ya Dikgosi recently, assistant minister, Ms Maipelo Mophuting-Dikoloti said the current Director-General and Deputy Director-General of the DIS were remunerated at salary scales F0 and F1, respectively.

She explained that the review and approval of salary scales and grading structures within the intelligence agency were governed by the Intelligence and Security Service Act of 2007.

Section 14 of the Act, she said, mandates the Director-General to prescribe a scheme of service covering salary scales, allowances,

designations, grades and career progression for officers and support staff.

Ms Mophuting-Dikoloti told the house that the government was continuously seeking ways to improve the operations of ministries and state institutions in line with the new administration’s vision of accountability, agility and effectiveness.

“The DIS has not been exempted from this,” she said, noting that as part of those efforts, the ministry intended to review the Directorate’s legislative and oversight mechanisms to strengthen system compliance, professionalism and institutional performance.

The assistant minister revealed that the ministry was considering reviewing the grading structure applicable to senior positions within the DIS to ensure it reflected the strategic responsibilities of senior leadership and aligned with international best practices in intelligence and security administration.

While no formal assessment



Assistant Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Ms Maipelo Mophuting-Dikoloti during Ntlo Ya Dikgosi briefing in Gaborone recently. She said the ministry was considering reviewing the grading structure applicable to senior positions within the Directorate of Intelligence and Security to ensure it reflected the strategic responsibilities of senior leadership and aligned with international best practices in intelligence and security administration. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

has yet been undertaken on the grading structure as proposed in the parliamentary question, Ms Mophuting-Dikoloti said the ministry was actively engaging the DIS leadership on reforms aimed at enhancing accountability and operational effectiveness.

She added that the government’s

objective was to build state institutions that were professional, responsive to the needs of the public and supportive of their employees.

Ms Mophuting-Dikoloti further noted that the Intelligence and Security Service Act of 2007 provides the legal framework

governing the organisational structure of the Directorate. Kgosi Khama IV of Ga-Mmangwato, had asked the minister to provide details on the structure, oversight and sustainability of senior management within the DIS.

Kgosi Khama IV sought information on the number of DIS officers occupying senior management positions at the E2 salary scale and above, as well as the government’s plans to review the agency’s organisational structure.

He asked the ministry to state how many DIS officers currently hold senior management positions from the E2 salary scale upwards.

He also requested information on whether any organisational review has been undertaken to assess the effectiveness and long-term sustainability of the Directorate’s current management structure.

In addition, Kgosi Khama IV asked what proportion of the DIS personnel budget was allocated to senior management positions, seeking clarity on the financial implications of the agency’s leadership structure.

He further wanted to know whether the ministry was considering any restructuring or conducting an organisational audit of the DIS as part of efforts to improve the institution’s performance and efficiency.

He also asked the minister to explain the oversight mechanisms that govern the creation and approval of senior positions within the intelligence agency. **BOPA**

Teachers welfare crucial for quality education

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Assistant Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Mr Justin Hunyepa, says improving teachers’ welfare is essential to achieving excellence in the education sector, warning that neglecting educators could lead to failure in the country’s education system.

Mr Hunyepa made the remarks in Molepolole on Saturday during a meeting organised for teachers by Molepolole North Constituency office, following concerns that were raised during their previous engagements with area Member of Parliament, Mr Arafat Khan.

However, the meeting was not

successful, as the targeted group failed to turn up. The invitation was honoured by teachers’ unions’ representative and officials from the regional education office.

Despite the poor turnout, Mr Hunyepa said he remained committed to engaging teachers and was prepared to return for another meeting at a more suitable time.

“I am ready to come back and engage with teachers. I am a teacher by profession and a trade unionist, and I want to discuss your rights because I have realised that many teachers are not fully aware of them,” he said.

Mr Hunyepa said teachers needed a better understanding of both domestic and international labour laws, including conventions of the

International Labour Organization (ILO).

He encouraged educators to familiarise themselves with labour legislation to better understand their rights and responsibilities.

Mr Hunyepa also commended teachers for their dedication despite challenging work environment and living conditions.

“We know that for years, your working and living conditions have been difficult. I wanted to address these concerns and appreciate the services you have rendered over the years,” he said.

Mr Hunyepa urged teachers to continue providing quality education while remaining informed about their rights and ensuring that they exercised them responsibly

and patriotically.

He acknowledged several challenges facing teachers, including limited opportunities for promotion, inadequate access to further studies, poor staff housing and deteriorating school infrastructure.

“We are aware of dilapidated staff houses, collapsing classroom ceilings, broken doors and windows, overflowing drains and the financial pressures many teachers face, yet we still expect them to deliver quality education,” he said.

Mr Hunyepa further noted that teachers also contended with behavioural problems among some learners, including alcohol and substance abuse, and said these issues required collective solutions.

He encouraged teachers to attend the next meeting so that they could openly discuss their concerns and contribute ideas for improving the education sector.

For his part, Mr Khan attributed the poor attendance of the meeting to scheduling it on a weekend and said consultations would be undertaken with teachers’ unions, the District Commissioner’s office and other stakeholders to identify a more suitable date.

“We wanted teachers to meet Mr Hunyepa because during our consultations, many specifically requested an opportunity to engage with him face-to-face, believing that he understands their challenges better than anyone else,” he said. **BOPA**

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The 5 Thebe coin: Does it still hold value

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

Would picking up a 5 Thebe (5¢) coin do your pocket any good?

Once an essential part of daily transactions for decades that it could even make up the exact amount of an item at times, today the coin holds a different meaning.

In an era of rising prices, digital payments and changing consumer habits, it begs the question whether Botswana's smallest circulating coin still serves a meaningful purpose and worth the fight after a purchase if not returned.

Some argue that it should be discontinued as it serves no practical economic relevance.

"There was a time when a few thebe could contribute meaningfully towards the purchase of basic goods," explained Mr Louis Sibanda, an Economist by profession, .

"Today, however, it is difficult to find any item that can be purchased using a 5 thebe coin alone."

The decline of the purchasing power of the 5¢ mirrors the fate of the 1¢ and 2¢, which were eventually withdrawn from circulation after becoming increasingly impractical for everyday use.

By the early



Mr Louis Sibanda

1990s, businesses found little use for the 1¢ coin, leading to its removal from circulation. The 2¢ coin followed a similar path and was demonetised in 1998.

Despite its limited purchasing power, Mr Sibanda explains that 5¢ continues to play a role in pricing and change making.

"Businesses often use prices ending in 5 thebe increments, and the coin helps ensure exact settlement of transactions, particularly in cash-based environments," he said.

He notes that economists who favour retaining the coin argue that it supports precise pricing, reduces rounding errors, and preserves confidence in the completeness of the currency system.

Mr Sibanda also says the 5¢ coin can benefit consumers by preventing businesses from consistently rounding prices upward.

"In theory, this promotes fairness because neither the buyer nor the seller gain or lose due to rounding," he said.

On businesses at times not giving customers their 5¢ change, Mr Sibanda explains that unreturned change can undermine trust in the fairness of transactions, and it may weaken the effectiveness of listed prices if consumers cannot reliably receive the exact change they are owed.

However, with the growing adoption of digital payments and the initiative of loyalty and savings cards by some retailers, the future of 5¢ and even the 10¢ still hangs in the balance.

Mr Sibanda notes that while low denomination coins allow businesses to price goods more precisely among other benefits, the decision policymakers ought to consider should depend on whether the economic benefits outweigh the costs associated with producing and distributing them.

However, he acknowledges that

Botswana remains a mixed economy in which cash is still important for many citizens and small businesses.

"For that reason, the 5 thebe coin is unlikely to disappear immediately. However, if inflation persists and digital transactions become more dominant, the eventual withdrawal of the 5 thebe coin will not be surprising," he said.

In many retail outlets, customers are not always given their 5¢ change often due to coin shortages.

BOPA then set out to talk to regular customers who candidly shared their thoughts on the matter.

One fourth year finance student from the University of Botswana, who wished to remain anonymous, shares that he has curated a witty tactic which has been in motion for some time.

Divulging its layout, he says that whenever a cashier fails to return his 5¢, he makes an agreement with the personnel to either return it to him the next

time he comes around or to let him make a purchase in the case he is short 5 thebe.

"I get the cashier's name and I hold them to their word. So far it has worked for me. I believe 5 thebe is still valuable and that the fairness of transactions needs to be upheld."

Some argue on the contrary. One of them, a beautician by

The 5 Thebe coin continues to support precise pricing and exact settlement of cash transactions, but its eventual withdrawal will not be surprising if inflation persisted and digital transactions became more dominant.

profession, who also wished for anonymity, said that she normally did not make a fuss over an unreturned 5¢.

"It is not a big deal for me usually. I am of the opinion that retailers need to do the needful and return our five thebes. However, I mostly just let it go easily."

