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Nation honours A.T.I



The nation held a memorial service for the late music icon, Atlasaone A.T.I Molemogi, which drew dignitaries among them President Advocate Duma Boko, artistes and members of the public at the University of Botswana yesterday. The service honoured the late musician's enduring legacy in Botswana's music and cultural landscape. A.T.I who is known for his hits, such as Komirsoo, Stimamolelo, Ke Lekhete and Khiring Khorong, among others, died on August 31 and will be laid to rest in Lerala on Saturday. Photos: Phenyio Moalosi



NWDC, Uman City twinning imminent

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - A new partnership is imminent as the North West District Council and Uman City in Ukraine explore a twinning agreement that will foster international cooperation and share knowledge.

The impending collaboration followed recent visits between the Ukrainian ambassador to Botswana and the North West District Council.

In an interview, the council secretary, Mr Thatayotlhe Balapi, confirmed their interest in the partnership, saying the two shared similarities and believed they can benefit from shared expertise. Mr Balapi said the partnership would allow both partners to exchange knowledge, innovations and best practices in local governance and community well-being.

He added that while specific details were still being finalised, areas of interest included agriculture, digitalisation, sustainable environment, particularly solar systems, tourism, education and cultural exchange.

He commended Ukraine for its advancements in the agricultural sector, noting its significant role

in global food supply.

He also highlighted Ukraine's strong Information Technology (IT) sector, which he said was a key contributor to its economy, contributing significantly to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and export revenue.

"We are ready to twin with Uman City because we believe we can benefit a lot from them. We hope to finalise our discussions this week with all relevant authorities and pave the way for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to be signed," Mr Balapi said.

For his part, NWDC chairperson, Mr Itumeleng Kelebetseng said he was excited about the partnership, which he was hopeful that it would bring potential for socio-economic benefits for the entire district.

He appreciated Uman's rich cultural heritage and its significant economic role in central Ukraine.

Mr Kelebetseng expressed interest in strategic implementation and was grateful that the ambassador stressed the importance of turning the agreement into a practical action plan that benefitted the community.

"We are much willing to partner

with the city and strategies on the implementation of the twinning partnership. I am grateful that the ambassador has emphasised that both parties should operationalise this arrangement into a working plan of action," he said.

Also, he said he was optimistic

that the partnership would promote investment and tourism.

"The council is especially interested in Ukraine's expertise in solar energy to meet local energy demands, particularly in remote and off-grid areas, where traditional power grids have

limited access," he said.

He further indicated that they had discussions about using drones in the tourism and health sectors and to mitigate human-wildlife conflict, which was an ongoing challenge for the district.

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Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ignatius Moswaane (right), Helekia Church deacon, Keemetswe Ogotseng (left) and founder, Bishop Oakantse Leso at the church's annual conference in Francistown on Saturday. Mr Moswaane urged the church to apply for community and commercial plots to create innovative, self-sustaining ways of managing its activities.

Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Mahalapye District prioritises equitable resource distribution

By Victoria Kesimolotse

MAHALAPYE - Mahalapye District Council is doing everything in its power to ensure timely service delivery and equitable distribution of developments within the district.

Speaking during a full council session recently, Member of Parliament for Mahalapye East, Mr Augustine Nyatanga commended departmental heads of Mahalapye District for timely service delivery and ensuring equitable distribution of resources within the district.

Mr Nyatanga who is also Assistant Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, applauded the district for the hard work, noting they were faced with challenges but addressed them appropriately.

"I trust in you and your abilities to work together in making Mahalapye grow and bringing visible developments in the village," he said.

He advised the district to be considerate of high unemployment rate of the youth and that companies awarded contracts should expedite paying their employees on time.

Mr Nyatanga observed that skilled youth were on the streets and urged companies to employ locals rather than bringing people from outside Mahalapye.

Moreover, he said was worrying that some security companies engaged by the council failed to pay employees as well as subjecting them to

unfair treatment.

He urged the district to encourage security companies to abide by labour laws to avoid skirmishes with the law.

Advocating for his constituency, Member of Parliament for Mahalapye West, Mr David Tshere decried lack of developments in his area of jurisdiction and wanted to know why his constituency was lagging behind. Mr Tshere who is also Minister of Communications and Innovation said his constituency had incomplete projects, arguing such a practice disadvantaged the communities in the constituency and deprived them the right to access services.

