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The Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre at old Sekgoma Memorial Hospital in Serowe will officially start phased operations in November. According to Ministry of Health chief public relations officer, Dr Christopher Nyanga the facility aimed to tackle the growing problem of alcohol and drug abuse nationwide.
Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

Rehab centre
opens November

By Taboka Ngwako

GABORONE- The Ministry of Health has confirmed that the long-awaited Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre at old Sekgoma Memorial Hospital in Serowe will officially start phased operations in November. In an interview, the ministry chief public relations officer, Dr Christopher Nyanga, said the centre was established to respond to the rising challenge of alcohol and drug abuse across the country. “We saw the urgent need for Botswana to have dedicated facility for alcohol and substance use disorders as previously patients were only assisted at psychiatric hospitals and clinics,” said Dr Nyanga. He further stated that the

centre once operational, would work hand in hand with psychiatric hospitals, clinics and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as part of the national referral system and would offer free in-patient and out-patient care, detox services, counselling, psychological and pharmacological treatment, as well as aftercare programmes. According to Dr Nyanga, to date, around P48 million had been invested in the refurbishment of the centre and at full capacity, the facility would accommodate 50 patients, divided into 20 adult males, 10 adult females, and 20 spaces for children and youth under the age of 19. “Treatment will be tailored for different groups, including adults, young people, and even

vulnerable categories such as pregnant women,” Dr Nyanga explained. He also stated that mental health professionals would play a key role in the treatment process, helping patients manage addiction as a chronic condition while also supporting them after discharge. Dr Nyanga added that families, friends and significant others would also benefit from counselling sessions, recognising the broader impact substance abuse had on households and communities. “Reducing alcohol and substance use related harm requires a collective approach and the health sector is just one part of the solution as this centre will be an important part of that wider response,” he said.

The ministry further indicated that more centres might be rolled out in other regions, depending on the success of the Serowe facility. For her part, Botswana Network of Mental Health, Psychological counselor, Ms Botlhe Moele stated that the opening of the country’s first dedicated drug and alcohol rehab centre was a big achievement in how the country was making efforts to respond to substance use. “It will ensure that people do not have limited access to specialised care as it has been the case in the past since Botswana has been relying mostly in Sbrana Psychiatric Hospital and Jubilee Hospital,” she said.

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Minister demands urgent action on land allocation

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture has directed the Tawana Land Board (TLB) to immediately resolve a backlog of serious land management and allocation issues, some of which date back to 2010 and 2015.

Addressing a kgotla meeting in Maun recently, Dr Edwin Dikoloti acknowledged the concerns raised by the residents which he said were long-standing issues and disturbing.

Dr Dikoloti instructed the board to address all outstanding matters and report back to him by the end of October.

Issues raised during the meeting included a rise in illegal self-demarcation and claimed boreholes, insignificant delays in land allocation, slow issuance of secured land certificates, inheritance matters, land transfers and fraudulent claims of matlotla (old residential plots or ruins).

Dr Dikoloti said he was alarmed by the matlotla issue, which he noted had been linked to illegal land grabbing and fraudulent claims in prime areas like Khwai village and led to conflicts.

He indicated that matlotla hold a spiritual connection and thus urged the board to confirm the accuracy of all claims before registration.

He also expressed shock over a case where an individual illegally claimed and fenced a borehole at Dhaoga settlement, which had been in use since the 1950s and ordered the TLB to address the matter urgently.

“The complaints clearly show that the land board is not doing enough,” he said.

He further called on the TLB to put its house in order and accelerate land delivery initiatives to meet community allocation needs and support socio-economic development.

Also, he called for the enhancement of extension services to ensure residents had the necessary knowledge and information to avoid losing

their claims or facing legal consequences.

Dr Dikoloti assured residents that he would engage both the main land board and its sub-land boards, not only to address the current issues but also to set concrete targets for future performance.

Residents, however, used the platform to voice their deep-seated complaints and highlighted the long waiting periods they endured before plots were allocated, even after submitting evidence from traditional leaders.

They argued that such delays were detrimental, slowed down development and contributed to rising poverty levels.

Some residents further called for the dismantling of the board, saying it was an obstacle to efficient and timely assistance. They requested the minister to appoint new board members who were familiar with district land issues and had the community’s best interests at heart.

One Mr Batubi Osakamoa said his hopes were gradually dwindling after applying for a plot in 2010 for a fodder production project intended to create employment for young people.

Another resident, Mr Kenosi Kenosi accused the TLB of using delaying tactics for locals while allocating land to foreigners and questioned the criteria used.

He demanded the suspension of the renewal of the NG29 lease, which expires in December, saying the community had long applied for the concession, but it was allocated to a foreign national.

He also raised concerns that the board allocated matlotla without engaging Dikgosi, something he said led to conflicts as applicants claimed land that was not theirs.

Mr Kgato Motai complained that residents were losing agricultural land due to mine expansion activities, noting that about 72 farms in the district would be affected and as such requested government to intervene to protect land owners.

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Reverend Metlhayotlhe Beleme of Anglican Church Diocese of Botswana (left) handing over 200 Bibles to Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana (centre) and Botswana Prison Service Commissioner, Mr Anthony Mokento during the church’s donation meant to reintegrated ex-offenders in Gaborone recently. The church also donated small business startup kits valued at P50,000. Mr Ramaotwana commended the church for re-affirming its unwavering commitment to helping ex-offenders reintegrate into society. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Anglican church supports ex-convicts integration

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - The Anglican Church, Diocese of Botswana, has donated small business startup kits to ex-offenders in a move aimed at supporting their integration into society.

The startup packages, targeting ten ex-offenders, include manicure, bricklaying, upholstery, and carpentry, as well as Bibles for serving inmates. The Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana, when receiving the donations recently, said the partnership between the Botswana Prison Services and the church has been impactful.

He added that the gifts went a long way in breaking the cycle of re-offending and fostering long-term reintegration.

“The contribution is significant in ensuring effective rehabilitation

and reintegration of offenders,” Mr Ramaotwana said.

“It highlights the vital role faith-based organisations play in restoring dignity, hope, and giving second chances to those seeking a new beginning,” he added.

Mr Ramaotwana emphasised that every ex-offender, regardless of their history or hardship, was worthy of a future and not defined by their past.

“Today, we celebrate a moment of liberation, not only from the bars of prison but from the unseen and often unspoken chains that linger long after release,” he said.

The minister noted that ex-offenders faced economic exclusion, social rejection, and systemic marginalisation, among other challenges.

He added that reintegration was a transformation process rooted in the government’s commitment

to a fair, more inclusive, and compassionate society.

Reverend Metlhayotlhe Beleme of the Anglican Church, Diocese of Botswana, said, in the midst of trials and tribulations, it was common to feel abandoned and despair, but he encouraged ex-offenders to always know they were not forgotten.

He encouraged them not to despair, citing examples from the gospel where God heard the poor, marginalised, and hopeless.

The Commissioner of Botswana Prison Services, Mr Anthony Mokento, thanked the church for its role in integrating ex-offenders, a partnership that started in 2021.

He noted that the donation recipients were from different prison stations around the country and that out of the 200 ex-offenders released since 2021, fewer than 50 had repeated offenses.

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BOCRA donates digital lab worth P1.3 million

By Keetile Bontsibokae

KGOMODIATSHABA - Government is fully aware that digital education fosters problem-solvers, entrepreneurs and leaders who will contribute to economic growth, social equity and sustainable development.

The Minister of Communication and Innovation, Mr David Tshere said this recently during the official opening of a digital centre at Kgomodiatshaba Primary School in Kgatleng District donated by BOCRA.

The investment towards the project was done at a cost of P1.3 million and was completed in three months within budget,

scope and of desired quality.

The Digital Centre comprises of 30 desktop computers, 30 separate compartments and chairs, two teacher laptops, a digital smart board, white board, heavy duty printer, air-conditioners, an office, a server room, Local Area Network and high-speed broadband internet connectivity.

Mr Tshere described the collaboration of his ministry and other stakeholders as the development agents on a mission to advance the government’s pursuit of digital transformation agenda.

He said the facility would bring Kgomodiatshaba Primary School

and the village into the fold of the digital world and within reach of every place in the world.

“The fit for purpose digital centre stands as a symbol of progress in the quest to bridge the gap between rural and urban communities,” explained Mr Tshere.

He said the facility was a demonstration of government’s commitment to harnessing technology for development.

He said the initiative was to provide learners with a facility that would serve as a hub for coding, digital research, and interactive learning adding that it would serve as a gateway to creativity and knowledge for

students providing learners with online access and modern digital resources to enhance their studies.

Mr Tshere said the centre would also support teachers with modern tools for enhanced teaching methods.

He said government strongly believed that digital centres were critical in building a robust economy and positioning the nation as a leader in innovation hence.

Mr Tshere said it was not by chance that his ministry and stakeholders were in Kgomodiatshaba to unveil a digital centre but it was by design and part of a broader vision to nurture an innovation-driven

society.