While the loss may appear insignificant on an individual transaction, the cumulative effect can become substantial over thousands of purchases.

It is clear that when consumers do not receive the exact change they are owed, it effectively transfers small amounts of value from consumers to businesses.

A former retail store cashier who has worked in two stores, affirms this.

Opting for anonymity also, she shared that whenever they accumulated excess cash from retained 5 thebes, the excess money is transferred to the business.

She described the practice as unfair, as they never get a share of the small change. Perhaps so, as on the other hand, one former cashier explains that in the event they fell short of the right amount of money, the retail store demands it back mercilessly. **BOPA**



As the cost of living rises and digital payments become more common, questions continue to be raised about whether the 5 Thebe coin still has practical value in everyday transactions. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

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Tona wa lefatshe le temo-thuo, Dr Edwin Dikoloti o akgotse morafe go tsibogela kago ya terata e e laolang metsamao ya leruo kwa Tsoaneng bosheng. A re o nameditswe ke go tsiboga ga setshaba go thusa go aga terata eo.

Morafe o tsibogela kago ya terata

Aobakwe Molefhi
TSOANENG

Tona wa temo-thuo Dr Edwin Dikoloti o akgotse morafe go tsibogela kago ya terata e e laolang metsamao ya leruo.

Mo potsolotsong bosheng kwa Tsoaneng kwa terata eo e fetang teng, Dr Dikoloti a re o nameditswe kego tsiboga ga setshaba go thusa go aga terata eo.

O supile fa morafe ka bontsi o supile mowa wa boipelego segolo jang ba metse e e mabapi e terata eo e yang go feta ka metse ya bone.

“Se se intumedisang le go feta ke gore Batswana ba dikgaolo tse dingwe jaaka kwa bo Ghanzi le kgaolo ya legare, le bone baa letsa ba botsa gore ba ka thusa jang gore kago ya terata e nne bofefo”.

A re go ithaopa go tsenya letsogo moo ga bone, go tlaa kgontsha ba lephata la matlhoko a leruo go fetsa terata eo ka bofefo bolwetsi bo ise bo fetele kwa pele.

Tona o tthalositse fa gape dikgosi, makhanselara ba dirile tiro e ntle ya go rotloetsa merafe ya bone go tsibogela kago ya terata eo, e e simolodisitsweng semmuso Seetebosigo a le masome mabedi.

“Re thusitswe ke dikhamphani

le batho ka go farologana ka didirisiwa, dijo le diterekere gore re kgone go fetsa terata mo nakong e khutshwane,” ga bua Dr Dikoloti.

Dr Dikoloti o tthalositse gore ntwaga katlhanong le bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo e tswetsetse, a bolela fa dikgomo di tswetsetse ka go kentiwa mme a supa fa kwa mafelong a mangwe dikgomo di setse di simolotse go tsaa mokento wa boraro.

Mo puisanong eo, tona o kopile barui le Batswana ka kakaretso gore ba ise dikgomo kwa megotlheng fa go kentiwa.

A re fa dikgomo di sa isiwe go kentiwa, go lwantsha bolwetsi jo go tsile go nna dingalo ka gore tse di sa kentiwang go nna motlhofo gore di tsenwe ke bolwetsi.

O supile fa a na le tsholofelo gore e tlaare kgwedi ya Phukwi terata e bo e fedile mme go tsweng foo, go tlaa lebelelwa seemo gore ago ka seke go fokodiwe melawana ya kiletso ya go gweba ka nama.

Terata e, e sekgala sa 350kms e simolola kwa Ramotswa kwa masimong a Sakutswane, e feta ka dikgaolo tsa ga Ngwaketse, motse wa Sekhutlane le dipolase tsa Banyana a bo e ya go wela kwa Werda. **BOPA**

Ba fetotse noka go nna matlhabelo

Keetile Bontsibokae
METSIMOTLHABE

Le fa puso e mekamekane le go lwantsha tlhako le molomo, Batswana bangwe ba busetsa maiteko ao kwa morago, ka ba tswetsetse ka go tlhaba dikgomo le dipodi ka bokukuntshwane.

Bosheng, banni ba Metsimotlhabe ba ngongoregile ka bangwe ba ba fetotseng noka ya bone go nna matlhabelo.

Sengwe se se tshwenyang ke barui bangwe ba ba tshwarwang ba tlabile leruo ka bokukuntshwane le fa seo se ilelitswe go thibela kanamo ya bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo.

Ba buile se kwa phuthengong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke Mopalamente wa Mmopane/ Metsimotlhabe, Mme Helen Manyeneng.

Barui ba re ba kopa puso go fa makgotla a Setswana thata ya go sekisa dikgetse tsa leruo go tla tiego e e

itemogelwang kwa lekgotleng la ga mmakaseterata.

Bangwe ba re babelaelwa ba bogodu jwa leruo ba gagamadiwe diphogwana ka dikatholo tse di tsamaelanang le tsa magodu a diphologolo tsa naga.

Mme Manyeneng a re a tona wa lephata molao le tlabololo magolegwa, Rre Nelson Ramaotwana o buile gore ba mo tshekatshekong ya gore dikatholo tsa borukuthi jo bo amang leruo di gagamadiwe.

Mme Manyeneng o ile gape a ama kang ya gore kakanyo ke gore ditsheko tsa bogodu jwa leruo di sekwe fela kwa makgotleng a Setswana.

A re sengwe sa tse di akantsweng ke go tsholetsa seelo sa makgotla a Setswana gore a kgone go seka dikgang tsa madi a a kwa godingwana.

Mme Manyeneng o tswetsetse a re go botlhokwa go nonotsha makgotla a Setswana ka go rutuntsha Dikgosi gore ba dire tiro ka botlalo, a tlatsa ka gore go botlhokwa gore Dikgosi di bereke le baitsenape ba molao.

“Go raya gore jaanong Kgosi le ene a bo a tlathelelwa kitso ka gore fa bogodu ele jwa maemo a kwa godimo matlhale le one ke a tseneletseng. Jaanong tse tsotlhe di a go batla madi gore ba rutintshiwe a bo a batlelwa boramolao,” ga bua Mme

Manyeneng.

E rile a tsibogela mafoko a banni, Mogolwane wa ofisi ya matlhoko a leruo wa kgaolo ya Mogoditshane/Thamaga, Rre Diphetogo Mosalagae o ne a iteela kobo moroko mafoko a morafe a gore leruo la bone le tswetsetse ka go utswiwa le mo nakong eno e go santse go emisitswe go tlabiwa ga leruo ka ntlha ya go tlaboga ga bolwetsi jwa tlhako le molomo.

“Mo kgaolong ya Metsimotlhabe re tshwenngwa ke kang ya bogodu jwa leruo. Batho ba utswa dipodi ba bo ba di isa kwa kgaolong ya Kakuto le Mmopane. Ba bangwe ba a di utswa ba bo ba di tlhaba.” Rre Mosalagae a tthalosa.

Rre Mosalagae a re gangwe le gape ba tshwara magodu le bangwe barui ba tlabetse leruo mo molapong wa noka ya Metsimotlhabe.

A re ba ba tlabang leruo ka bokukuntshwane ba atlholwa madi a sa feteng P5 000.

“Fa o tlodile ditsetlana tse tsotlhe tse di beilweng, re kgona go go atlhola dingwaga tse di sa feteng botlhano mo kgolegelong le tuelo ya madi a sa feteng P5,000,” ga tthalosa Rre Mosalagae.

A re mo godimong ga katholo ya madi kgotsa kgolegelo, ya mosimane ke e nkgwe, ka jalo bangwe ba bone ba isiwa kwa Kgosing go pegiwa mabele a kgomo kana a pudi.

Rre Mosalagae o kopile morafe go tswelela ba tshwaraganye le puso go lwantsha bolwetsi jwa tlhako le molomo.

“Re ka kgona fela fa le re eme nokeng, re tshwaraganela thulaganyo e,” Rre Mosalagae a tthalosa. **BOPA**



Banni ba Metsimotlhabe kwa phuthengong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke Mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Mmopane/Metsimotlhabe, Mme Helen Manyeneng bosheng. Ba kopile puso go gagamaletsa magodu a leruo dikatholo gore di tsamaelane le tsa bogodu jwa diphologolo tsa naga. Senepe: Ofisi ya Mopalamente



Botswana Telecomm

ABRIDGED AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS

The Board and Management of Botswana Telecommunications Corporation Limited ('BTC') are pleased to present

Revenue	EBITDA	Profit before tax	Earnings per Share (EPS)
▼ -1.6% to P1.47 billion	▼ -24% to P343 million	▼ -45% to P146 million	▼ -45.2% to 10.79 thebe

COMMENTARY

Financial Highlights for the year ended 31 March 2026

- Revenue: decreased by 1.6% to P1.470 billion (FY2025: P1.493 billion)
- EBITDA: Decreased by 24% to P343 million (FY 2025: P449 million restated)
- Profit Before Tax: declined by 45.0% to P146 million (FY2025: P267 million restated)
- Earnings Per Share (EPS): decreased by 45.2% to 10.79 thebe (FY2025: 19.69 thebe restated)

REVIEW OF RESULTS

The Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2026 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 23 June 2026.