He urged the district officers to desist from such a practice, noting he was accountable for circumstances and developments in the constituency and therefore constituents might perceive him as incompetent. For her part, Mahalapye District Council Secretary, Ms Gomolemo Moepeng said pending projects were due to failure to find compliant bidders who can execute projects well in time.

"We owe Mahalapye West P20 million of the Community Constituency Projects (CCP) and we had no intention to frustrate the community and we want the projects to be expedited," she said. Town Planner Mr Kabelo Masara said the bus rank's delivery had been delayed because of a few issues and once attended to everything would be on course. **BOPA**

Church change agents - Moswaane

By Mooketsi Mojalemotho

FRANCISTOWN - Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ignatius Moswaane says good deeds by the church are an important step towards nation building.

Officially opening Helekia Church annual conference in Francistown on Saturday, Mr Moswaane said that the government therefore embraced and supported the great strides of shaping the lives of individuals achieved by the church over the years.

"Let me assure you that we will, as a government, make sure that churches are given land so that people may freely worship," he said, calling on Christians to hold themselves with good decorum befitting God's children.

Not only that, Mr Moswaane said, individual congregants should work hard so that the vision of the body of Christ may adequately impact society.

Impactful congregants were pertinent ingredients needed to birth a God fearing, responsible community and nation.

He thus challenged the leadership of the church to develop structures that would promote growth and restore hope in a torn-apart and dejected society.

Bishop Nico Kebaitse said failure by land authorities to allot churches land for worship was the primary reason churches were strewn around illegally, mostly in open spaces; something he said had become an eyesore and a spoiler to the beauty of the cities.

He noted that even natural habitats for animals have not escaped encroachment by the illegal occupation.

On others, Bishop Kebaitse said the church has been shocked by the recent acts of gross indiscipline displayed by a few citizens' assault on police officers.

Such behaviour should be condemned, and those found on the wrong side of the law should

face the full wrath of the law.

Bishop Adam Dzabe stated that the purpose of the Saturday conference was to identify and close existing gaps with a view to strengthening the Church, founded about 35 years ago.

He shared Assistant Minister Moswaane's words, saying the strength and impact of Helekia Church and its impact in the kingdom of God depended on the individual member's commitment to run with its vision.

Helekia Church founder, Bishop Oakantse Leso, attributed the growth of the church to God and shared other speakers' sentiments that there was a need for churches to be given land for worship as a matter of urgency to address fully some of the problems that gave the nation sleepless nights.

We are equally concerned about the current state of our nation, and we are more than ready to join hands with the government to bring about change," she said.

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Molemogi family representative, Mr Monthuti Molemogi (third left) briefing President Advocate Duma Boko (right) on the passing of Botswana music icon, Atasaone Molemogi popularly known as A.T.I during the President's visit to the family to convey his condolences on Monday. President Boko described A.T.I as more than an artiste, calling him a 'gifted superstar' whose music and talent spoke to the soul of the nation. A.T.I who died on August 31, will be laid to rest in Lerala on Saturday. Photo: Felicity Male

Centre compliments strategies to fight GBV

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - Government has endorsed Ba Isago University's newly launched Centre for Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Empowerment (CGBVPE), the first dedicated centre of its kind in Botswana's higher education sector. Officially opening the centre, on Monday, Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Ms Lesego Chombo, underscored the University's commitment to tackling one of the nation's most urgent social challenges, gender-based violence (GBV). Minister Chombo lauded Ba Isago University for taking the

lead through the establishment of the centre, noting that the initiative not only complemented national strategies but also was a benchmark pad for higher education institutions and other stakeholders to emulate. She described the centre as a bold and timely demonstration of leadership in tackling one of the country's most pressing social issues. Ms Chombo urged society to adopt a more proactive stance in the fight against GBV, emphasising that prevention must take priority. "I think that we are very brilliant at planning and acting after it happens. We know all the right things to do, but it has reached

a point where we ought to be prioritising prevention," said Ms Chombo, calling for collective responsibility to stop violence before it takes root. She further said GBV was posing not only a social crisis but also a threat to the productivity of the workforce and the economy, as workers could be left carrying trauma. Ms Chombo also revealed that through her ministry's Inter-Ministerial Committee on Gender-Based Violence, which included ministries such as Child Welfare and Basic Education, they were developing a curriculum called Think Equal, designed to teach children about equality from an early age.