He said government had partnered with stakeholders in the private and public sector to advance all facets of the digital economy architecture.

“I wish to appreciate BOCRA through the Universal Access and Services Fund for its continued drive to bring internet connectivity and ICTs into schools, particularly primary schools,” he said.

Mr Tshere emphasised that the Digital Centre was more than just equipment but a gateway to empowerment and innovation therefore, he urged learners, teachers and the community to make full use of it and to preserve it for future generations.

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Mohwasa advocates electoral reforms

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - The Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa has called for reforms to the country's electoral system.

Speaking at the official opening of the 12th Annual International Electoral Awards and Symposium on yesterday, he acknowledged that certain democratic deficits remained unresolved and must be addressed if the country was to fully honour the principles of free and fair elections.

Hence, he said the government was not merely content having won an election.

"We are committed to correcting the systemic gaps that have long undermined trust in our democratic institutions and to ensuring that future elections in Botswana are not only peaceful but fully transparent, participatory, and accountable from start to finish."

Thus, Mr Mohwasa said the symposium was not just timely but essential, as it would discuss issues that sat at the heart of modern democracy, including the independence of electoral commissions, the risks and rewards of electoral technologies, voter education, disinformation, inclusivity and institutional reform.

He said these were not abstract themes but real-world challenges that determined whether people trusted their democracy or withdraw from it.

The minister said that, as the custodian of the electoral process, the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) played a foundational role, adding that government acknowledged its technical competence in managing the 2024 elections.

However, he said it equally stressed the urgent need for greater independence, openness, and legal reforms to ensure it could perform its duties free from political or administrative interference.

"As a government, we will support the review and strengthening of Botswana's electoral legal framework. We will ensure that all key aspects, from voter registration to campaign financing to dispute resolution, are governed by clear, fair, and enforceable rules, rooted in constitutionalism and the rights of our citizens."

The chairperson of the IEC, Justice Barnabas Nyamadzabo, said the symposium meant a lot to the country, as it brought together leaders, professionals, and innovators across the globe to share and grow knowledge and

engage in high-level discussions on the future of electoral management.

He said the symposium offered the Commission an opportunity to benchmark and learn as it prepares for the next cycle of electoral activities.

Justice Nyamadzabo said the international symposium was being held for the first time in Botswana, with the IEC co-hosting in partnership with the International Centre for Parliamentary Studies.

The symposium, which started on Wednesday and will end on today, provides an opportunity for commissioners, practitioners, and experts from across the globe to exchange perspectives, explore innovative approaches, and renew their collective commitment to credible elections. **BOPA**



Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (centre), International Centre for Parliamentary Studies executive vice president, Mr Tracy Drewett (left) and Independent Electoral Commission chairperson, Justice Barnabas Nyamadzabo during 21st International Electoral awards and Symposium ceremony in Gaborone yesterday. Mr Mohwasa acknowledged that certain democratic deficits remained unresolved and must be addressed if the country was to fully honour the principles of fair and free elections. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Boko urges clerkships to ease judges workload

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - President Advocate Duma Boko has urged the judiciary to consider using clerkships to help reduce the research burden on judges within the legal system.

Speaking during the swearing in of members of the judicial system, President Boko said it was important to engage judicial clerkships as their role would assist a judge with legal research, writing and administrative tasks for cases before the court.

"These roles offer valuable experience in legal procedures and provide insights into judicial decision-making, therefore allowing for exposure to postgraduates to various legal fields and can serve as excellent references to their legal professional resume and provide the necessary legal experience that could nurture the country's judicial system," he said.

President Boko also administered oath of office on



Mr Kgosietsile Ngakaagae

Justice Sidney Pilane

Justice William Moncho

Mr Filbert Nagafela

newly appointed Court of Appeal Judges, Advocate Sidney Pilane and Justice Modiri Letsididi, High Court Judge Mr William Moncho, Director of Public Prosecutions in the Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Kgosietsile Ngakaagae as well as Mr Filbert Nagafela who is the new member of Judicial Service Commission.

"Our judiciary has been highly regarded in the African continent

and we are simply restoring that glory as we strive for it to be respected and we trust that the appointment of the new judicial officials will nurture our judicial system," he said.

President Boko highlighted that the appointment of the aforementioned marked a notable shift in the country's judicial system as it was an addition of legal think tanks boasting priceless legal experience.

He emphasised the importance of appointing judges who embodied the values, wisdom and jurisprudence necessary to guide society, noting that the calibre of judges shaped the nation's future.

The appointments, he said, were a mark of ultimate recognition and appreciation, adding that the appointment of the judges was worth all the accolades.

As the two jurists were elevated to the apex court, he said it was important to be cognisant that the

Court of Appeal was infallible only because it was final.

"It is important to note that the decisions by the Court of Appeal are final and therefore there is an understanding that there are infallible and not open to scrutiny, but we must be mindful that the court of public opinion is always challenging some court decisions," President Boko said.

He said the legal profession and the legal academy always interrogate some the court decisions and subjects them to probing, hence enriching the jurisprudence of any jurisdiction.

President Boko urged judicial officers not to wilt under scrutiny regardless of the harshness of the criticism, but rather bear it with fortitude.

He said it was satisfactory that the appointed members of the bench had risen to such position on merit and poised to withstand criticism. **BOPA**



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) and Justice Modiri Letsididi after the latter was sworn in as Court of Appeal Judge at the Office of the President yesterday. President Boko emphasised the importance of appointing judges who embodied the values, wisdom, and jurisprudence necessary to guide society, noting that the caliber of judges shaped the nation's future. The President also appointed Advocate Sidney Pilane as Court of Appeal Judge, Mr William Moncho as High Court Judge, Mr Kgosietsile Ngakaagae as Director of Public Prosecutions and Mr Filbert Nagafela as a member of the Judicial Service Commission. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

Rehabilitation centre opens November

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Ms Moele further said the centre would also make an important start in addressing the gaps in substance abuse treatment.

Currently, most people struggling with alcohol and drug dependency had very limited resources in most cases, ending up in psychiatric hospitals that

were not designed for long-term rehabilitation, Ms Moele said.

However, she said one facility alone could not meet the national demand but it set a strong foundation for expanding services.

"It also offers hope for improved well-being, stronger families and safer communities," she said. **BOPA**

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Part of Lentswelemoriti. The national treasurer for the St Engenas ZCC in Botswana, Mr Benjamin Ntshole said they uncovered documents that proved that their forbearers in Lentswelemoriti were the legal and legitimate owners of the private farm.

More revelations surface in Lentswelemoriti saga

By Manowe Motsaathebe

LENTSWELEMORITI - In dramatic turn of events, maybe a last ditch effort by residents of Lentswelemoriti to return peace to their mission village, residents and their village advisory committee have stated that they, together with the church were the legal owners of Lentswelemoriti mission village.

In their claims, some members of the advisory committee detailed a plethora of assertions and presented historical documents from Mafikeng which they argued buttressed their claim to the land, which hitherto has been known to be a freehold farm privately and solely owned by St Engenas Zion Christian Church.

In a meeting conducted by a taskforce, set up by President Advocate Duma Boko and led by director for Local Governance and Developmental Planning under the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Ms Queen Taolo, recently, residents detailed plenty of claims and allegations chiefly against one Mr Piet Lekganyane and what they termed an illegal church.

At the top of their claims, residents of Lentswelemoriti, through members of their village advisory committee, cleared that they and the Zion Christian Church (ZCC) were the rightful owners of the farm contrary to long held views and misinformation that has been peddled by some members of the church.

Mr Benjamin Ntshole, who is a national treasurer for the St Engenas ZCC in Botswana, said that they uncovered documents that proved that their forbearers in Lentswelemoriti were the legal and legitimate owners of the private farm.

He reported that their research, which led them to Mafikeng, uncovered that Lentswelemoriti was a mission village purchased at 7 500 Pounds by the first inhabitants of the land, being the then members of ZCC before the birth of the now St Engenas ZCC.

Mr Ntshole corroborated his claims with a letter allegedly authored by the national church’s secretary, Mr Khutsafalo Kadimo who indicated that Lentswelemoriti did not have a sole owner as has been reported.

“In short, the letter (from the secretary general in Botswana, based in Tlokweng) states that the title deed has never changed from

ZCC to the now St Engenas ZCC after the latter was duly registered in 1974,” said Mr Ntshole.

“It is on record that on October 18, 1949, the banished Zionists contributed around 7 500 Pounds to the account of their lawyer in Zeerust, one Mr Colsen, with the intention to buy land where they could live peacefully after fleeing Kgatleng where Kgosi Molefi of Bakgatla, banished them after they embraced ZCC,” Mr Ntshole explained and added that the seller and buyer entered into an agreement in January 16, 1952.

The members had apparently sought to buy land in Molopo, Gaborone and Tati, but eventually settled for Lentswelemoriti, according to Mr Ntshole.