Performance Overview

BTC delivered revenues of P1.470 billion representing a 1.6% decline compared to prior year. Whilst revenues reduced slightly, Profit Before Tax (PBT) of P146 million represented a 45% year-on-year decline. The prevailing economic environment in Botswana continued to influence consumer spending patterns and business activity, affecting demand across traditional telecommunications services. The business experienced declines in fixed and mobile voice services which was only marginally offset by growth in mobile money and digital services revenue streams. Profitability was further impacted by a combination of higher operating costs and sustained pricing pressure in the enterprise market.

In line with the Company's strategy to accelerate investment in digital services and enhance network performance, cost of services and goods sold increased by 13%, mainly due to additional spectrum costs and increased expenses associated with the growth of mobile financial services. These investments are critical in ensuring that BTC offers a competitive product geared towards an improved customer experience and a customer value proposition consistent with our market share acquisition ambitions.

Domestic Economy

Botswana's economy remained challenging during the 2025/26 financial year, with GDP contracting by 0.7%, although this was an improvement from the 2.8% decline in 2024. The continued weakness in the global diamond market remained the primary driver of the slowdown, with the diamond sector contracting by 14.1%, negatively impacting export earnings, government revenues and economic activity.

The effects of the slowdown extended beyond mining, with the non - diamond private sector growing by only 2.0% down from 4.4% in 2024, reflecting weaker business activity and consumer demand. Many businesses including BTC have reported increasingly challenging economic conditions , with limited growth and rising costs.

Looking ahead, whilst economic growth is expected to recover gradually, with GDP projected to grow between 3% and 5%, significant uncertainty remains due to global trade relations, supply chain disruptions, geopolitical tensions and policy uncertainty. Local recovery is expected to be supported by improving conditions in the diamond sector and continued diversification of the economy

In the short term, BTC still expects the consumer to be constrained with potential recovery only to be seen in the latter part of the year. BTC will therefore complete operationalisation of investments in networks and digital services to grow market share and participate more deeply in the further digitisation of Botswana's economy. BTC will increasingly position itself for the consumer recovery as an innovative market player to lead the digital transformation drive. Key strategic highlights to be realised as a product of this investment include:

Outlook

- The relaunch of our mobile brand through compelling brand promises including unrivalled unlimited data propositions as well as a much larger and faster data network across the country including 5G technologies
- The digitisation of our customer journeys allowing Batswana to subscribe from their home and select their mobile number of choice
- The launch of prepaid fiber broadband offers to cater for more flexibility in consumer spend
- The introduction of voice calling in HD quality through Voice over LTE without incremental charges

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 March 2026	Mar 2026 P '000	Restated* Mar 2025 P '000
Revenue from contracts with customers	1,469,605	1,492,760
Cost of services and goods sold*	(673,665)	(595,429)
Gross profit	795,940	897,331
Interest income	70,030	60,422
Interest expense	(13,777)	(14,938)
Other income	43,106	38,708
Selling and distribution costs	(31,451)	(23,489)
Administrative expenses	(395,532)	(387,825)
Impairment loss on financial assets and contract assets	(17,547)	(24,973)
Other expenses	(304,598)	(278,631)
Profit before tax	146,171	266,605
Income tax expense	(32,830)	(59,886)
Profit for the year	113,341	206,719
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	113,341	206,719
Basic and diluted earnings per share (Thebe):	10.79	19.69

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 March 2026	Mar 2026 P '000	Restated* Mar 2025 P '000	Restated* Mar 2024 P '000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment*	1,476,112	1,152,065	1,005,529
Intangible assets	234,703	151,934	170,006
Right of use assets	129,631	136,938	140,412
Performance bond	16,650	16,650	-
IRU asset	267,469	305,678	343,887
Contract assets	44,847	49,212	45,830
	2,169,412	1,812,477	1,705,664
Current assets			
Inventories	51,668	50,128	58,390
Trade and other receivables	381,387	380,766	230,830
Contract assets	51,828	43,920	37,851
Income tax receivable	15,138	-	897
Short term investments	28,293	56,411	107,803
Cash and cash equivalents	243,912	442,360	625,344
	772,226	973,585	1,061,115
Assets held for sale*	4,929	9,428	12,664
Total assets	2,946,567	2,795,490	2,779,443
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
Stated capital	478,892	478,892	478,892
Accumulated profits*	1,487,021	1,541,470	1,618,251
	1,965,913	2,020,362	2,097,143
Non-current liabilities			
Development grants	35,021	26,910	27,108
Lease liabilities	134,201	146,084	148,391
IRU liability	32,518	47,278	61,112
Contract liabilities	2,021	2,897	5,461
Deferred tax liability*	115,065	91,328	31,970
Employee related provisions	2,336	3,776	5,307
	321,162	318,273	279,349
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	600,964	383,007	324,665
Contract liabilities	2,010	2,879	8,718
Lease liabilities	21,851	15,898	15,810
IRU liability	14,760	13,834	12,965
Current portion of development grants	2,557	7,567	1,471
Current portion of employee related provisions	17,350	33,670	39,322
	659,492	456,855	402,951
Total liabilities	980,654	775,128	682,300
Total equity and liabilities	2,946,567	2,795,490	2,779,443

Telecommunications Corporation Limited

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

In accordance with the Companies Act, 1997, we present to shareholders the Audited Financial performance of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2026.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 March 2026	Mar 2026 P '000	Mar 2025 P '000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	328,039	437,018
Working capital adjustments:		
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(5,847)	5,471
Increase in trade and other receivables, contract assets and prepayments	(25,731)	(184,671)
Decrease in employee related provisions	(17,760)	-
Increase in trade and other payables and contract liabilities	79,291	32,259
Cash generated from operations	357,992	290,077
Ordinary dividend paid to shareholders	(172,505)	(269,787)
Income tax (paid) received	(24,231)	1,169
Net cash from operating activities	161,256	21,459
CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Investment to expand operations:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(337,571)	(277,765)
Purchase of intangible assets	(118,475)	(17,830)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment and assets held for sale	37,654	37,663
Interest income received	73,444	60,821
Purchase of investments	(569,218)	(306,262)
Disposal of investments	597,336	357,654
Purchase of performance bond	-	(16,650)
Net cash generated used in investing activities	(316,830)	(162,369)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Grants received	4,884	7,591
Interest paid on lease liabilities and IRU liability	(13,885)	(15,030)
Principal payment of lease liabilities	(23,194)	(21,044)
Principal payment of IRU liability	(13,834)	(12,965)
Net cash from financing activities	(46,029)	(41,448)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(201,603)	(182,358)
Net foreign exchange difference on cash and cash equivalents	3,155	(626)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	442,360	625,344
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	243,912	442,360

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 March 2026	Stated Capital P '000	Revaluation Reserve P '000	Accumulated Profits P '000	Total P '000
Balance at 1 April 2024	478,892	393,713	1,614,745	2,487,350
Impact of change in accounting policy*	-	(393,713)	3,506	(390,207)
Restated balance at 1 April 2024	478,892	-	1,618,251	2,097,143
Profit for the year	-	-	206,719	206,719
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	-	206,719	206,719
Ordinary dividend declared	-	-	(283,500)	(283,500)
Balance at 31 March 2025	478,892	-	1,541,470	2,020,362
Profit for the year	-	-	113,341	113,342
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	-	113,341	113,342
Ordinary dividend declared	-	-	(167,790)	(167,790)
Balance at 31 March 2026	478,892	-	1,487,021	1,965,913

*Restatement of prior year results

Previously the Company carried land and buildings at a revalued amount which is the revalued amount on the date of the revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation less any subsequent accumulated impairment losses. In the current financial year, the Board resolved to change this policy such that all land and buildings will be stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and subsequent impairment loss, where applicable.

The cost model provides a more stable and predictable measure of asset value aligning better with long term usage. Moving to the cost model stabilises the accounting treatment, avoids accounting mismatches, and enhances the accuracy with which all non-financial assets are assessed for impairment as one cash generating unit per IAS 36.

Outlook (Continued)

- The launch of travel eSIMs allowing customers to use their SIM cards across the globe on preferential roaming rates.

BTC remains committed to keeping Botswana connected while driving value for shareholders and delivering essential digital infrastructure for the future.

Presentation of Financial Statements

The audited financial statements are presented in Botswana Pula (BWP), the Company's functional currency.

Basis of Preparation and Accounting Policies

The audited financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis. The accounting policies adopted for the period comply in all material respects with IFRS ® Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standard Board (IASB). IFRIC® interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Standards Interpretations Committee and in the manner required by the Companies Act of Botswana (CAP 42:01). These policies are consistent with those applied for the year ended 31 March 2025, except for the change in the accounting policy for land and buildings from revaluation to cost model.