For his part, Ba Isago University Co-Founder and Managing Director, Mr Odirile Gabasiane stressed the importance of bold and innovative action. "We decided to create something unique, a centre that would focus specifically and comprehensively on GBV, not as a side issue but as a core mission," he said. He highlighted one of the centre's pioneering initiatives, the Master of Arts in Gender-Based Violence, the first specialised postgraduate programme in Botswana dedicated entirely to equipping professionals with advanced knowledge and skills to address GBV. Mr Gabasiane added that the centre would bring together research, teaching, advocacy, and community outreach under one roof. He expressed hope that Ba Isago would eventually evolve into a fully-fledged School of Gender and Human Rights, broadening its scope to include rehabilitation programmes, grief and trauma counselling and international conferences aimed at driving global dialogue on GBV. **BOPA**



Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Ms Lesego Chombo (right), Ba Isago Centre for Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Empowerment coordinator, Mr Rodreck Mupedziswa (left), Ba Isago international affairs officer, Mr Kgosi Saungweme (second left) and managing director, Mr Odirile Gabasiane during the official launch of the centre in Gaborone on Monday. Ms Chombo called for collective responsibility to stop gender-based violence. Photo: Teko Letsholo

UN Special Rapporteur hails Boko

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - The UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous peoples, Mr Albert Barume, has hailed President Advocate Duma Boko's fortitude in the fight for the rights of indigenous people. The Special Rapporteur, who is visiting the country from September 1 to 10 on a fact-finding mission, expressed his admiration for President Boko's advocacy for the rights of indigenous people during a courtesy call at the Office of the President yesterday. "I have listened to some of your speeches on the rights of indigenous people, particularly the Basarwa and I was impressed. I thank you on behalf of indigenous people in Africa and globally," Mr Barume said. He said the rights of indigenous people in many African countries had been neglected, and some were treated as sub-humans, exposed to dehumanising conditions of life. He said President Boko's stance on human rights was inspirational. In response, President Boko said Botswana, like other African countries was faced challenges with the rights of indigenous people, particularly Basarwa. He said that prior to the Roy Sesana and others case against government, the constitution protected the rights of indigenous people within the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR), as it recognised their free movement within the reserve. President Boko, who represented Basarwa in asserting their rights, said the constitution was amended to restrict their movement and stopped provision of basic services such as water.

However, President Boko said Basarwa took the matter to court and won the case. He said from their court victory arose difficulties, as indigenous people were now required to have permits to enter the reserve, adding that another difficulty from the case was regarding the number of claimants, as the government's position was that claimants were only those who signed the power of attorney during the case. He said the claimants' contention led to the case of the late Pitseng Gaoberekwe, who could not be buried in the reserve, which was his ancestral land. He added that when he assumed presidency, the new government repealed the judgment it had obtained from the Court of Appeal to correct the wrongs and Mr Gaoberekwe was subsequently buried in the reserve. Advocate Boko explained that government stance was influenced by the its human rights approach, which included protection and upholding the rights of indigenous people. He said there was a disproportionate disparity between the indigenous people and dominant communities living in their surroundings. The President further noted that in February this year, he set up an Inter-ministerial Committee that held consultation meetings across the country to assess the human rights conditions of indigenous people. President Boko assured Mr Barume and his team of government support during their mission in the country. "We lay bare before you to examine us so that you may advise us," President Boko said. **BOPA**



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) with UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of the Indigenous People, Mr Albert Barume during the latter's courtesy call at the Office of the President yesterday. Mr Barume hailed President Boko's fortitude in the fight for the rights of the indigenous people. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

Council endorses revised tariffs

By Chendzimu Manyepedza

SELEBE PHIKWE - The Selebi Phikwe Town Council has officially approved a set of revised tariffs, which effected in August 2025.

This was confirmed by the Physical Town Planner of Selebi Phikwe Town Council, Ms Mishingo Sithelo, during a full council session recently. She said the strategic decision was designed to stimulate the town's economy and promote sustainable development initiatives.

Ms Sithelo said updating these tariffs, the council aimed to create a more favourable economic environment that encouraged investment and growth, ultimately fostering long-term prosperity for the community around town.

She said that factors leading to the review of tariffs were the economic standing of the town and the increased cost of providing services, including the maintenance of

infrastructure and others. She also said that providing services for free had, over time, proven to be unsustainable due to decreased funding from the government. "Therefore, there was a need to review and approve new tariffs, as some current rates are no longer relevant."