The purchase agreement, he said, detailed that buyers deposited a total of 4 265 ounds after which an agreed 500 Pounds or more was paid as installment with six per cent annual interest, according to Mr Ntshole.

He also indicated that the title of the land was then transferred fully to the ZCC although approval was only rendered in November 17, 1960.

However, the residents’ troubles began with the emergence of one man who identified himself as Piet Lekganyane. Not only did Mr Lekganyane act as an impostor, but also engaged in acts of intimidation by bringing into the shrine some church security personnel allegedly armed.

Actually, Mr Ntshole said that the same Mr Piet Lekganyane, who hitherto had been tormenting residents of Lentswelemoriti was documented as Piet Makhudu Makola.

He alleged that Piet rode on the power of Lekganyane name to benefit from undue legitimacy as he sowed seeds of discord amongst the residents of Lentswelemoriti.

In fact, Mr Ntshole labelled Piet as a member of the ‘illegal church that calls itself St Engenas ZCC CR8475’ which has since been deregistered at the Department of Home Affairs. He is reportedly in cahoots with Mr Oreeditse Molebatsi, apparently ex-communicated from the church and allegedly enjoying unfettered access to government offices.

As a matter of fact, residents of Lentswelemoriti clarified that they were not in conflict with the ‘legal St Engenas ZCC registered in September 1974,’ but were persecuted by members of an

‘illegal church’ led by a man who introduced himself as Mr Piet Makhudu, not Lekganyane.

Residents claim that it was after the purchase of the farm that residents of Lentswelemoriti and the Bishop Joseph Lekganyane, founder of St Engenas ZCC, set up a board of trustees that facilitated the construction of the school buildings and allocation of residential plots.

Actually, residents recalled that the conflict started brewing when some men led by one Mr Stone Seoromeng with Mr Oreeditse Molebatsi and some ex-communicated Mr Okna Nake surfaced at the mission village to brew the conflict, according to Mr Ntshole.

However, after the ex-communication of Mr Nake from the church now came one Mr Piet Makhudu Makola who facilitated the impostors, Mr Ntshole narrated.

“The church documents, including copies of his passports in our possession corroborate our claims that the man leading the illegal church fraudulently registered in 2009, is not a Lekganyane as he claims,” said Mr Ntshole as he waived the documents to the applause of some attendants

In addition to their woes, the people of Lentswelemoriti accuse the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs through Assistant Minister, Mr Ignatius Moswaane, whom they accused of abuse of office and alleged allegiance to the ‘illegal church.’

Allegations are that Mr Moswaane summoned the advisory committee twice to his office trying to broker peace and offering an olive branch by way of dispatching a fleet of four buses to ferry church members to the holy city of Moria last month, a gesture they claimed to have been dismissed.

In a sea of allegations, Mr Ntshole claimed that the illegal church had captured many government offices. This, he said, was supported by their discovery that they found footprints of Mr Molebatsi in every government office they sought the intervention of and would subsequently be given a cold shoulder by the officers.

The residents also accused the district commissioner’s office of being biased towards members of the ‘illegal church.’

In the list of uncooperative offices are Botswana Police Service, accused of helping aggressors’ mandate while the department of veterinary services has been

fingered for peddling untrue claims of foot and mouth disease in the farm in order to remove livestock from Lentswelemoriti.

However, while awaiting the outcome of their matter, the residents of Lentswelemoriti, through their advisory committee, revealed that they have packaged evidence enough to report the country at the United Nations.

Although allegations were pounded at their direction, the delegation led by Mr Lekganyane and Mr Molebatsi’s local entourage did not attend the task force meeting despite having promised to attend every meeting in Lentswelemoriti. Also, no one associated with the ‘illegal church’ contributed their views at the meeting despite being present.

In the previous meetings, Mr Lekganyane poured scorn on the residents’ claims describing them as nothing and refusing to apologise for the disrespect.

He said that the residents had no claim to the land and could not

develop the plot.

Actually, Mr Lekganyane threatened residents with eviction and payment of lease if they continued calling for developments which he said were prohibited in the church-owned land.

Again, he threatened that he had the power to stop holding of kgotla meetings in the farm, saying whoever wanted such a meeting may be forced to conduct it outside Lentswelemoriti.

The chairperson of the church council also said that the church had no obligation to consult residents on the developments it was carrying out on its land, like erection of perimeter electric fence, saying those who wanted to live outside could source plots elsewhere.

Meanwhile, the chairperson of the taskforce, Ms Taolo informed the residents that they intended on expediting their report to President Boko so that their concerns and grievances could ultimately be addressed. **BOPA**



Jindal Energy Botswana donates to schools

By Kefilwe Selotlegeng

MAHALAPYE - Jindal Energy Botswana has donated 2 503 school inform worth more than P800 000 to primary schools in Palla Road, Dovedale, Mookane, Mmphashalala as well as Mookane Junior Secondary School .

Speaking at an occasion to hand over the uniform to the schools recently in Palla Road, Assistant Minister for State President and also the Member of Parliament for Gaborone Bonnington North, Ms Maipelo Mophuting said the gift was not just a mere piece of cloth but something that would give the pupils a hope, confidence, dignity

and a sense of belonging.

Ms Mophuting said with the uniform, Jindal had extended a comforting hand to many children and families, a gesture the government was grateful for.

She said the initiative was close to her heart because those who will receive it would now be walking taller, smiling wider and daring to dream bigger because someone believed in them.

A school uniform carries a powerful meaning, of equal-ness and belonging to a part of a family called school, Ms Mophuting said.

She said a child without a proper school uniform would feel different, excluded or even ashamed, but with

the right uniform they would focus on learning rather than worrying.

Ms Mophuting said it was initiatives like these that demonstrated what the business community, and government could achieve when they joint forces, to shape the destiny of the young people. She encouraged learners to consider the gift as a symbol of possibility and wear it with pride, reminding them to respect their teachers, listen to their parents and above all, work hard in their studies.

Ms Mophuting thanked the Jindal

for choosing a project that spoke to the heart of the community.

Member of Parliament for Mahalapye East and also Assistant Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Augustine Nyatanga said he had seen the pain of children going to school wearing torn uniform.

He said some ended up quitting and giving up on their dreams because others made fun of them.

But with this kind of support, he said their hope would be restored and performance improved.

Jindal Energy Botswana country director and project head, Mr Neeraj Saxena said the company through its corporate social responsibility was committed to improving health and education as well as women empowerment in the four villages.

Mr Saxena said last year, Jindal donated medical equipment, 6 600 textbooks and supported women employment among others.

He also said Jindal had employed 1 800 and 300 of those were from the four villages. **BOPA**

BMC to build water treatment plant

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Government has funded Maun Botswana Meat Commission to construct Reverse Osmosis plant and effluent treatment plant.

The abattoir has been experiencing severe water crisis that had disrupted its operation resulting in reduced slaughtering.

The plant manager, Mr Ishmael Ramorula confirmed in an interview that they had secured funding to construct Reverse Osmosis plant which would help in purifying water.

The abattoir sourced water from the Thamalakane River but experiences challenges when they river is dry.

“For the past two years, the river was dry and we depended entirely on the boreholes which produced salty water that blocked pipes transmitting water into the plant. The situation forced us to scale down production,” he said.

Currently, he said two of the condensers were down because of salty water explaining that they had to borrow one from the nearby abattoir.

He said the new plant would provide a lasting solution noting that it needed a significant amount of water for its operation.

Mr Ramorula pointed out that the production capacity had been

low due to farmers reluctance to sell cattle saying the quarantine system was not working for them.

As such, he said farmers had requested the abattoir to buy live cattle directly from them and take the responsibility of the quarantine processes.

The quarantine system was implemented in Ngamiland district in an effort to facilitate Commodity Based Trade approach.

The intention is to keep cattle at the facility and manage them until they mature and ready for slaughter.

“We have taken up their plea with management and hoping that the response will be positive. Farmers have promised to bring more cattle if their request is approved”.

Mr Ramorula also highlighted that the United Arab Emirates (UAE) market preferred pneumatic slaughter system and as such early this year they had installed the machine which is working perfectly well and awaiting audit so that they could be issued with a certificate as proof of compliance.

He hopedl that they will have the certificate by November this year and start the arrangements of exporting beef to UAE market.

“I believe the live cattle buying system will motivate the market as we will have enough products to meet the demand,” he added. **BOPA**



Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (right) and Chinese Ambassador, Mr Fan Yong at China 76th Anniversary reception in Gaborone recently. Mr Mohwasa said Botswana was grateful for many contributions China had made to Botswana’s economic and social development, particularly in health, infrastructure and capacity building. Photo: Felicity Male

Botswana hails China for continued relations

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - Botswana has lauded China as a constant and trusted development partner.

Speaking during celebrations to mark the 76th anniversary of the National Day of China on Thursday in Gaborone recently, Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa who was acting for minister of International Relations, expressed Botswana’s deep appreciation for China’s long-standing support in key areas such as health, infrastructure, and capacity building.

“Botswana remains grateful for the many contributions China has made to economic and social development,” said Mr Mohwasa.