Dividends Declaration

The BTC Board has declared a final dividend of 1.12 thebe per share for the year ended 31 March 2026. In accordance with the Botswana Income Tax Act (Cap 52:01) as amended, withholding tax at the rate of 10% or any other currently enacted tax rate will be deducted from the gross dividend.

Important dates pertaining to this dividend are:

Declaration date – 23 June 2026
Ex-dividend date – 22 July 2026
Last date to register – 24 July 2026
Dividend payment date – 5 August 2026

Auditor's report

The auditor, Deloitte & Touche, has issued its unmodified opinion on the company's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026. These are available for inspection at the registered office of Botswana Telecommunications Corporation. This publication has been extracted from those financial statements. This abridged financial information and any reference to future financial performance has however not been audited by the auditors. The auditor's unmodified opinion on the annual financial statements was issued on 25 June 2026.

By Order of The Board

Thato Kewakae

Chairperson (Interim)

Jürgen Peschel

Chief Executive Officer

Board of Directors

Itemogeng B. Pheto, Mcedisi R. Solomon, Kgotsa Bannalotha

Company Secretary

Sidney Mganga

Company Number

BW00000748937

Transfer Secretaries

Central Securities Depository Company of Botswana

Plot 70667, Fairscape Precinct. 4th Floor, Fairgrounds, Gaborone

Private Bag 00417, Gaborone

Contact Details:

3674400/ 09/11/12

Contact Person: Nonofa Phalatse or Ambrosia Khupe

Auditor

Deloitte & Touche

2nd Floor, Twin Towers, East Building

Plot 2883, Fairgrounds Office Park

P O Box 778 Gaborone, Botswana

Registered Office

Megaleng House

Plot 50350, Khama Crescent

P.O. Box 700 Gaborone, Botswana

Classified Ads

PROPERTIES | VACANCIES | BUSINESS | FARM WORKERS | SERVICES | MISCELLANEOUS

AUTOMOTIVE

TOYOTA HAICE B842AVJ Nalwoga Maimuna Ismail HONDAFIT B901BIA FURANIYA Ratidzo contact Sanitrans Investments Pty Ltd 71712306 72218282

ACCOMMODATION

HOUSE AT PARTIAL rental. 4 beds for sharing, sitting room, dinning and kitchen wall fence and electrical fence. P5000.00 per month. Contact 72924911

FARM WORKER

FARM WORKERS WANTED - Morula. Box 355, Mopipi. Call 71212170. Closing date: 24/07/2026.

FARM WORKER WANTED in Takatokwane. Post CV to Box 313 Letlhakeng 72495670. Closing date : 24 July 26

FARM WORKER NEEDED Dikwididi, M Karabo Nkele 73705172, Box 65 Mmopane

URGENTLY NEEDED TWO farm workers (couple) at Naledi farms. Contacts: 71214021

URGENTLY NEEDED A herd boy at Mosadimogolo farms. Contact: 71702952

FARM WORKER WANTED at Otse. Contact 71723640/71725789

EXPERIENCED MIXED/ INTEGRATED farm worker needed. Apply – Mokwadi Tese, Box 806, Molepolole.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Corinth Pty Ltd, Box 460 Gaborone

TWO FARM WORKERS wanted Artesia LandS, Teko Malatsi plot 84 Artesia Box 37 Morwa (71413394)

FEMALE FARM WORKER wanted in Botlhapatlou for small stock. Contact Bob Morobe at 72660634

FARM WORKER WANTED at Nswazwi Village. Should be knowledgeable in horticulture. Contact person is John Hubona of Box 2374 Gaborone. Phone 72100811

FARM WORKERS WANTED -Morula. Box 355, Mopipi. Call 71212170. Closing date: 24/07/2026.

2 FARM WORKERS wanted Phatana Nicolas Mbikiwa Box 10849 Gaborone 72100868

FARMWORKER WANTED CHAMUNOPA Gombalume Box 006 Siviya 77748561

FARMWORKER WANTED AT Tsutsuga Cycle Farms along Francistown Orapa road Box 993 Orapa Meshack Majumane 71389281

ONE FARM WORKER wanted Jackalas 1 Box 113 Ramokgwebana Elisa Tshwanelo 71708043

FARM WORKER WANTED at Seriba Judith N. Gaasite P/Bag F422 Francistown Cell: 73201146

MALE FARM WORKER wanted in Matenge above 40 years 3 years’ experience contact Dream Factory Foundation Botswana 75498075 P O Box 10610 Tatitown.

ONE FARMWORKER WANTED at Maitengwe Esther Miziyonke Box 10119 Tatitown 74378368

2 HERDBOYS WANTED at Molepolole and Marobela Major General Oitsile Box 1471 Mogoditshane 71300034

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Mmakanke Box 46491 Gaborone 72960018

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 7034, Mmaratanang – Tlokweng would like to inform neighbor about erection of boundary wall. Objections to be forwarded to Tlokweng District Council. Telephone : 3928200

I NTUKA MATSWEDI want to inform all public about change of use ploughing field to mix use at Gakuto/ Galekgaswane. Any objection contact Molepolole physical planning office within 14 working days after publication.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

Masters Reference: ESHFT-000357-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Godisamang Machangana** ESHFT-000357-25 who died at Nyangabgwe referral Hospital Francistown District, Botswana on the 26/12/2020

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 01ST DAY OF JUNE 2026

Mothusi Dichabe	Executor Dative	AND TO:	Master of the High Court
P O Box 11445	TATI TOWN		Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN
CONTACT: 78 441 851 / 72 605 413			

LIQUIDATOR’S NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS OF UNA GROWTH PROJECTS (PTY) LTD – IN PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATION

MASTER’S REFERENCE – LQHGB – 000006 - 23

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the direction of the Master of the High Court in terms of the Winding-Up Rules of the Companies Act, section 382(1) of the Companies Act 42:01, the First Meeting of Creditors of the above-named company will be convened physically before the Master of the High Court, Gaborone at 09:00 hours on the 27th of August 2026 for the following purposes:

- Proof of claims–
- Consideration of Provisional Liquidator’s Report
- Remuneration of the Provisional Liquidator
- Appointment of Liquidator
- To consider and pass resolutions if deemed fit

By the Provisional Liquidator,
Jethro Kamutsi
Prestige Business Consultants (Pty) Ltd
Setlhoa Village, Unit 6, Setlhoa Office Park
PO Box 602430
Gaborone



Cheetah Conservation Botswana is inviting applicants for the position of **Farm Worker** at a 16-ha property in Ghanzi.

Minimum 5 years’ experience in farm work, including arable and livestock. Experience preferred in basic building maintenance, solar power systems, borehole and fence maintenance. Must have reliable track record through previous positions.

Applications: Email CV and cover letter to pseele@cheetahconservationbotswana.org. Or mail to: Cheetah Conservation Botswana, Box 300, Ghanzi. Physical Address: Plot 272-274, Grasspan Farm, Ghanzi. Tel: 6511596.

Closing date: 17 July 2026.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

Masters Reference: ESHFT 00000275-22 AND 0000473-24

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Mudongo Kgetsi** - ESHFT 00000275-22 who died at Mbaya Ward Nshakazhogwe, CENTRAL TUTUME DISTRICT on the 26th day of **SEPTEMBER 2022** and **Ndibapi Mudongo** - ESHFT-000473-2024 who died along A1 Road, Mahalapye, CENTRAL MAHALAPYE DISTRICT REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA on the 3rd day of **AUGUST 2024**. NOTICE IS HEREBY First and Final Liquidation Account in the above Estate **will lie open** for inspection at the chambers of the Assistant Registrar and Master of the High Court Francistown for **period of twenty-one days** from the date of the second publications hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 3rd day of JUNE 2026.

Benson Unaswi Modongo	Executor Dative	AND TO:	Master of the High Court
P O Box 301364	Francistown		Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN

PROVISIONAL JUDICIAL MANAGER’S NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS OF BABONENG FILM PRODUCTION & amp; ENTERTAINMENT (PTY) LTD – UNDER JUDICIAL MANAGEMENT

Master’s Reference – JMHGB – 000007/24

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the direction of the Master of the High Court in terms of the Winding-Up Rules of the Companies Act, Chapter 42:01, the First Meeting of Creditors of the above-named company that was scheduled for the **18 th of June 2026** was postponed and will be convened physically before the Master of the High Court, Gaborone at 10:30 hours on the 28 th July 2026 for the following purposes:

- Proof of claims
- Consideration of the Provisional Judicial Manager’s Report
- Appointment of Judicial Manager
- To consider and pass resolutions if deemed fit

Claims should be filed with the Master and copies with the Provisional Judicial Manager at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting.