Ms Sithelo said there was also a high demand for the use of some town council facilities, and the existing tariffs on use of such facilities were low compared to the costs incurred by the council in rendering services.

She said that tariffs for the use of the stadium for football games were charged P600 against the surge in utility bills for water and electricity that were left for the council to tackle.

Ms Sithelo also said some of the new tariffs were endorsed as a deterrent to bad practices and the use of rented facilities. "Some of the revised and endorsed tariffs include that of regulation of land use, new

applications on planning and building permissions, environmental health services, architecture and building services on use of stadium, and cemetery fees and primary health care, amongst others," she said.

Selebi Phikwe Town Councillors unanimously agreed to the revised set of tariffs, saying it would enhance the town's developmental needs and be met sustainably.

Specially elected Councillor, Ms Onalenna Kobe emphasised the importance of the recently revised tariffs, saying they were a timely measure that would significantly contribute to generating additional revenue.

She said the revised tariffs were crucial

efforts to meet the rising demand for services and manage the growing traffic congestion in key areas of the community.

Specially elected councillor, Mr Mpho Marabu also voiced his support for the updated tariffs, highlighting their necessity for enhancing overall service delivery.

He pointed out that it was vital to align the services provided with the current needs of residents, ensuring that the town kept pace with its rapid growth and development.

He said such alignment would help maintain an efficient and responsive system that addressed the evolving challenges faced by the community. **BOPA**

Utilise available schemes - minister

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - The youth have been encouraged to form groups and develop viable, sustainable business project ideas in preparation for the upcoming call for applications under Youth Development Fund (YDF) programme.

Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Ms Lesego Chombo encouraged them at a kgotla meetings held in Shorobe and Maun on Friday noting that unemployment remained a serious challenge among youth and women and urged youth to take advantage of the programme as well as identify projects with high job creation potential.

Currently, she said the programme was under review because it did not produce expected outcome as well as not addressing the needs of the youth in terms of monetary as some needed more than the stipulated amount. YDF aims to foster sustainable and viable income generating projects to promote the active participation of youth in socio-economic development.

However, Ms Chombo said that some youth projects were collapsing while some beneficiaries were failing to service their loans and believed that working in groups, young people could easily leverage on the programme for business and economic growth. "Running a business requires patience and working as groups is ideal as it helps you share ideas and expertise and overcoming business challenges. I encourage you to form groups and identify projects that can be funded," she added.

She informed young people that she would ensure that they underwent orientation on business plans, entrepreneurship and operational skills among others before they could apply for funding so that they run successful businesses.

Ms Chombo also informed the meeting that in an effort to improve the livelihoods of the youth, the ministry was intending to establish youth centres across the country to provide platforms for youth empowerment, training and engagement in national development.

"Our intention is to refurbish the existing ones and identify more idling buildings to be established into centres which will serve as hubs for personal growth, skill development, mental health and information dissemination aiming to empower youth to actively participate in their community development,"

The minister was of the view that the centres could provide a platform where young people could explore their talents and enhance employability as they would learn basic principles of employment.


Ms Chombo further said that the ministry was working in collaboration with UNICEF and other ministries to enhance youth employability through various programmes such as Youth Employability workshops that provided practical skills training in entrepreneurship, interview techniques, and communication as well as utilising platforms like Generation Unlimited to connect young people with opportunities and digital resources.

She appealed to parents to encourage their children to effectively utilise the available schemes as some aimed to equip them with the skills demanded by the current labour market and empowering them to shape their future. Furthermore, she also said that the ministry was also fostering economic empowerment among women because they were mostly economically challenged and yet they played a huge role in alleviating poverty in families.

She apprised residents on programmes such as Women Economic Empowerment. She said it aimed to revive the economy of women. The programme serves to provide women with resources, opportunities and skills to achieve economic independence and participate fully in the economy.

Ms Chombo also mentioned that EntreprenHer programme empowered women through training and provision of resources to manage and grow their micro-entrepreneurs, and appealed to women to come on board to benefit from the programs. **BOPA**

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Tlhabiso wa dingwaga tse di masome mabedi le boroba bongwe wa Mogwalale, o bonywe molato wa go thubetsa ngwana wa mosetsana wa ngwaga tse supa kwa motseng wa Good Hope, kgwedi ya Ngwanatsele e le masome mabedi le boroba bobedi ka 2020.