Mr Mohwasa said projects such as Moseitse-Kazungula Railwayline and the construction of Ramaeba Primary School and the invaluable work of Chinese medical teams, were some of the fruits of the cooperation, a vibrant relationship rooted in mutual trust and respect.

He noted that recent years had seen continued support from China, including financial grants aimed at advancing critical sectors within Botswana’s development agenda.

He said the new administration Botswana was particularly inspired by China’s remarkable economic achievements.

“Since the 1970s, China has sustained over nine per cent annual

GDP growth for three decades and lifted more than 800 million people out of poverty,” he said.

He said Botswana would draw valuable lessons from China’s extraordinary story of success.

Reaffirming Botswana’s diplomatic stance, Mr Mohwasa emphasised unwavering support for the One-China Policy, calling it the foundation of bilateral relations.

“Today, we also celebrate a country that has stood firmly with Africa,” he said, referencing China’s recent move to exempt tariffs on a wide range of products from 53 African nations. Botswana is optimistic about the opportunities this presents, particularly following the signing of the Beef Protocol, which will open the Chinese market to our premium beef exports,” he said.

On global affairs, Mr Mohwasa commended President Xi Jinping and praised his initiatives for sustainable development and equitable global governance.

He said his initiatives promoted inclusive growth and long-term prosperity for developing nations, including Botswana.

He also extended appreciation to Chinese Ambassador to Botswana, Mr Fan Yong, for his tireless efforts in deepening bilateral ties and underscoring a shared commitment to continued cooperation, with both nations reaffirming their vision of

mutual development and global solidarity.

For his part, Ambassador Fan, reaffirmed China’s steadfast commitment to Africa’s development through trade, investment and global governance reforms, citing deepening economic ties, enhanced cooperation under the Global Governance Initiative, and historic progress under China’s 14th Five-Year Plan.

Mr Fan noted that the country’s ongoing economic strength and international leadership continued to serve as an engine for global development.

He also reiterated on President Xi’s Global Governance Initiative, a framework designed to close existing gaps in international governance, saying they align closely with the core interests of African countries.

Mr Fan further called for Botswana’s active participation in the reform agenda, advocating for stronger cooperation to build a more inclusive and equitable global order.

“I hope that Botswana would soon capitalise on the zero-tariff policy, enabling its high-quality products to reach China’s vast consumer market,” he said.

He further noted that they would support Botswana’s national goals of economic diversification and sustainable development. **BOPA**



Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti (second right) and his entourage touring Maun BMC plant recently. The plant has been experiencing severe shortage of water, which disrupted its operations. Government has therefore funded construction of Reverse Osmosis plant to address the situation. Photo: Esther Mmolai

MP urges govt to balance key sectors

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Maun West Member of Parliament, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama, has called on government to establish a clear balance between mining and agriculture to ensure long-term economic stability and community prosperity.

Speaking at a recent stakeholder consultative meeting in Maun, attended by acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, Mr Hikuama acknowledged that both sectors were vital economic contributors.

However, he expressed concern over what he argued was bias toward mining over agriculture, which he said offered a renewable and sustainable future for Batswana.

Mr Hikuama thus urged government to designate ‘no-go areas’ for mining in favour of agriculture, which was paramount for food security and employment.

“It seems our area, the North West, is rich in minerals and the question is, are we going to chase away farmers from their farms and ranches to pave way for mining activities?” he asked.

The MP was of the view that achieving a balance required sustainable land planning to reduce reliance on a single industry, noting that mining directly impacted the agricultural land and water resources crucial for farming.

He cited the example of a copper mine operating adjacent to the Hainaveld ranches, which were reserved for commercial livestock farming under the Tribal Grazing Land Policy.

“If copper is found in the area, will government relocate farmers to pave way for mining which will at one point deplete?” he probed, hence called for protection of both sectors to ensure shared prosperity and sustainable resource use.

On conflict in commercial farming areas, Mr Hikuama raised concerns that government’s ambitious target to increase the national cattle herd to five million may be undermined by current practices, particularly the increasing presence of game farming at Hainaveld, an area reserved for livestock commercial farming.

He lamented that commercial farmers were currently suffering significant losses due to marauding lions preying on their cattle from neighbouring game ranches.

“Farmers are running business at a loss. To achieve the set target, government must come up with policies that harmonise and not go parallel because the aim is to increase herd production,” he added.

In addition to policy harmonisation, the legislator called for prioritisation of buffalo fence maintenance.

He noted that the current and badly damaged fences allowed uncontrolled movement of both wildlife and livestock.

As such, he suggested that government should partner with communities residing along the fences for maintenance through the new Ipelegeng programme to reduce expenses.

On other issues, Mr Hikuama commended government’s efforts to promote land cultivation through provision of seeds and fertilisers, which he said was a major issue facing local farmers.

Meanwhile, he regretted that despite producing affidavits from traditional leaders to prove ownership of their fields, farmers who had been terrorised by elephants were denied compensation for their damaged crops. **BOPA**



Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti (left) and Maun West MP, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama during a consultative kgotla meeting on the review of the National Policy on Agricultural Development in Maun recently. Mr Hikuama called on government to establish a clear balance between mining and agriculture to ensure long-term economic stability and community prosperity. Photo: Esther Mmolai

Policy review aims for climate-smart agriculture

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Government is reviewing the 1991 National Policy on Agricultural Development (NPAD) to develop an efficient, climate-smart agriculture focused policy that drives food security and economic transformation, acting Minister of Land and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, has said.

Addressing stakeholders in Maun recently, Minister Dikoloti explained that the review’s primary purpose was to alleviate hunger and move the country toward food self-sufficiency.

He lamented that the sector, which once significantly contributed to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), had seen its contribution decline to two per cent.

The minister urged stakeholders to collaborate on strategies to revitalise the sector and appealed to Batswana to increase production and reduce reliance on imports.

“In North West district, you have resources such as water and fertile land, share how we can sustainably utilise the resources to boost the sector, feed the nation and export surplus,” he added. The district, he noted, also had significant opportunity for dairy farming due to its rich grazing land.

Dr Dikoloti however, acknowledged the region’s formidable challenges, which included livestock disease outbreaks, pests and the terrorising presence of elephants and predators.

He assured farmers that

research and development would be the backbone of government’s efforts to address them.

Despite the minister’s explanation, residents raised concerns about the challenges they faced, arguing that the sector’s decline was a direct result of lack of available land and outdated policies that did not benefit them.

They argued that availability of land, coupled with the implementation of sustainable land management practices and supportive policies, were key to ensuring future food security.

They blamed the Tawana Land Board for the slow pace in allocating ploughing land. Residents argued that the Land Board’s sluggishness and unsound policies had demoralised many farmers who were passionate about agriculture.

“Traditionally we rely on both livestock rearing and arable farming for income and sustenance but currently, we are struggling to secure land to practice that.

Our Land Board is dragging the feet to allocate land to us,” Kgosi Tapoloso Mosika said.

He indicated that large and fertile portions of land such as the farms after Makalamabedi gate along the A3 Road and land at the Sexaxa area, were currently idling, which if allocated, could spur greater production.

Kgosi Mosika also noted that lack of grazing land and the Land Board’s perceived disinterest in agriculture were major obstacles.

He added that the unavailability of land prevented farmers from fully benefiting from existing agricultural schemes like ISPAAD, despite the prevalence of human-wildlife conflict in the region.

Mr Sesentle Madisa implored government to relook into the existing policies to identify failures and strengths, arguing that this would help to develop a new, modernised and comprehensive policy to address current challenges.

Mr Madisa, whose farmers’ association had already trained over 70 farmers on sunflower production, also urged government to prioritise the maintenance of buffalo fences.

He proposed that the Department of Wildlife should take responsibility for the fences, rather than the Department of Agriculture, given that the damage was primarily caused by wildlife, particularly elephants. **BOPA**

Japan records another industrial output drop

TOKYO - Japan’s industrial output dropped 1.2 per cent in August from a month earlier, falling for the second consecutive month, government data showed Tuesday.

The seasonally adjusted index of production at factories and mines, following an upwardly revised 1.2 per cent drop in July, stood at 100.9 against the 2020 base of 100, according to data released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Production fell in 12 out of 15

industrial sectors covered in the survey, including metal products, and inorganic and organic chemicals.

The production of electrical machinery and information and communication electronics equipment fell 5.7 per cent from the previous month, weighed down by a lull in demand for personal computers.

Meanwhile, motor vehicle production, a key industry for Japan, rose 2.5 percent from a month earlier, helped by a strong

demand in overseas markets.

The ministry maintained its assessment of industrial output that it “fluctuates indecisively.”

A ministry official said it remained difficult to gauge the negative impact of higher U.S. tariffs on Japan’s industrial output.