By the Provisional Judicial Manager,
Jethro Kamutsi
Prestige Business Consultants,
Setlhoa Office Park, Unit 6,
PO Box 602430
Gaborone

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

ESHFT-000163-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MPHA NTULUKI** -ESHFT-000163-25 who died at Central Tutume District on **21 September 2011**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 29th DAY OF MAY 2026

CYNTHIA SUMBIKANI	AND TO: Master of High Court
EXECUTOR DATIVE	Private Bag F13
P O BOX 15, MAITENGWE	FRANCISTOWN

THE HIGH COURT OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

ESHFT000121/22

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BOIKAEGO BOTOTENG**- ESHFT000121/22 who died at **Central-Boteti District** on the **24 March 2022**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 1st DAY OF JUNE 2026

Gofamodimo Mmanie Majo	Executor Dative	AND TO: Master of High Court
P.O Box 889,	LETLHAKANE	Private Bag F13
Cell Number: 76 702 777		FRANCISTOWN

PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR’S NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS OF LOOKSHARP TIKOLOGO ENVIRONMENT (PTY) LTD – UNDER PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATION

Master’s Reference – LQHGB – 000008 - 25

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the direction of the Master of the High Court in terms of the Winding-Up Rules of the Companies Act, Chapter 42:01, the First Meeting of Creditors of the above-named company will be convened physically before the Master of the High Court, Gaborone at 09:00 hours on the 6th of August 2026 for the following purposes:

- Proof of claims
- Consideration of the Provisional Liquidator’s Report
- Consideration of the remuneration of the Provisional Liquidator
- Appointment of Liquidator
- To consider and pass resolutions if deemed fit

Claims should be filed with the Master and copies with the Provisional Liquidator at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting.

By the Provisional Liquidator, Alec Muza, AT Muza Attorneys, Plot 22964,Phase 4, Gaborone, PO Box 45075 Fairgrounds, Gaborone, alecc@atmuza.com

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a Certified Copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. **424/93** dated **27th May 1993** made in favour of **SHADRACK MPOLOKA** in respect of the following property;

CERTAIN:	piece of land being Lot 19633, Gaborone;
SITUATE:	in Gaborone West Extension 12;
MEASURING:	450m² (Four Hundred and Fifty Square Metres);
HELD UNDER:	Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 424/93 dated 27th May 1993 made in favour of SHADRACK MPOLOKA .

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

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 24TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

Shadrack Mpoloka, Applicant, P. O. Box 50282, Gaborone

VACANCY ONE (1) X PHYSIOTHERAPIST WANTED

at ENERGISE PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC, Plot 4921, The Village Complex, Gaborone.

Energise is seeking a motivated and compassionate Physiotherapist to join our dynamic, client-focused team.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assess, diagnose, and treat a wide range of musculoskeletal and neurological conditions
- Use a variety of techniques including manual therapy, exercise prescription, and education
- Keep accurate clinical records in line with professional standards
- Stay updated with the latest physiotherapy practices

ELIGIBILITY

- Diploma/ Degree in Physiotherapy
- Minimum two (2) years working experience.
- Candidate must be registered with Botswana Health Professions Council (BHPC)

APPLY NOW: Send your CV and a short cover letter to the Managing Director at P.O.Box 46277 Gaborone. **Email:** energisephysioclinic@gmail.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 25 July 2026

EXPERIENCED INSTRUMENTATION SPECIALIST wanted by Benson Craig Pty Ltd with knowledge in calibration maintenance, troubleshooting of industrial instrumentation. Apply to Box 66 ADD Gaborone.

VACANCIES

EVEREST IS LOOKING for Senior Technician to fill in a position in Francistown with vast experience with multiplex refrigeration system using VSD EEN and electronic controllers for chain stores and FMCG Box 47067 Phakalane Gaborone 3910319

KARO MOTORS LOCATED at plot 347 Unit 3 Mogoditshane is looking for two electric hybrid mechanics. Requirements are: motor vehicle fault finding and repair, power and manual steering systems. Closing date 02 December 2026. Call: +26772556074

Owner of Plot No. 514 Extension 4, Gaborone wishes to change land use from residential to commercial. For any objection or queries contact cellphone No. 72158822 or Gaborone city council Physical Planning office on Telephone No. 3657400 within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

CHANGE OF LAND USE NOTICE

Owner of the Residential plot no 9445 located at Letlapeng ward, Tlokweng intends to apply for change of land use from Multi Family Residential to Single family Residential. Those **who have objections** to the Proposal are **requested to forward them to Tlokweng District Council**, Physical Planning Office or call Telephone Nos 392 5242 **within 14 days** of publication of this notice

CHANGE OF LANDUSE

OWNER OF TRIBAL LOT NO. 12051 AT MOGODITSHANE WISHES TO CHANGE LANDUSE FROM MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO MIXED USE (MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL GUEST HOUSE) ON TRIBAL LOT 12051, MOGODITSHANE VILLAGE. CONTACT MOGODITSHANE-THAMAGA DISTRICT COUNCIL PHYSICAL PLANNING OFFICE FOR OBJECTIONS AT 3166670 OR 74287767 WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's reference: ESHGB 000761/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BLACKIE SEGAPO & MASEGO SEGAPO** who both died at Mmathubudukwane Clinic, Mmathubudukwane, Kgatleng District, Botswana on the **24th September 2022** and Matswere A Manong Fields, Otse, Central Mahalapye District, Botswana on the **29th January 2023** respectively.

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

Dated at on this Day of 2026.

The Executor James Segapo
P O Box 12 Lephepe
Cell: 72 245 612

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 **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
Gabofetane Morale	ESHFT-000520-26	08-09-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

Application for Lost Deed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we intend applying for a certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No ST206 /2021 dated 30th March, 2021 in respect of the following property;

CERTAIN: Unit consisting of Section No.1;
SITUATE: on Lot 75748 Gaborone (a portion of Lot 55720 Gaborone) in the Gaborone Administrative District.
MEASURING: 194m² (One Hundred Ninety-Four Square Metres)
HELD UNDER: Deed of Transfer No. ST 206/2021 dated 30th March, 2021, made in favour Jones Accounting Services (Proprietary) Limited.

All persons having objection to the issuance of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same, in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds for Botswana within three (3) weeks from the publication of this notice.

DATED at Gaborone on this 24th day of June, 2026.
LOKWALO ATTORNEYS, P.O Box 787 ABG, Sebele, GABORONE, Plot 28562, Unit F14, Fairground's mall, GABORONE.

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
PAUL MALIKONGWA & ALICE MALIKONWA	ESHFT-000417/26	11/08/26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19 TH DAY OF MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOTSHABI RANJO-ESHGB 000280-24** Who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 21st Day March 2024
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED at Gaborone on this 29th Day of July 2026

The Executor
Nami Ludo Ranjo
PO Box 50780 GABORONE
Cell;72408823/72619418

APEX DIAMOND PARK is looking for a qualified GRADER SUPERVISOR - DIAMOND VALUER.

Requirements:

- BGCSE or equivalent.
- Minimum 8 years’ experience in rough diamond valuation.
- Knowledge of diamond grading and sales.
- Good supervisory skills.

Submit an application letter, CV, and certified qualifications to jobs@apexhub.c

Closing Date: 17 July 2026.

NOTICE FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed **NO: TL 569/2018** dated **26th day of June 2018** made in favour of **Green Generation Group (Proprietary) Limited** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 31390
SITUATE: Mogoditshane
MEASURING: 3246m2, Three Two Four Six square metres
HELD under: TL 569/2018

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 of the last publication of this notice hereof.

DATED AT ON THIS.....DAY OF.....20.....
APPLICANT

NOTICE FOR CERTIFIED COPY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed **NO: TL 570/2018** dated **26th day of June 2018** made in favour of **Green Generation Group (Proprietary) Limited** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 31389
SITUATE: Mogoditshane
MEASURING: 3535m², Three Five Three Five square metres
HELD under: TL 570/2018

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 of the last publication of this notice hereof.

DATED AT ON THIS.....DAY OF.....20.....

APPLICANT

Bidding Announcement

DETAILS

Principal	Huaye Botswana Mining Proprietary Limited
RFP Reference Number	BOT-OP-SUPP-PROC-TENDER-202606-002
RFP Title	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
Procurement Content	Contact the Principal's representative via Email for RFP Acquire
Principle Contact Information	Tong Qiao, procurement engineer - Supply Chain Dept. Email Address: supplychain@huayebw.com And qiaotong@huayebw.com
RFP Document Acquire Time	08 JULY 2026

VACANCY | OPERATIONS MANAGER

Extreme Electrix (Pty) Ltd is looking for an **Operations Manager** with 20 years’ experience who will be managing all the operations of electrical reticulation projects throughout the country.