E rile a soboka kang pele a bona mosekisiwa molato, Mmakaseterata, Mme Rebecca Motsamai a re tiragalo eo e ngomola pelo. A re modira molato o ne a kukunela ngwana yo go le bosigo, mme ngwana o ne a tsosiwa ke go utlwa lebogo le mo phora-phora ka fa bosading.

Mme Motsamai a re ngwana o ne a kgona go lemoga sethubetsi se, ka gore ke motho yo a mo itseng ka a kile a ratana le mogolowe.

Kgotla ya ditsheko e boleletswe gore selalome se, se ne sa tshosetsa ngwana, mme a mo pateletsa go tswela kwa ntle.

Mmakaseterata Motsamai a re go ya ka bosupi jo bo beilweng lekgotla pele, tirgalo eo, e ne ya bonwa ke mongwe wa bana yo a neng a robetse le motswasethlabelo, yo a neng a kgona go thaba mokgosi ka go begela baagisanyi tiragalo e.

Mme Motsamai a re sethubetsi se ne sa le botsa phokoje fa se a utlwa mokgwasa wa batho, ba e rileng morago ba begela kang mapodisi.

A re Tlhabiso o ne a tshwarwa a lebihiwa molato wa petelelo.

E rile a fiwa sebaka sa go rola kang ya gagwe, Tlhabiso o ne a tlhoka a le tlhaeng, ka jalo a dumela molato.

O tlhalositse gore ke boamaruri o ntse a itse motswasethlabelo, le gore ke boamaruri o mo dirisitse mo go tsa tlhakanelo dikobo ntle le tumalano e bile a dirisa dikgoka.

Godimo ga moo, modira molato o ne a palelwa ke go ganetsa bosupi jo bo ntshitsweng ke basupi ba bosekisi. **BOPA**

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Ka Relief Lephutshi

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Lengwe la maiteko a khansele e le dirisang go rotloetsa tikologo e phepa ke la Own a bin Campaign Run, le le rotloetsang banni go duelela go tseelwa matlakala.

Mme e ne ya re ka Matlhatso, khansele ya tshwara mabelo kwa Good Hope ka setlhogo se se reng Matlakala a a Sireletsegileng ke Tikologo e e Sireletsegileng, A re Tabogeng le seo, go rotloetsa tikologo e phepa.

Thulaganyo e ya mabelo e mo

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Monongwaga e ne e tshologetswe ke ba tsaya karolo ba mabelo go tswa Botswana le Kenya, ka batabogi ba ka tshwara lekgolo le masome mabedi ba ne ba ikwadiseditse dikgaisanyo tsa mabelo.

Fa a rola molaetsa wa letsatsi mo boemong jwa Mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Good Hope/Mmathethe, e bile e le motshwarelela Tona mo Lephatheng la TemoThuo le Lefatshe, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, modulasetilo wa komiti ya kabo ditsha ya Rolong, Mme Gloria Segokgo a re ipapatso ka lebelo, go nna le segwana sa go bolokela matlakala, ke maiteko a magolo a khansele mo morafeng jaaka go sa

tswa go itemogelwa koketsego e ntsi ya matlakala.

A re e re ntswa e le boikarabelo jwa dikhansele go netefatsa fa tikologo e le phepa, go santse go tshwenya gore tlhokomelo ya matlakala e santse e le kgwetlho mo metseng.

A re moonoo wa letsatsi o maleba ka mo nakong eno, bontsi jwa malwapa bo sena digwana tsa polokelo matlakala, mme se se bake gore batho ba latlhele matlakala kwa mafelong a a sa letleleseeng.

Ka jalo o gwetlhile lelwapa lengwe le lengwe go nna le segwana se se bayang matlakala ga mmogo le go kopa morafe go tsaya karolo mo maitekong a go tshwara tikologo ka pabalesego go e bolokela kokomane ya nako eno,

Madiba M93 e supa lorato

Ka Kefilwe Selotlegeng

MMAPHASHALALA - Bathuti ba pele ba sekolo se segolwane sa Madiba Class of 93 (M93) ba supile lorato le mowa wa bopelotlhomogi ka go thusa bao baba tlhokileng lesego.

Ba M93 ba agetse ba lelwapa lo-rra Mpotsang kwa Mmaphasalala ntlo ya dikamore tse pedi le ntlwana ya boitiketso.

Bangwe ba bone e bong Rre Kgosietsile Ngakaagae le Dr Goabilwe Ramaeba ba ne ba aga matlo a mabedi gore ba lelwapa ba latse tlhogo go santse go agiwa e tona.