Based on a survey of manufacturers, the ministry expects seasonally adjusted output to climb 4.1 per cent in September and gain 1.2 per cent in October. **Xinhua**

Africa tourism players push for digitisation

NAIROBI - Tourism players across Africa should leverage digital tools to transform the sector, boosting its growth and competitiveness, senior officials said on Wednesday at the 15th edition of the Magical Kenya Travel Expo underway in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital.

According to the executives, emerging technologies such as big data, Internet of Things, and artificial intelligence (AI) have revolutionised the tourism and travel sector, delivering benefits for investors and clients.

Clara Chinwe Okoro, founder and chief operating officer of My Beautiful Africa, a travel technology company based in Nigeria, said Africa is gradually becoming a destination for tech-savvy tourists, necessitating the urgency to automate the sector.

“Connectivity is not only easing bookings but also improving

travelers’ experience at various destinations across the continent.

We can also leverage digital tools to showcase our scenic attractions,” Okoro said.

Kalkidan Mulugeta, co-founder of ClearSkies Technology, a technology firm based in Ethiopia, stressed that digital tools have the potential to make Africa’s tourism more resilient, sustainable, and globally competitive.

Mulugeta urged investors to utilise cyberspace to market new products, automate booking and payment systems, while prioritising data security for travelers.

He added that the adoption of new technologies such as drones and AI would enable tourism

stakeholders to reduce their carbon footprint, curb waste, and build resilient brands.

Francis Muriithi, group head of technology governance and assurance at Kenya Commercial Bank Group, said investors in Africa’s tourism sector could leverage advanced digital tools to gain insight into travelers’ preferences.

Muriithi called for scaling up digital payments across the continent alongside the rollout of micro-insurance products.

The Magical Kenya Travel Expo, which runs until Friday, brings together over 6 500 delegates from 40 countries across the globe, including senior policymakers and

investors in the tourism sector.

The three-day event, under the theme: Magical Kenya: Unlocking Africa’s Potential through Sustainable Tourism, features panel discussions, business matchmaking, and exhibitions.

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HARARE - A farmer showing her agricultural produce at a seed and food festival in Zimbabwe recently. Farmers have embraced indigenous seeds to strengthen food security. Photo Xinhua

Mozambique launches SADC exchange platform

MAPUTO - Mozambique has launched the Southern Africa Exchange Mechanism, a regional platform aimed at driving joint efforts to restore degraded landscapes and strengthen climate resilience across the region.

The inauguration on Monday coincided with the opening of the third regional seminar of the Drylands Sustainable Landscapes Impact Programme, funded by the Global Environment Facility.

The Regional Exchange Mechanism we inaugurate today in Maputo was designed to strengthen regional cooperation and accelerate the implementation of integrated solutions to restore degraded landscapes, said Mozambique Secretary of State for Land and Environment Gustavo Djedje.

“In our country, this reality has dramatic contours: southern provinces such as Gaza and Inhambane have seen rainfall decline by 20 to 30 per cent over the past decades, coupled with rising temperatures and prolonged droughts affecting around 2.3 million people in this region alone,” he said.

Djedje said since 1961, Angola, Zimbabwe, and Namibia had reported agricultural losses of more than 40 per cent due to prolonged drought, while the agricultural productivity in the Southern African Development Community region had fallen by 34 per cent, a trend directly linked to global warming.

He added that the Miombo and Mopane ecosystems, a vital shared heritage for southern Africa, regulate climate and water resources, host rich biodiversity, and support over 300 million people.

“Since 2000, the Miombo ecosystem has lost about 800,000 square kilometers, an area larger than the entire territory of Mozambique. This is not just an environmental statistic; it is a direct threat to the prosperity, health, and future generations of the region,” said Djedje. Xinhua



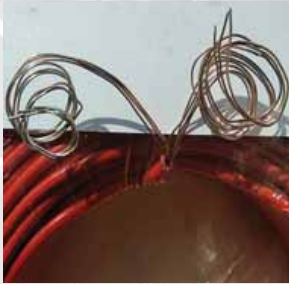
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Türkiye advances in renewable energy

ANKARA - As renewable energy plays an increasingly important role in Türkiye's installed power capacity, experts have highlighted both the rapid growth of solar energy and the urgent need to modernise the grid to ensure a stable green transition.

“Solar is not only about generation anymore; it is about creating a local industry,” Tayfun Hiz, a researcher at the Center for Solar Energy Research and Applications of Middle East Technical University in Ankara, told *Xinhua* recently.

“Türkiye is already building panels, inverters and related technologies domestically. If we

align research, manufacturing and policy, solar can become a driver of exports as well as clean energy at home,” he added.

Muhdan Saglam, director of Ankara-based think tank the Center for Energy and Climate Change Studies at the Economic Policy Research Foundation, emphasised the next phase of the energy transition.

“Türkiye has shown it can build renewable power quickly, but the real challenge now is to integrate these resources smoothly into the system.

To solve this, Türkiye will need to invest in stronger power lines, storage systems such as batteries, and smarter electricity markets.

Without these steps, it may be difficult to use all the renewable power being built,” she told *Xinhua*.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced at the UN Climate Summit 2025 held recently in New York that more than 60 per cent of Türkiye's installed electricity capacity now comes from renewable sources, including hydropower, wind and solar.

He outlined new measures including an emissions trading system and green finance tools.

“In line with our net-zero emissions target for 2053, we will continue to transform key sectors,” Erdogan added.

The renewable expansion also supports Türkiye's goal of reducing dependence on imported fossil fuels, and enhancing energy security through sun, wind and water resources.

Official data showed that Türkiye's solar power has doubled since 2021, reaching over 21 gigawatts of capacity by early 2025, while wind power has steadily expanded and hydropower remains the backbone with over 32 gigawatts of capacity.

The Turkish government aims to reach around 120 gigawatts of combined solar and wind capacity by 2035, while continuing to develop hydropower, geothermal

and biomass.

Saglam warned that without proper grid infrastructure, renewable energy potential in Türkiye cannot be fully realised.

Citing the massive blackout in the Iberian Peninsula in late April as an example of grid vulnerability, Saglam stressed that “necessary investments have to be made to support the grid.”

Phasing out coal by 2035 at the latest would be essential for Türkiye to meet its 2053 climate neutrality goal, she said, adding that the coming years would reveal whether Türkiye could turn its ambitious plans into lasting change, combining climate action with energy security and economic benefits.

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Thailand factories record growth

BANGKOK - Thailand's manufacturing sector expanded for a fifth straight month in September as a significant increase in new orders led to faster production growth, a survey showed on Wednesday.

The Southeast Asian country's manufacturing purchasing managers' index (PMI) came in at 54.6 last month, up from 52.7 in August, marking another improvement in operating conditions and the strongest pace since May 2023, according to S&P Global. A PMI reading above 50 indicates expansion in the manufacturing sector, while a reading below 50 reflects contraction.

New orders and output both grew at the fastest rate since May 2023, bolstered by effective business development efforts and improved underlying demand conditions, S&P Global said in a statement.

However, demand growth was limited to the domestic market, with new export orders falling for a second consecutive month and at the quickest rate since March, the statement said.

In response to increased workloads, Thai manufacturers raised their workforce capacity, resulting in the highest job creation rate in a year, while purchasing activity also expanded, the survey showed.

The expansion was primarily fuelled by robust domestic demand in September, despite a more pronounced deterioration in external conditions, said Jingyi Pan, economics associate director at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Forward-looking indicators suggest continued growth in manufacturing production in the near term, supported by rising confidence among goods producers, along with the sharp rise in new orders and backlog work, Pan said.

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Kgosi Lotlamoreng II a re ke nako ya gore ba Kalamare ba itshekatsheke ba lebe tse ba di kgonneng le tse di saletseng kwa morago.

A re moletlo o gape o ba fa sebaka sa go ikgakolola ditso tsa motse wa bone le matlotlo a tlholego.

Kgosi Lotlamoreng II o rotloeditse morafe wa Kalamare go somarela matlotlo a tlholego a ba gwetlha gore ba sekaseke mogopolo wa go lemoga dikgosi tsa bone tsa pele ka go bitsa mafelo a tswana dikole, ditsela, le mafelo mangwe a morafe kwa bone.

O ba rotloeditse go tshwaraganele motse gore o gole mme e bile o itsege ka dilo tse di ntle. Mo go tse dingwe, Kgosi Lotlamoreng, o kopile batsadi gore ba bue le bana ka boitsholo le tiriso ya ditagi e a reng e ile magoletsa.

O gakolotse morafe wa Kalamare go tlotla kgosi gammogo le go tshwaragana gore ba ise motse wa bone ko pele.

Mo godimo ga moo, o ba rotloeditse gore ba somarele ditso tsa bone, ba di rute bana gore di seka tsa nyelela.

Kgosi o ne a eleletsa banni ba Kalamare boipuso jo bo molemo mme a ba gakolola gore ba ipele ka boikarabelo le boitshwano jo bontle.

Fa a amogela baeng, Kgosi Goareng Mosinyi a tlhalositse fa letsatsi la go ipelela dingwaga tse di fetang lekgolo le masome a mabedi le botlhano motse o le

teng e le go leboga Modimo.