Responsibilities

- Ensuring that the company is operating efficiently and cost effectively.
- Carrying out extensive marketing and tendering promoting company growth.
- Studying technical drawings, specifications of electrical systems and topographical maps to ensure installation and operations conform to standards and customer requirements.
- Developing and managing departmental tactical plans.
- Liaising with Botswana Power Corporation and consultants

Qualifications

- Diploma in Electrical Power and Electronic engineering
- High Voltage Switching and 66000Volts power line construction experience
- 20 years experience in electrical, mining and construction industry

Applications and full detailed CVs with traceable references should be addressed to;

The Managing Director | Extreme Electrix (Pty) Ltd
P. O Box 409, Selebi Phikwe

Tel No: 291 0036 | **Tele Fax:** 291 0036 | **Cell No:** 75 785 440

Or Email to; Alphaluka19@gmail.com



Cheetah Conservation Botswana is a registered charity committed to wildlife conservation. We are inviting applications for the position of **Technical Field Conservation Advisor**, based in Ghanzi and surrounding communities.

Suitable candidates need to have a sound understanding of conservation related technical issues, demonstrated experience in CBNRM, livelihood development, capacity building, training and a proven ability to think innovatively to develop relevant conservation approaches.

Academic Requirements: PhD in environmental conservation, community development, or a related field. Minimum 15-20 years relevant experience in working with communities to support human wildlife coexistence, sustainable resource utilisation, livelihood development and related disciplines.

Skills and Experience Required: project management, strategic planning, social science & integrated research, community engagement and development, resource management, stakeholder engagement, livelihood development (including ecotourism), financial management, human resource management, international fundraising, proposal writing. Clean driver's license essential.

Application Process: Email a detailed CV and cover letter to: **dthamage@cheetahconservationbotswana.org**. Or mail to: Cheetah Conservation Botswana, Box 300, Ghanzi. Physical Address: Plot 272-274, Grasspan Farm, Ghanzi. Tel: 6511596. **Closing date:** 17 July 2026.

NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE TRIBAL LAND TO NON-CITIZEN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **THIS NOTICE IS ISSUED** in terms of the Tribal Land Act of 2018, section 34, subsection (1) a-b) in respect of the following property.

CERTAIN: piece of land being Tribal Grant NO 825-KP
SITUATE: In the Malotwana Kgatleng District
MEASURING: 7.097 sqm
HELD UNDER: Tribal Land Customary Grant

The proposed transaction is between **MOEPYA MODIKWA** and **BENGAL MULTITRADING COMPANY PROPRIETY LIMITED** for the sum of **P360 000.00 (Three Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pula Only)**. This is in subject to other condition and terms as available for inspection and consideration of the plot.

By Virtue of this notice, any citizen of Botswana interested in entering a similar offer in respect of the above property must give their submission to the Mochudi Sub/Landboard within 30 (Thirty) days from the date of this notice.

MOEPYA MODIKWA
Cell: (+267) 71 606 989

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000178/21

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **BENJAMIN DESMOND KELEBENG** who died at **Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone**, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **21st Day of April 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 _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026

EXECUTOR | Theriso Brian Kelebeng
PO Box 501393, GABORONE | CELL: 73 489 090 / 75 795 177

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Abandoned funds

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Mrs Galeboutwe Balolo
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Mrs Baboki Badzali
Mr Evans Simpasa
Miss Modi Tom
Mrs Estralita Bernadette Zerf
Mr Bethuel Lesupang
Mr Thabo Shabane
Miss Elisa Mashaba
Mr Christopher Kereng
Mr Kabelo Gaontshetse
Mr Mbuso Vavani
Lerothodi Fashions
Mr Alberto Deleo
Mrs Maonana Mokoni
Mr Titose Matshameko
Mr Ngande Retiyo
Mrs Betty Maburutse
Miss Florah Bantsi Makgweng
Mokganedi Koobonye General Dealer
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Mr Tlhabologo Ralebante
Mr Gopolang Mogopa Mogotsi
Mr Gaositege States Chakalisa
Mega Force Enterprises
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Cabucos (Proprietary)Limited
Sem N Sanz Holdings Pty Ltd
Mrs Keitereng Lejowa
Mrs Chikula Israel Jesi
Mrs Same Makuku
Mr Kedibonye Badla
Mr Morton Ntonga
Miss Eldah Baakanyi Rakemane
Selaotswe P Ngwenya
Mr Jimmy Ketshabile Lekgetho
Mr Martin Runesu Rangarirayi
Miss Julia N R Lerotsi
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Mr Tshokolo Molome
Ms Grace Letsweletse
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Ms Kefilwe Bellah Moruakgomo
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Mr Ralecha Kopano Mmatli
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Mrs Tshwaro Baitsemang
Mr Trevor Sithelo
Mr Mthulisi Sibanda
Mr Edward Mugibelo
White City S D A
Mr Boitshoko Matshameko
Pitsane Dairy Marketing Cooperative
Mr Baliki Mogopodi
Miss Elizabeth Raditau
Mr Moses Dudu Bowe
Mrs Jacqueline Cathrine Moore
Miss Jane Boiteto
Miss Gladys Lebudi
Mr Kebatenne Kesietswe
Mr Samson Ngoni Pheko Dube
Mr Masango Ndebele
Relax Construction
Mr Onkemetse Dickson Orapeleng
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Mr Keronang Lefatshe
Miss Talent Molefe
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Mr Marea Mosimanewapula
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Mrs Enny Jeremiah
Mr Letsweletse Bautule
Mrs Tiny Olebogeng Keseabetswe
Mrs Precious Chasara
Mr Mahmood Farrokhi Gozarchi
Mr Ditiro Gaothobogwe

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Mr Ngande Sankoze
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Mrs Michelle Bakeberg
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Mr Ernest Tanyala
Mrs Ratanang Kekonnwe
Mr Bolelang Adolf Letlole
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Mr Tshepho Kgari
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Mr Maxmore Kanyandira
Mr Farayi Chaka
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Ms Maria Zuzephi Mbulawa
Mr Laone Bodiba M Tau
Ice Man (Pty)Ltd
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Mr Tshosa Tsheko
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Mr Phillip Hungwe Mutare
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Ms Ethel Phambuka
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Miss Ntsifalang S Beleme
Mr Tshepiso Joseph Lesope
Dallan Enterprises Pty Ltd
Mr James Alan Smith
N And G Enterprises(Pty)Ltd
Elcb-Kgothatso Care
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Mr Kudzanai Tsaurai
Mrs Dorothea Mothibe
Mr Mmari Disele
Mr Gift Masuku
Hla Tin Tin
Miss Matilda Kgaile
Miss Mmatsatsi Tlhophego
Mrs Bakadzi Charity Machimuka
Mrs Motlalepula Moseki
Miss Molly Motimedi
Miss Camille Juliana Merriweather-M
Ms Joyce Kutlo Webber
Miss Kathrine Munger
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Mr Baikitsi Akanyang
Mr Isaac Bayo Owolabi
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Mr Caesar Maruwa Chimedza
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Miss Neriya Mandevane
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Mr Dobs Palalani
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Mr Monau Diswai
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Mr Stephen Mogodu
Tutume Mc Connel College 40th Anniv
Chukumuchu Village Dev Committee
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Mr Kebonyemodisa Koketso
Miss Linda Oteng
Lenten/Fedei Donum
Mr John Mhalapitsa
Mrs Kebonyeng Rakhudu
Mr Weseal Ndlovu
Mr Julius Motsholathebe Gaborone
Mr Eric Gustar Visser
Yambesi Multipurpose Cooperative
Mr Sheik Ibrahim Jamal
Impact Gospel Outreach
Mr Lesego Nchakge
Mr Mhenyiemang Bonno Mpetsane
Dr Thari Ratladi
Stay And Play Hospitality Group Pty
Mr Seyemo Tupoemo
Limassol (Pty) Ltd
Mr Kebihetswe Ditlhabi Kgaudi
Raymond Moemedi Kwerepe
Matd Pty Ltd
Dr Wilson Alloyce Orod
Mrs Tsholofelo Morake
Regional Sisters
Raise Mining Services(Botswana)Pty
Mme Le Rre Burial Society
Mr Kalabu M Difutswe
Catholic Nurses Guild Of Botswana
Mathibatswana Burial Society
Miss Olebile Tebogo Semmee
Chobe Private Clinic
Mr Jephious Sibanda
Quentin Cons Pty T/A Andy Tinker Ph
Mrs Colette Alice Rajah
Natasha Farms (Pty) Ltd
Prof Vuyo Kanda Golakai
Mr Boikaego Leshaga
Dami Dentomed Clinic (Pty) Ltd
Mpho Merriweather
Miss Joyce Mphatho
Margaret Jean Schickerling
Segootsane Syndicate
Miss Irene Nsala Munisola
Mr Elijah Ntobedzi
Mrs Besi Edward
Christ Citadel International Church