Fa a rola dikago tseo kwa Mmaphasalala ka Matlhatso Mothusi Tona wa Boatlhodi le Popo Sesha Magolegwa, Rre Augustine Nyatanga o ile a galaletsa ba M93 a re ba dirile tiro e tona ka go thusa bao baba tlhokileng lesego mo setshabeng.

Rre Nyatanga a re go direla ba lelwapa leo lo-rra Mpotsang go ba fa seriti. A re puso e itlamilile go tokafatsa seemo sa letlhoko la bonno a tlhalosa fa e ka se kgone e le nosi ka ntlha ya tlhaelo ya madi.

O ile a ba rotloetsa go tswela ba

tsenya letsogo mo go tlhabololeng kgaolo ya Mahalapye East e a reng e saletse kwa morago ka ditlhabololo.

Mongwe wa ba ba nnileng le seabe mo go go ageng bonno jo, mogolwane wa khamphani ya Botsino Cement, Rre Jeeva Kumar a re se ga se dikago fela, a re ke se supo sa dilo tse dintle tse di dirwang ke mokgatlho wa M93.

Rre Kumar a re tshwaragano e botlhokwa a tlhalosa gore fa batho ba tshwarane ba dira dilo tse dikgolo,jaaka setswana se re moroto wa esi ga o ele.

O akgoletse Ba M93 matsapa le maiteko a bone go dira gore lenaneo le le kgonagale a tlholosa gore gone gose motlhofo.

Rre Kumar a re motho mongwe le mongwe o tlhoka bonno jo bo sireletsegileng, e bile jo bo babalesegile. Khamphani ya Botsino Cement e ba thusitse ka di mente tsotlhe tse di diresetsweng go aga.

Modulasetilo wa mokgatlho wa M93, Rre Jacob Tsebe a re mokgatlho wa M93 ke wa batho ba ba feditseng kwa sekolong se segolwane sa Madiba ka 1993.

Rre Tsebe a re mokgatlho wa

M93 o kwadisitswe ka fa molaong mme ga o dire dipoele maloko a koleka madinyana go o tsamaisa.

A re ba itlamilile go busetsa kwa setshabeng a supa fa ba thusitse kwa Dibete, Mookane, Mokobeng, Mahalapye le Mmaphasalala.

Motshwarelela mokwaledi wa khansele ya Mahalapye, Mme Gomolemo Moepeng o lebogile ba M93 go bo ba agetse borra-Mpotsang ka gore puso ka esi e ka se kgone.

Mme Moepeng a re ba lelwapa leo, ba masome a mabedi le borataro go akaretsa mme, bana bale lesome le motso le banababana bale lesome le bone.

A re ba M93 ba thusitse thata ka khansele ena le batlhoki ba bantsi ba ba tlhokang bonno.

Mme Moepeng a re ke boikarabelo jwa bagwebi le banaleseabe ka kakaretso go thusa puso.

O kopile yo abetsweng bonno go tlhokomela ka lorato.

Yo o abetsweng dikago, Mme Goitsemomodimo Mpotsang o lebogile thata a re ga a kitla a nelwa ke dipula, ba mo ntshitse mo matlotleng a a neng a wa fa diphefo le dipula dina. **BOPA**

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OWNER OF PLOT 80070 Kgosi Residency (Pty) Ltd G/North wishes to construct a boundary wall. Any objection contact 72428128

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

Human resources Manager
KAW Enterprises Pty Ltd
PO Box 281, Mogoditshane

Email CV to: recruit@wentzel.co.bw

Closing date: 14 days from the date of issue of this advert

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Lefelo: Kgotla ya Parakarungu | **Letsatsi:** Laboraro Phalane a ferabobebi

Nako: Boferabongwe mo mosong

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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KEEN OF KIN MEETINGS Administrative of Estates Act |Cap. 31:01|

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
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CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 38901 Gaborone;

SITUATE: In Gaborone West Extension 41;

MEASURING: 413m2 (Four Hundred and Thirteen Square Metres);

WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Fixed Period State Grant **No. 1021/97** dated the **16th** day of **September 1997** made in favour of **IDAH KENALEMANG**;

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 14TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025

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LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL PROPERTY TO NON-CITIZEN

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CERTAIN : piece of land being Lot 18699 Mothubakwane