Kgosi Mosinyi o boletse fa maikaelelo a letsatsi ese go ipela fela, ele go tla go itshekatsheka gore mo di ngwageng tse ba kgone eng le gore ba batla go dirang go ya pele.

Kgosi Mosinyi a re go botlhoko ka gore metse mengwe e ba e fetang thata ka dingwaga e ba feta ka ditlhabololo.

O kopile banana ba Kalamare go rata le go ipelafatsa ka matlotlo a bone le go tsaya karolo ya kgolo le tlhabololo ya motse.

Kgosi Mosinyi o boletse fa ba leboga le go lemoga dikgosi tsa motse oo tsa pele gammogo le bagolo bangwe ba dingwaga tse diseng kgakala thata le tsa motse a re ba lebogela seabe sa bone mo kgolong ya motse.

Modulasetilo wa khansela ya Kgaolo ya Mahalapye Rre Outule Segolame o akgotse Kgosi Mosinyi le morafe wa Kalamare a re tiro e ba e dirileng e supa tshwaragano, neelano le tirisano mmogo.

Rre Segolame o ba rotloeditse gore ba tswellele ka mokgwa o wa go ipelega go tlhabolola motse wa bone.

A tlhalosa gore tshwaragano ya morafe e ntsha maduo a mantle le kgatelepele ya motse.

Fa a ntsha malebo Mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Shoshong Rre Moneedi Bagaisamang o ne a gakolola morafe wa Kalamare ka botlhokwa jwa go somarela matlotlo a tlholego.

Rre Bagaisamang o ba rotloeditse go dira lefelo la ditso go boloka ditso le matlotlo, ditso tse areng dika ngoka bojanala, tsa tlhama ditiro tse di ka direlang motse letseno lele ka tlhabololang motse.

O ne gape a atla mogopolo wa ga kgosi Lotlamoreng II wa go bitsa dikole, ditsela kana dikago tsa morafe ka dikgosi tsa pele tsa motse oo.

Moitseanape wa ditso Dr Jabone Sebina o lemotshitse morafe botlhokwa jwa ditso le gore di tshwanetse tsa kwalwa tsa babalelwa.

Dr Sebina o ne a ba tlhalosa ka ditso tsa Bakaa ka bophara. **BOPA**

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INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY IN
TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tati Nickel Mining Company Proprietary Limited (In Liquidation) has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Tataki Mining Company Proprietary Limited in respect of the following properties namely:-

CERTAIN: piece of land being Plot No. 148-NQ
SITUATE: at Matsiloje in the Tati Tribal Area;
MEASURING: 1771.9170 Ha (One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy One point Nine One Seven Zero Hectares);
HELD UNDER: Agreement of Grant of Lease for Business Plots between Tati Land Board and Tati Nickel Mining Company Proprietary Limited (In Liquidation) signed at Masunga on the 26th November 2018
CONSIDERATION: USD 2,000,000.00 (Two Million United States Dollars) (together with Tribal Grant No. 151-NQ), excluding any VAT/Transfer Duty consequential to the transaction.

By virtue of this notice, any Botswana citizen interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the above-mentioned properties, and any person wishing to object to the proposed be given contention to object with reasons thereof in writing to the Tati Land Board with copy to Bookbinder Business Law, Private Bag 382, Gaborone within Thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

BOOKBINDER BUSINESS LAW

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT VILLAGE

H/W BUSANG

CASE NO: CCMVL-000537-23

In the matter between:
GARONA INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD

APPLICANT

And

B.B.T.S FAMILY CLOTHING (PTY) LTD
BABATI SETUME

1st RESPONDENT
2nd RESPONDENT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO: B.B.T.S FAMILY CLOTHING (PTY) LTD represented by BABATI SETUME, whose last address known to the plaintiff is Gaborone.
TAKE NOTICE THAT by summons issued out of the Magistrate Court of the Republic of Botswana you are called to give notice within 14 days after publication hereof, to the Clerk of the Court and to the Plaintiff of your intention to defend (if any) in an action wherein the plaintiff GARONA INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD claims:
1. Payment of P28,806.00
2.Interest at the rate of 4% per month.
3.Costs of the suit.
4.Further and/ or alternative relief.

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that if you fail to give such notice, judgment may be granted against you without further reference to you.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

Biyata Moshagane
Garona Investments
Plot 126, Unit 24
Tell No: 3934000

TO: Babati Setume
B.B.T.S Family Clothing
P O Box 211364, Gaborone

UNIK CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING (Pty) LTD

VACANCIES

1. **Construction Manager/ Contractors Representative x2:** BSc/BE (Civil) or similar. 10 years of experience in proposed position.
2. **Project Manager x2 :** BSc/BE (Civil) or similar. Minimum of 15 years of experience in total work experience with at least 5 years of experience managing large-scale and multidisciplinary construction projects.
3. **Tendering Manager:** Minimum of 10 years of work experience, knowledge in Tendering and estimation.
4. **Senior Estimator x2:** Minimum of 10 years general experience, minimum of 5 years’ experience in similar position. Responsible for analysing project documents, calculating costs, preparing estimates, and ensuring accuracy in all tender submissions. BSc/BEng. in Civil Engineering, Degree in Quantity Surveying, Engineering, or relevant field is preferred, Registration with ERB or QRSC is essential.
5. **Technician x15:** Minimum of 8 years of work experience, in SHEQ, Highway, Building and road construction.
6. **Heavy duty driver:** 10 years of relevant work experience with authentic drivers’ licenses and references.
7. **Chef:** 20 years of work experience and knowledge of Chinese cuisine, able to relocate to remote areas (site areas).
8. **Civil Engineer x5:** 10 years’ experience in design and structural engineering in a construction environment. BSc Civil Engineering or equivalent.
9. **Quantity Surveyor x2:** 10 years’ post qualification experience. Diploma or BSc in Quantity Surveying, MSc is added advantage. Proven knowledge of QS/estimating software is a pre-requisite.
10. **Mechanic x2:** Specialized in maintenance of asphalt machinery and knowledgeable in equipment parts and service machinery.
11. We are looking for the following operators with 15 years of work experience:
• Asphalt tipper operator
• Grader operator
• Asphalt batch plant operator

NOTE:
• No erb is required, however proposed candidate must provide proof of registration with relevant professional body.
• All applications should include recent resume, certified copies of credentials. Preference will be given to citizens

Closing Date: 25/10/2025

Send email applications with job title **CLEARLY** stated in the email heading to:

EMAIL: recruitment.bw@unikconst.com;
For more information, contact: The Human Resource Manager, P/Bag 26, Gaborone, **Tel:** 3924965, **Fax:** 3923001

FARM WORKERS

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LOOKING FOR FARM WORKER ,Kgatleng. Contact: 72 519 103.

FARM WORKER NEEDED. Contact Boshwaen Alan Phemelo Cell 71305308

FARM WORKER WANTED. Horticulture and crop production Tlthose, Hatsalatladi, Cell 72 107 151

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
SABATA RAMOKHUTSHWANE	ESTHFT-000874-25	30-10-2025	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF
AGREEMENT OF GRANT OF LEASE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Agreement of **Grant of Lease No. TL 507/2005** dated 27th day of **October 2005** made in favour of Clara Keanole Olsen in respect of:-

CERTAIN : piece of land being Tribal Lot 8201, Tlokweng;
SITUATE : in the Batlokwa Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : 3194 m² (Three Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Four Square Metres);

Any person having objection to the issue of such a copy is hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds at Gaborone within 3 (three) weeks of the last publication of this notice.
DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

MORIBAME MATTHEWS
Mowana News, Unit 6, Plot 74769
Western Commercial Road, CBD
P O Box 46271 GABORONE

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

ESHFT-000322-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MATHIAS TSHAMBA ESHFT-000322-24** who died at **FRANCISTOWN REFERAL HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT** on the **09 FEBRUARY 2022 .**
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 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

Never Tshamba Executor Dative P O Box 43 Chadibe North	Clever Tshamba Executor Dative P O Box 766, Maun	And To : Master Of The High Court Private Bag F13 Francistown
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GMC Maruding is an equal opportunity employer and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees. We are glad to announce that we have a vacancy for the following:

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER
• Must have National Technical Certificate
• Certificate in smart plant review
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• Experience in managing heavy steel fabrication and installation of mining type equipment such as chutes, silos, Ultra-seps, bins, Pachukas, screens, crushers , mills, boilers, etc
• Previous experience as a Quality specialist in a mining environment will be an added advantage

Technical competencies must include:
• Ability to read/interpret Engineering drawings
• Excellent HSE Knowledge
• Thorough understanding of the MQWM Act, Botswana
• Ability to develop basic risk assessment and associated risk mitigation strategies

Please note that we will only contact shortlisted candidates.