Mr Jobe Malokwane
Mr Guowei Sun
Kweneng Crime Prevention Committee
Bodirwang Logistics Pty Ltd
Mr Sanjay Singh Shekhawat
Mr Ettience Roane Jooste
Progressive Physiotherapy
Boom Technical Services
Khelwane (Pty) Ltd
Miss Idah Shubo
Mr Moabi Parafene
Mrs Olivia Nnyana S Makgekgenene
Mrs Keitereng Lejowa
G B Tautona T/A Morwalela Liq Rest
Loilekae Fresh Produce
Miss Tanya Natascha Meyer
Alforms Mpugwa
Oletile Mmopi Badubi
Mrs Margaret Lawrence
Li Dong
Mr Niaz William Parastaran Johnson
Moloi Road Markings (Pty) Ltd
Mr Livingstone Motlhobogwa
Basuhi Basuhi
Mmitsi C
Kealeboga Molefhe
Mr Clement Sibanda
PTA Kgalagadi Primary School
Pula Springs
Mrs Pragnaben Naik
Ms Leinanyana Motlhobogwa
Gamosusu Burial Soc
Struizendam Village Development Com
Bumbani Burial Society
Continuity Sa Pty Ltd
Kelefe Christinah Hinrichsen
Mr Aslam Kala
Mrs Rosemary Kanyangwa Chileshe
Mrs Caroline Millicent Ayodele
Mr Mabozwa G Madome
Mrs Valeta Mthimkhulu
Congregational Harmonics
Mr Timothy Richard Chadborn
Citizen Investments (Pty) Ltd
Mr Neil William Garrett Harvey
Olympic Investments Pty Ltd
Grace Ntshole
Dr Sean Nicklin
Key Power Technologies
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Ukraine honours Sir Seretse Khama with commemorative coin

Keith Ketl SEROWE

Botswana and the international community continue to honour the enduring legacy of democracy, unity, and socio-economic transformation left by Sir Seretse Khama.

Forty-six years after his passing, it is evident that his influence remains strong, proving the adage:

“Great leaders leave physical mortality, but their legacies and impact live on.”

This year on July 1, the nation commemorated the 105th anniversary of his birth on July 1, 1921.

During this time, the country reflects on the monumental legacy of Sir Seretse Khama and his vision for a united Botswana.

In recognition of Sir Seretse Khama’s global contributions, Ukraine has launched an initiative to

honour Botswana’s founding president with a gold-plated commemorative coin.

Presented by the Embassy of Ukraine to the Republic of Botswana, the coin symbolises friendship, mutual respect, and the enduring international impact of Sir Seretse Khama’s leadership.

While handing over the coin to Kgosi Khama IV of Ba-Gammangwato at the Khama III Memorial

Museum on Monday, the Ukrainian Ambassador to Botswana, Dr Oleksiy Syvak, noted that a traditional wildflower was incorporated into the design to represent Botswana’s rich flora and fauna.

He stated that presenting the coin to the museum served as a launchpad for future partnerships and assured museum curators of Ukraine’s continued support.

Dr Syvak remarked that the name of Sir Seretse Khama echoes far beyond the borders of Botswana.

He described the late president as an embodiment of humanity who believed that the past was not behind us, but beneath us-serving as the very ground upon which everything was built.

He recalled Sir Seretse Khama’s famous belief that “a nation without a past is a lost nation, and a people without a past is a people without a soul.” Sir Seretse Khama used these words to inspire his people to write their own stories and preserve their traditions.

Dr Syvak noted that Ukraine had adopted a similar philosophy, understanding the vital importance of preserving its own history and safeguarding centuries of Ukrainian stories against suppression.

For Ukraine, protecting cultural heritage has become a defining national effort.

Furthermore, Dr Syvak emphasised that Ukraine understood deeply why museums matter.

Keeping memory alive, he noted, was both a sentimental and a political art. He highlighted that few people in history were chosen to become larger than themselves, a trait that perfectly fits Sir Seretse Khama.

Despite facing exile and the injustice

of being forced from his homeland for the ‘crime’ of loving across racial lines, he returned without bitterness. Instead, he focused entirely on transforming one of the poorest countries on earth into a beacon of economic stability, democracy, and a model for the entire African continent.

Dr Syvak added that history was shaped by individuals who refused to accept the world as it is.

He cited Ukraine’s national hero and poet, Taras Shevchenko, who was exiled by the Russian Empire for daring to write in the Ukrainian language.

Shevchenko continued to write secretly in notebooks, eventually becoming Ukraine’s most prominent cultural figure and a symbol of resilience and freedom.

Today, there are more than 1 400 monuments dedicated to Shevchenko worldwide. In March 2006, the Ukrainian Embassy opened the very first monument on the African continent at the University of Botswana as a symbol of friendship and mutual respect between the two nations.

“Without their persistence, vision and sacrifice nothing that followed would have been possible,” Dr Syvak said, adding that both nations shared a deep belief in democracy.

He described democracy as a living commitment that required daily courage from ordinary people.

He praised Sir Seretse Khama’s definition of democracy.

“Democracy is like a little plant, it does not grow on its own but must be nurtured, practiced, and defended to survive.”

The gold-plated coin, crafted in Ukraine, features a portrait of Sir Seretse Khama. Dr Syvak presented it to the museum to enrich its collection of history.

“Sir Seretse Khama changed the course of the nation. He was born into royalty, yet he chose service,” said Dr Syvak, noting that true greatness lied in leaving behind strong institutions and a generation of leaders to carry the torch forward.

Expressing appreciation for the gesture, Kgosi Khama IV called the coin a special gift from a resilient country.

He noted that Botswana is well aware of external attempts to rob Ukraine of its sovereignty, identity, territory and citizens, but expressed confidence that these attempts would fail.

Kgosi Khama IV attributed this inevitable victory to the determination of the Ukrainian people and the leadership of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, whom he compared to Sir Seretse Khama for leading a people determined to protect their independence and democracy.

The event was held under the theme: A Legacy of Relations, matching the national Sir Seretse Khama Day theme: Democracy, Unity, Peace, and Harmony: Ideals for All Botswana.



The coin has incorporated a traditional wildflower into the design to represent Botswana’s rich flora and fauna.

As the custodian of local heritage, Kgosi Khama IV concluded that the museum would continue to strengthen international partnerships and foster cultural dialogue.

He extended his sincere gratitude to Dr Syvak, noting that the gift honoured the enduring values of unity, diplomacy, and nation-building that continued to inspire future generations. **BOPA**



Kgosi Khama IV (left) after receiving the Khama Memorial Coin from Ukraine Ambassador to Botswana Dr Oleksiy Syvak on Monday, during the coin presentation to the Khama III Memorial Museum. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande



Kgosi Khama IV (right) with his brother, Tshekedi laying a wreath during the commemoration of Sir Seretse Khama Day in Serowe on Wednesday.
Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

GaMmangwato pays tribute to Sir Seretse enduring legacy

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SEROWE

Braving the cold bite of a July morning, multitudes gathered at the GaMmangwato Royal Kgotla to celebrate the life of Sir Seretse Khama, a humble servant of the Batswana people.

Eulogising Sir Seretse, former diplomat, Member of Parliament, and Cabinet Minister Mr Charles Tibone took the audience down memory lane, painting a vivid picture of the leader.

Tibone described Sir Seretse as a truly humble servant whose humility oiled the gears of Botswana's growth from one of the poorest countries in the world to one of the fastest-growing economies.

"It is not uncommon for leaders, especially political leaders, to change for the worse once they taste power. Often this comes with a transformation into a cult, or into an indescribable celebrity status that borders on the supernatural. But that was never Sir Seretse Khama!"

He added that Sir Seretse's charisma and fame were not forced, he earned them.

He said Sir Seretse Khama humble traits were enjoyed not only by those who worked closely with him, but by all who crossed his path.

He narrated one story that stood out where the then leader of Zimbabwean nationalists, Mr Joshua Nkomo requested to visit Sir Seretse Khama for discussions following the release of the former from incarceration.

At the time parliament was in recess, and President Seretse Khama was camping in the Western Sandveld of the Central District.

Nkomo was stunned to find the President and the First Lady, Lady Ruth Khama, sitting under a tree, relaxing in its cool shade in a remote part of Botswana, with a tent as their home for the duration of their stay. There was no luxury in sight, only the symbol of genuine humanity.

He added that the President's love for Botswana was the reason he returned from banishment and entered politics.

"He could have remained abroad in luxury, especially as the British government had offered him the Governorship of Jamaica, which he promptly rejected," he added.

Mr Tibone then traced the events that led to state ownership of mineral rights to Sir Seretse's sense of equality and equity, paired with sheer brilliance, that Botswana birthed a concept foreign to much of the world.

At independence, all tribes owned mineral resources in their areas and some had already begun negotiating with corporations.