SITUATE : at Ramotswa in the Bamalete Tribal Territory

MEASURING : 30.32 x 20.36 x 3.70 x 22.90 x 7.88 x 15.40

HELD UNDER : a Certificate of Customary Land Grant made in favour of **JOHNBOY MOLEBATSI** dated the 23rd day of May 2025 To Wilbert Kudakwashe Chidaushe, Passport No. AE211319 for the sum of **P85,000.00** (Eighty Five Thousand Pula)

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Dated at Gaborone on this 25th day of August 2025

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- Familiarity with Modbus, PROFIBUS PA, Foundation Fieldbus.
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Interested applicants may send their CV with credentials to dottech68@gmail.com by 10 /09/25

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Qualifications, Experience & Skills

Education: Diploma in Technical or Mechanical Engineering.

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How to Apply

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resume and a compelling cover letter outlining their relevant experience and why they are the ideal candidate for this role.

Email: hr@gegroun.co.bw

Closing Date: 12th September 2025

Paakanyo pleads for DJs support

By Banyatsi Banyatsi

KANYE - Local entertainer, Maatla Paakanyo, popularly known as DJ Rass Jele, has appealed to event organisers, promoters, and sponsors to support and invest in upcoming DJs across the country.

Highlighting the challenges faced by many local artists, he emphasised the lack of platforms, exposure, and essential equipment as major hurdles to career growth in Botswana's entertainment industry.

"I have never received any endorsement or support from the government. There is need for structured support like sponsorships, sound equipment provision, and organised

DJ competitions that allow us to perform in front of large crowds with professional sound setups," he told BOPA in an interview.

Paakanyo also expressed concern over how DJs were often undervalued in the industry.

"Sometimes promoters pay us with alcohol instead of money. That is demoralising. We are all trying to make an honest living, and practices like these break our confidence. It needs to stop," he said. Paakanyo encouraged aspiring DJs to remain passionate and committed, no matter the challenges.

"We need to unite and form our own DJs unions. That way, we can collaborate,

support each other, and speak with one voice. Follow your dreams. Don't let negativity pull you down. Our families may not always support us at first, but once they see your passion and progress, they will come around."

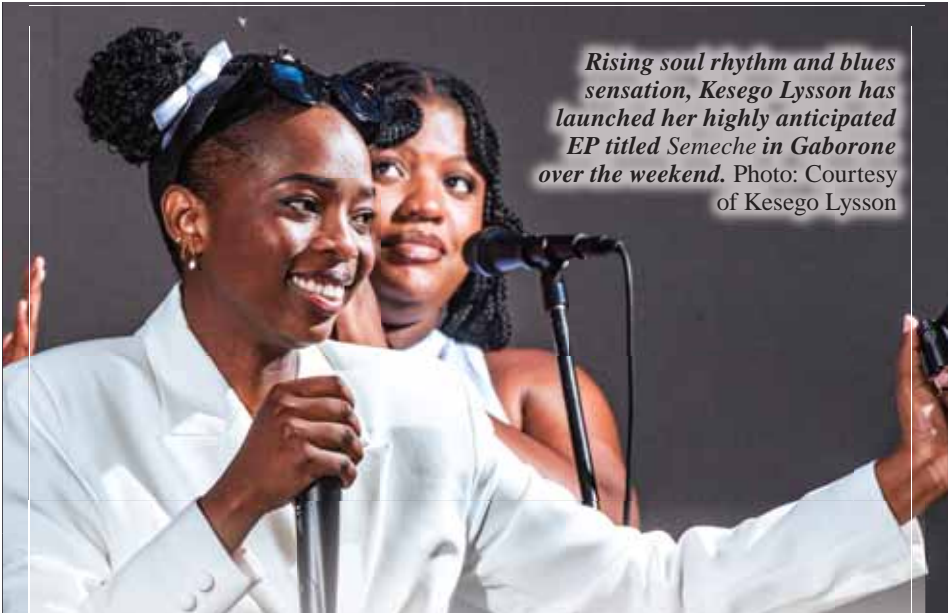
To sustain his career, DJ Rass Jele is calling on sponsors, event planners, and the public to book him for events including weddings, parties, graduations, and more.

A dancer, MC, and self-taught DJ based in Kanye, Paakanyo began his journey into music in 2010.

He credits his early exposure of deejaying to Tshepo Charles, whose father, DJ Tebza, owned a sound system. This access to equipment provided a vital platform in his formative years.