Apply to: **The Human Resources Department**
Private Bag 047, LOBATSE or
Email to: boitshwarelo@gearmc.africa
Closing Date: 24th October 2025

MATURE HERD BOY WANTED

to look after cattle and goats. Tleke cattle post. Able to read and write, contact Mothusi Gaoforwe @ 72860180, P O Box 2218, Molepolole.

FARM WORKER WANTED. Location: Metsimaswaane, Bamalete Tribal Territory. Experience in small livestock care & farming, good communication skills. Email: jobs@signet.bw

FARM WORKER WANTED, contact: Tsietsi Oodira-Kwenje Box M1329 Kanye.

3 YEARS EXPERIENCE FARM WORKER

wanted at Takatokwane to take care of cattle, goats and chickens. Apply to Moabi Tidi at Molepolole. Closing date 14/10/2025. Call 73 425 930

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Motongolong lands near Bobonong . Apply P.O. Box 7794894 Virtual Post Box. Selebi Phikwe

SEASONAL FARM WORKER wanted. Ref: B. Phuti, Cell: 71668758

FARM WORKER WANTED. Ref: B. Phuti, cell: 71 668 758.

EXPERIENCED MIXED/ INTEGRATED

farm worker needed. Apply Bokho Bafithhile. Box 1873 Molepolole

DOMINION
DESTINY ACADEMY

Qualified PRIMARY teachers and cleaners wanted apply to P O BOX 20715 Gaborone Plot 37229 Block 8 Tel 3167153 or email academydominion@yahoo.com before 31st October 2025

The Owner of Plot No. 5426 Masetlheng, Tlokweng, would like to change land use from single family residence to multi-family residential and develop double storey multi residential units.

Anybody with objections to the proposal should forward such to, Tlokweng Land Board, Telephone No. 3698400 within 14 days of the publication of this notice.

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FARM WORKER WANTED, Poloka. Contact: 74 237 604 P O Box 402080, Gaborone, Motshereganyi Seamolo

FARM WORKERS WANTED at Moriri, Serowe. Contact Mr Ponatshego, 76 146 979

I AM LOOKING FOR A FARM WORKER at Ramodibe kindly. Apply or call +267 77 056 042 Kabo Molefe P O Box 1138 Gaborone

LOOKING FOR FARM WORKER, Kgatleng. Contact: 72 519 103.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 2788, Barolong, Pitsane, would like to apply for a road access junction to their existing development. All owners of neighbouring plots are asked to contact Goodhope District Council on 540 4183 for any objections.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: ESHGB 001078/25

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **DIPETA TSIENG** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **12th** of **August 2025**.

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 the undersigned **within thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.

DATED at _ on this _Day of _2025
The Executor Pheny Percy Mothebe
P O Box 201406 Mochudi
Cell: 74 864 158 / 75 047 867

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
SEMPANANA MATHUMO	ESHFT-000628-25	29-10-2025	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

Masters Reference: ESHFT 000752-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BALESITSE POLASI ESHFT:000752-24** who died at **CENTRAL DISTRICT** on the **24TH JULY 2024**.

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 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

ESTHER KETHODILWE EXECUTOR DATIVE
PRIVATE BAG 7 SEFHARE

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13FRANCISTOWN

Urgently Required 2 Indian Chefs

Requirements: candidates should have a minimum of 5 years experience specializing in cooking North, South Indian and Chinese cuisine. Interested candidates should submit their references and CV's to Chutney Restaurant P O Box 404247, Gaborone.

Requirements:

- Minimum of **8 years' experience** managing a **specialty Indian restaurant**.
- Previous management experience** in a **South Indian and North Indian specialty restaurant is required**.
- Strong experience in **day-to-day restaurant operations** is a must.
- Minimum of **5 years' experience** specializing in cooking **North Indian, South Indian, and Chinese cuisine**.
- Ability to lead and manage kitchen and service staff effectively.
- High standards in food quality, hygiene, and customer service.

Closing date: 17th October 2025

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT VILLAGE

H/W THEDI

CASE NO: CCMVL-000778-24

In the matter between:

CROWNING GLORY (PTY) LTD

APPLICANT

And

TALKSHOW DEBT RECOVERIES (PTY) LTD
PORTIA TSHERE

1st RESPONDENT
2nd RESPONDENT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO: TALKSHOW DEBT RECOVERIES (PTY) LTD represented by **PORTIA TSHERE**, whose last address known to the plaintiff is Gaborone.

TAKE NOTICE THAT by summons issued out of the Magistrate Court of the Republic of Botswana you are called to give notice within 14 days after publication hereof, to the Clerk of the Court and to the Plaintiff of your intention to defend (if any) in an action wherein the plaintiff **GARONA INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD** claims:

- Payment of P10,000.00
- Interest at the rate of 4% per month.
- Costs of the suit.
- Further and/ or alternative relief.

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that if you fail to give such notice, judgment may be granted against you without further reference to you.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

Biyata Moshagane
Crowning Glory
Plot 126, Unit 24 | Tell No: 3934000

TO: Portia Tshere
Talkshow Debt Recoveries
P O Box 576, Gaborone

PATRICK MMUSI OWNER OF PLOT #23034 situated at Nkoyaphiri ward, in Kweneng district wishes to change multi residential plot to civic and community land use (Pre-school). Any objections, contact Mogoditshane sub- district council (Physical Planning office) at 3105615 within 14 days.

TO: NEIGHBOURS OF PLOT 57335 and 57367 Block 10. The owner of Plot 57366 and 57367 Block 10, Gaborone, hereby notifies adjacent neighbors of the intention to construct a double storey on the property. Objections, if any may be submitted in writing to Gaborone City Council Physical Planning.

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 **Administrative 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
Keobakile Monnawalesole	GFHFT-000020/19-20	04/11/2025	0900	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF DEED OF TRANSFER

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Deed of Transfer No. 483/88** dated **16th day of August 1988** by **N. P. C. INVESTMENTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED, BOTSWANA LIFE INSURANCE LIMITED** and **DEBSWANA PENSION FUND** carrying on business in Partnership under the name and style of DBN DEVELOPMENTS in respect of:-

CERTAIN : piece of land being the Remaining Extent of Lot 4933;

SITUATE : in the Gaborone Administrative District;

MEASURING : 11422 m² (Eleven Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Two Square Metres);

Any person having objection to the issue of such a copy is hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the REGISTRAR OF DEEDS at GABORONE within 3 (three) weeks of the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

MORIBAME MATTHEWS
Mowana News, Unit 6, Plot 74709
Western Commercial Road, C/O
P O Box 46271
GABORONE

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Deed of Transfer** No. **ST 61/2012** dated the **16th** day of **March 2012** made in favour of **FRANCIS MOKONE AND NTLALE TSHEGOFATSO MOKONE** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

(a) **CERTAIN:** **Unit Consisting of Section 13, Thutlwa Scheme;**
SITUATE: **in the Gaborone Administrative District;**
MEASURING: **52 m² (Fifty-Two Square Metres);**

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 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

ANDRECK MDAKOPHI
B.L.W. 2020/2021
@MAGD Districts, Botswana | @MAGD Districts, Botswana | @MAGD Districts, Botswana

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT VILLAGE **H/W BUSANG**
CASE NO: CCMVL-000530-23

In the matter between:
GARONA INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD

APPLICANT

And

MATSWAI PROJECTS (PTY) LTD T/A METROLYN TRAVEL & TOURS
OABILE KEBINAKGABO

1st RESPONDENT
2nd RESPONDENT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO: MATSWAI PROJECTS (PTY) LTD T/A METROLYN TRAVEL & TOURS (PTY) LTD represented by **OABILE KEBINAKGABO**, whose last address known to the plaintiff is Gaborone.

TAKE NOTICE THAT by summons issued out of the Magistrate Court of the Republic of Botswana you are called to give notice within 14 days after publication hereof, to the Clerk of the Court and to the Plaintiff of your intention to defend (if any) in an action wherein the plaintiff **GARONA INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD** claims:

- Payment of P16,092.00
- Interest at the rate of 4% per month.
- Costs of the suit.
- Further and/ or alternative relief.

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DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

Biyata Moshagane
Garona Investments
Plot 126, Unit 24
Cell No: 3934000

TO: **Oabile Kebinakgabo**
Matswai Projects T/A Metrolynn Travel & Tours
P O Box 03 ABG, Sebele Centre, Gaborone

ISAAC OFENTSE MOTLOGELWA, of Plot Nos, 8252/ 8245/ 8257 in Oodi village seek to change land use from multi-family residential to single family residential.

OWNER OF PLOT 5569, Selokwana Tlokweg wishes to construct a boundary wall. Owners of plot 5568, 5570 and 5572 can consult Tlokweg district council if they have any objections

DAVID LUCKY KENOSI OF PLOT 1227 situated at Toteng village intends to change land use from multi residential (rental houses) to Light Industrial. Any comment, queries and objections, visit Physical Planning Office of the North-West District Council or call them on 71 362 986 / 686 1729 / 2 / 3 / 4 within 14 days.