"In GaMmangwato, for instance, Kgosi Tshekedi had granted a concession to Sir Ronald

Prain of Rhodesian Selection Trust for copper mining under Bamangwato Concession Limited, BCL.

While well-intentioned, such tribal initiatives risked dividing a nation that needed unity above all," he continued.

According to Mr Tibone, Sir Seretse feared inequality if mineral revenues benefited only the areas where they were found and so championed a policy where all tribes surrendered mineral rights to the state, for equitable management on behalf of all Batswana.

He told the gathering that Sir Seretse personally led those negotiations, giving birth to Botswana's mineral resources policy - a model so unique that many African countries sent delegates to benchmark.

He thus attributed Botswana's exponential economic boom after independence to Sir Seretse Khama shrewd stewardship from the third poorest nation on earth in 1965 with a paltry budget of R 11 million.

That was what Sir Seretse inherited, Bechuanaland's budget was balanced only through Britain's Grant-in-Aid and Cabinet Minister's were paid meager salaries less than those of civil servants, the most unusual

in Africa.

This frugality remained even after the discovery of diamonds, which became the saving grace of Botswana's economy.

Meanwhile Gammangwato kgotla was lit up in song, dance, and spoken word as the arts right until sundown honouring a giant that Sir Seretse was.

From the beautiful leteisi prints adorning women, elegant as peacocks, to men in khakis and performers dressed to the nines, the day's activities were a warm embrace for the eyes. The famous KTM Choir set the stage ablaze, transporting the audience to unseen places and striking chords of nostalgia with songs of old.

In the musical competition, Serowe Symphony walked away victorious with P5,000, Harmonic Melodies Choir placed second with P3,000, and UCCSA Choir became third with P2,000.

Kgosi Khama IV thanked all who took part in celebrating Botswana's founding father, and commended the government for supporting the commemoration through various channels, despite the current financial chokehold.

He urged all present to soak up the wisdom of the founding fathers and to support government efforts to resuscitate the economy. **BOPA**

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Bokaa Dam Mountain Bike Classic here

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Chain Reaction will on Sunday host Bokaa Dam Mountain Bike Classic, which is structured around a multi-loop-system on the 35km course tailored to fit every age group category and skill level. Elite riders and seasoned veterans will ride three loops, while elite female riders and masters' female ride the loops and the juniors and youth categories will do one loop. In addition to individual

categories, the race will feature corporate team relay. The segment requires two teams of two participants, making four riders in total per corporate entry, with each team tackling a 1-loop relay segment on the main trail. The race also has a dedicated category tailored for young athletes below 14 years, doing 10km. The route, designed in the scenic and versatile terrain of Bokaa is expected to challenge elite racers as well as beginners as it features a balanced mix of technical single tracks, fast-paced jeep tracks, muddy patches, and dusty stretches. Starting from Bokaa Dam, the

route will traverse the villages of Bokaa, Pilane and Morwa with the A1 Road crossings done under bridges with the exception of Metsimothabe River bridge. "The Bokaa Dam Mountain Bike Classic is not just about testing riders' adaptability across changing terrains," said event organiser, Ofentse Gaesi. By combining technical jeep and single tracks with multi-loop challenges and corporate team formats, Gaesi said they were creating a festival of cycling that bridged the gap between grassroots youth development and elite regional performance. **BOPA**

Botswana targets seven medals in Glasgow

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Botswana will send a formidable team to the Commonwealth Games, targeting seven medals. The Games will be held in Glasgow, Scotland from July 23 to August 2. Botswana will send a delegation of 47 members, comprising 25 athletes, coaches, medical personnel and team officials. The athletes will compete in five sporting codes; being athletics, judo, bowling, boxing and swimming. Speaking at the team announcement, Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng said Glasgow was both a fierce battleground for medals and a vital proving ground. He said the Commonwealth Games were their direct runway to the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, which were now a mere two years away. He encouraged the team to treat every race, every bout, every match, and every single second on the turf as an opportunity to benchmark themselves against the world's best, and shatter their personal limits, and elevate their international standing.

"Go out there, look your competitors in the eye, compete clean, and remember that an entire nation of over two million sports-loving Batswana is cheering you on every step of the way," he said. Kelebeng highlighted that even within a tightly managed budgetary framework, funding the elite 47-member delegation to Glasgow was a calculated priority. He said they firmly believed that sport remained one of the most potent vehicles for national development, youth empowerment, social cohesion, and international diplomacy. By backing athletes on the world stage, he said they were actively building infrastructure, unlocking commercial pathways, and creating sustainable economic opportunities to monetize the talent of Botswana's youth. Botswana National Olympic Committee president Tshepo Sitale said the Games represented a critical chapter in sporting trajectory. He said in modern sport diplomacy, the Games were a proving ground, adding that they were a platform where

Botswana continued to cement its status as a global sporting powerhouse, showcasing that their talent was world class, structures were robust and the nation was ambitious. Sitale said for the Glasgow 2026 Games, Botswana was very close to achieving a perfect 50:50 gender balance across the delegation. "Every single sporting discipline representing us in Glasgow features equal representation of male and female athletes. This is not an accident; it is the result of deliberate, strategic, and painstaking work by the CGA Botswana, our National Federations, and our high-performance structures," he said. Achieving total gender equity in sport, he said was a monumental feat for the nation, given that it sent a message to every young girl and boy in Botswana, that their talent would be nurtured, their hard work would be rewarded and their opportunities would be equal. **Athletics** Prince Selepe (100m and 200m), Justice Oratile(200m) Tshepiso

Masalela (one mile), Kemorena Tisang(400m hurdles) and Lee Bhekempilo Eppie (400m) Ketlobogile Haigura (800m). The women's team is made up of Oratile Nowe(800m), Obakeng Kamberuka, Kennekae Batisani, Naledi Monthe (400m), Boitshepo Kelapile(100m) while Tshegofatso Bojosi (long jump). **Boxing** Lethabo Modukanele (51kg) Treasure Moremi (60kg) Gift Modise (57kg) O'Dean Lessau male sparring partner **Judo** Botho Babutsi(48kg),Tumiso Phuthago(60kg), Neelo Modise and Thresh Kgositsele are sparing partners. **Swimming** Adrian Robinson (50m and 100m breaststroke) and Maxine Egner (50m and 100m freestyle). **Bowling** Boikhutso Mooketsi (singles and pairs (skip), Modisaotsile Mphotho (singles and pairs (lead), Gaoromelwe Pelemo (pairs (Skip), Sebathu Sinombe (pairs (Lead) and Charles Diteko (pairs (Skip). **BOPA**

Kalahari Half Marathon to boost community development

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Kalahari Half Marathon, scheduled to take place tomorrow in Tsabong, is expected to attract athletes from across the country. Hosted by Werda Athletics Club, the marathon, beyond promoting health and fitness, aims to also address social challenges affecting young people, including drug and substance abuse, delinquency, gender-based violence and idleness, by encouraging participation in sport and talent development. Event organiser, Tshepiso Kashiwa, said the event would contribute to local economic activity by attracting visitors to Tsabong, while strengthening community participation and promoting Kgalagadi South as a growing destination for athletics. **BOPA**

DailySport

Epic showdown in Oregon tomorrow



Bayapo Ndori

Anastacia Sibanda
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When the world's elite quarter-milers descend upon the University of Oregon's iconic Hayward Field for the Prefontaine Classic tomorrow, track and field fans will witness a tactical masterclass fueled by a bruising inter-continental rivalry.

The men's 400-metres race is shaping up to be the marquee event of the weekend, as Botswana's formidable tandem of Collen Kebinatshipi and Bayapo Ndori square off against a powerhouse American lineup on the US soil.

According to industry insiders, the stakes extend far beyond the Diamond Trophy, an American contingent featuring Quincy Hall, Rai Benjamin, Michael Norman, Chris Bailey, Khaleb McRae, Jacory Patterson and Chris Robinson is seeking definitive redemption.

The deep U.S. squad is looking to erase the sting of the heartbreak inflicted upon them by Botswana's dramatic golden relay finish at the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, where Botswana defied a massive rainstorm to secure the title, a blow that the Americans are desperate to answer at home.

Overturning Botswana's momentum will be a monumental task for the host nation as Kebinatshipi enters the meet in spectacular form as the reigning individual 400m World Champion, with a world-leading national record of 43.53 seconds.

Ndori, who captured individual bronze in the Tokyo World Athletics Championship final, is acutely aware of the massive stake on the line. Botswana's presence extends across the sprint schedule, as 200-metre sensation, Letsile Tebogo lines up against Zimbabwe's Tapiwanashe Makarawu and Makanakaishe Charamba, Great Britain's Zharnel Hughes, Jamaica's Adrian Kerr and Bryan Levell, America's Courtney Lindsey and Tate Taylor, and the Dominican Republic's Alexander Ogando, while Tshpeiso Masalela opens the weekend's action in the 800m today. **BOPA**



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