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Rising soul rhythm and blues sensation, Kessege Lysson has launched her highly anticipated EP titled *Semeche* in Gaborone over the weekend. Photo: Courtesy of Kessege Lysson

Lysson drops *Semeche*

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - Rising soul rhythm and blues sensation, Kessege Lysson on Saturday launched her highly anticipated extended play (EP) titled *Semeche* at The Altitude in Gaborone.

The four-track EP, featured singles such as *Ke a ingapangapela*, *Worst Goodbyes*, *Se Mang Mang*, *Semeche* as well as 2024 hit single *Tshweu Thwaa*.

Lysson teamed up with other talented Botswana gems in the soul genre such as Sal Angel, Dato Seiko, Ayanda, Uncle X as well as Mumsy to deliver a poetic rendition.

With the EP signature blend of raw emotions and infectious soulful and soothing melodies from Botswana's next generation of showbiz talent, they delivered songs that lingered in the audience mind long after the performances ended. The *Semeche* EP explores themes of love, heartbreak, and vibes against a backdrop of dynamic instrumentations and moving vocals.

Lyricaly written and delivered in Setswana, the EP is a treasure of introspection and emotions.

Each song built upon the theme and motive introduced in each track, closing in a powerful climax that left a lasting impression on the audience.

Lysson's EP launch exceeded already high expectations from the audience with soothing listening experience.

The master class launch showcased the growth of all artists, their maturity

as musicians, while still retaining the raw energy and emotions that first thrilled with their music.

"This EP is a reflection of love, of the pain endured, the wrongs remembered and yet, through it all. Rising with gratitude for the lessons that shaped you.

It is a journey through the emotional seasons; falling in love, facing the sting of being ghosted and coming to terms with the truth that love is not always effortless," said Lysson in an interview.

Produced by a talented team of Flex The Ninja and Sandi Ncube, this EP reflects Lysson's commitment to creating quality music. And, with its dynamic rhythm, reminiscent deep lyrics, and catching melodies *Semeche* EP is poised to be a must-listen for fans of soulful beats and an essential in local airwaves.

As the momentum behind the *Semeche* EP continues to build, Lysson remains focused on delivering more performances and promoting the project across the country.

With this fresh sound, Lysson is ready to make her mark on the local showbiz and hopes to collaborate with other great artists locally, before she spread her wings outside the borders of this country.

"I am hoping for collaborations with the likes of Mpho Sebina, Han C, Sereetsi and the Natives and many more in the near future," Lysson said adding that she also hoped to give her fans a full album in 2026. **BOPA**

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Swimmers set for aquatic showdown

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - In a major test of talent and determination, the Botswana national swimming team is in eSwatini to compete at the Africa Aquatics Zone IV Championships.

The team left on Monday for the competition which starts today and expected to end on Sunday.

Sending the team off on Monday, Botswana Swimming

Sport Association president, Kgaotsang Matthews said this year's competition was expected to be more challenging than ever, having shifted from development to a high stakes international-level event.

"The fact that you once won medals is actually a sign that you are good in your own right, therefore go there, enjoy and compete," Matthews said.

Matthews said looking at the already published swimming

site sheet, she was happy that Botswana swimmers were seeded well.

"If you keep up with what you do all the time, and when you get into the water, do what you do, we know what we are made of," she said.

She added that the youthful and experienced squad carried the hopes of the nation, with four swimmers making their international debuts.

"They have proven themselves

locally and so it is their time to shine internationally," she said.

Sports psychologist, Dr Kagiso Tlhabano-David encouraged the team to focus on managing pre-competition anxiety to achieve peak performance.

"Sometimes you will worry more about the competitors and your weakness, it happens. We usually do not work toward getting rid of the anxiety, we just want your anxiety to be controllable," Dr Tlhabano-

David said.

The girls' team comprises Yun-suh Chang, Jade Chilisa, Amaru Ditlhogo, Matipaishe Gondo, Kimberly Ingwe, Maeva Morebodi, Melodi Saleshando and Lame Thomba.

The boys include Leruo Bakwena, Jerone Chilisa, Gaamangwe Keitsile, Leano-Laone Manowe, Tema Modirelabangwe, Theo Morebodi, Mmoloki Raymond and Khalil Sethi. **BOPA**



Botswana swimming national team during the send off ceremony in Gaborone on Monday. A total of 18 athletes will represent the country at the Africa Aquatics Zone IV Championships which starts today in eSwatini. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

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