PROPERTIES

HOUSE FOR SALE, RASESA: 906,272 sqm. 2 bedroomed house, fitted kitchen, screen walled: P570,000.00. 77 804 442 / 72910506.

SALE LOTLHAKANE WEST Plot 40X40, fenced, BPC connected, 1 room, P90k. 71 866 513

FOR SALE MOCHUDI Makakatlela Ward has unfinished house, P200k. 71 866 513.

VACANCIES

GATES OF GRACE invites applications for teaching positions, qualified ECD teachers with 5 years experience. Apply to HR Department, P O Box 20343 Gaborone before 25 October 2025.

BELIEVERS DESTINY PREPARATORY English Medium invites applications for teaching positions, qualified primary school with 5 years experience. Apply to HR department, P O Box 20343 Gaborone before 25 October 2025.

BELIEVERS DESTINY ENGLISH Medium invites applications for teaching positions, qualified primary school teachers with 10 years experience. Apply to HR department, P O Box 20343 Gaborone before 25 October 2025.

CORDNEX ENTERPRISES PTY LTD looking for extra heavy duty driver with 5 years experience to do cross boarder contact: 75 039 929

LRC INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL Upper Primary Teachers needed. Diploma in Education, 5 years experience. Send CV to P.O Box 513 Mogoditshane, closing date 20th October 2025.

URGENTLY WANTED: A Professional embroider with fifteen years experience. Contact Term investments Pty Ltd T/a Term manufacturers. P O Box 10171 Gaborone. The post will remain vacant until filled

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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act
[Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
Elizabeth Serero	ESHFT-000125-25	05/11/2025	0900 HRS	DRM
Benjamin Simon	ESHFT-000168-25	05/11/2025	0900	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF
NOTARIAL DEED OF CESSION OF LEASE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Notarial Deed of Cession of Lease No. MA 317/2005** dated 26th day of **September 2005** made in favour of **Clara Keanole Olsen** in respect of:-

CERTAIN : piece of land being Tribal Lot 4586, Tlokweng;

SITUATE : at Tlokweng in the Batlokwa Tribal Territory;

MEASURING :2111 m² (Two Thousand One Hundred and Eleven Square Metres);

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.
MORIBAME MATTHEWS
Mowana Mews, Unit 6, Plot 74769
Western Commercial Road, CBD
P O Box 46271
GABORONE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT-000179-23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Muhle Mphapho- ESHFT-000179-23** who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District, Republic of Botswana on the 10th day of April 2012.

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 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

TESELETSO MUHLE EXECUTOR DATIVE P O BOX 4 MAITENGWE 75551568	JONAS MOTHENDELEKI EXECUTOR DATIVE P O BOX 4 MAITENGWE	AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT PRIVATE BAG F13 FRANCISTOWN
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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
RICHARD BUSANI	ESTHFT-001055-25	11-11-2025	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
KENNETH JUSTINE MPOFU	ESHFT-000527-25	29-10-2025	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of the title deed no: FT TL420/2005 dated the **13th September 2005** made in favour of motor (auto) clinic and mechanical engineering proprietary limited in respect of

CERTAIN : piece of land being tribal lot no. 4784 Maun

SITUATED : at Maun in the Batawana Tribal Territory, Boseja

MEASURING : 5,557 sqm (five thousand five hundred and fifty-seven square metres)

All persons having objections to the issuance of the copy are required to lodge the same in writing with the deeds office, Francistown within 3 weeks from publication of this notice

P O BOX 201474 GABORONE BOTSWANA

INTENTION CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME
(In terms OF Section 8 (1) (f) of Married Persons Property Act)

1. **ALBERTO MUUDU** and **PERGY TJIVAI MUUNDU (Nee MURANGI)**, married in community of property on **2nd December 2022**, at Maun, wish to change their property regime to out of community of property.

2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after **expiration of the three (3) weeks statutory notice** from the date of the first publication hereof.

3. Any **person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties’ estate, should they have objections** to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties’ Attorneys of record **CARTER ATTORNEYS** in Maun, via registered mail or through some formal means before the expiration of the said **(3) weeks period**, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED at Maun this 12th day of September, 2025.

CARTER ATTORNEYS, Unit 4, Lot 374, Koro Road (Next to Western Furniture) New Mall, Maun,
P O Box 1693, Maun. Telephone (+267) 686 1217/ Cell Phone (+267) 76 194 173

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT 000390-23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Maria Mogobe - **ESHFT 000390-23** who died at Francistown District on the 10th day of August 2023.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors ad 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 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

J. T. Mokgadi Executor Dative P. O. Box 683 FRANCISTOWN	AND TO:	Master of the High Court Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN
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[Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
ELLIOT HIBI SIBANDA	ESHFT-000614-25	11-11-2025	0900 HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Unami Sephothele & Botiki Sephothele	ESHFT-000691-25	07/11/2025	0900	arm

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
DAINAH NDLOVU	ESHFT-0001013-25	11/11/2025	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Lorato Lydishia Mosata** has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with **Xinya Proprietary Limited** in respect of the following properties namely:-

CERTAIN : piece of land being Tribal Grant 4184-KO

SITUATE : in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;

MEASURING : **5,0162 Ha** (Five comma Zero One Six Two Hectares);

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CONSIDERATION : **BWP 22,000,000.00**, excluding any VAT/Transfer Duty consequential to the transaction.

By virtue of this notice, any Botswana citizen interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the above-mentioned properties, and any person wishing to object to the proposed be given contention to object with reasons thereof in writing to the Kweneng Land Board with copy to Bookbinder Business Law, Private Bag 382, Gaborone within Thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice.

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Sustainable tourism govt priority

By Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

GABORONE - Government is committed to advancing policies and programmes that align with the national vision and supports initiatives that promote eco-tourism, cultural preservation, renewable energy solutions and skills development across the sector.



Acting Minister of Environment and Tourism, Major General Pius Mokgware, (second right), permanent secretary, Boatametse Modukanele (second left), Botswana Tourism Organisation acting CEO, Justice Ofentse (right) and other dignitaries during City Tourism Run in Gaborone recently. Maj. Gen. Mokgware said government was committed to advancing policies and programmes that aligned with the national vision, while supporting initiatives that promoted eco-tourism. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

This was said by acting Minister of Environment and Tourism, Major General Pius Mokgware at the City Tourism Run in Gaborone, held in conjunction with this year's World Tourism Day on Saturday, under the theme: Tourism and Sustainable Transformation.

"Botswana reaffirms a shared commitment to building a tourism

sector that drives economic growth, protects the planet and uplifts people," Maj. Gen. Mokgware said.

He added that tourism was a powerful tool for economic diversification, a proud expression of Botswana's rich natural and cultural heritage and a promoter of a healthy lifestyle.

He said the sector extended beyond wildlife, adding "it is a vehicle for peace, culture sharing, it creates employment, builds bilateral relations between countries and brings peace among nations.

Maj. Gen. Mokgware urged Batswana to take the sector seriously.

At global level, he said tourism had proven itself to be not only a driver of economic growth but also a powerful agent of positive change.

He highlighted that the City Tourism Run was more than just a sporting activity because it provided a unique opportunity to showcase the beauty and character of Gaborone and encouraged both residents and visitors to experience the capital city in an engaging way.

"It transforms communities by creating jobs, inspires innovation through technology and creativity, and strengthens global solidarity by building bridges of understanding among people and cultures," he explained.

Maj. Gen. Mokgware indicated that sustainable transformation in

tourism ensured that the benefits did not come at the expense of future generations, but balanced growth with responsibility, protected natural treasures, empowered communities and ensured that every step forward left no one behind.

Minister Mokgware urged Batswana to halt gender-based violence and generally refrain from bad social ills.

For his part, Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO) acting chief executive officer, Mr Justice Ofentse, reiterated that the City Tourism Run was part of a broader vision and offered a unique way to experience the capital city.

"Beyond the race, the run showcases Gaborone landmarks, promotes active lifestyles and encourages both residents and visitors to discover the vibrancy of urban spaces," Mr Ofentse said.

He noted that the initiative aligned with BTO's mandate to promote not only traditional tourist attractions but also the city as a place of culture, history and modern experiences.

Meanwhile, the run was organised by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism in partnership with the Fearless Club and included 5km, 10km, 21km, 25km, and 30km race categories. **BOPA**

Conference unveils cultural projects worth billions

RIYADH - A series of new cultural investment projects, including partnerships between Saudi and Chinese companies, were announced at the two-day Cultural Investment Conference, which concluded in Riyadh on Tuesday, .

The event, organised by the Saudi Ministry of Culture, saw the signing of 89 agreements worth an

estimated US\$1.33 billion, a move expected to boost the kingdom's cultural and creative economy, according to Saudi officials.

Among the agreements, the Saudi Cultural Development Fund announced the launch of the kingdom's second private investment fund in the film sector, with a capital of SAR375 million, in partnership with BSF Capital.

Cultural Assets Group announced the launch of the Osoul Private Investment Fund, valued at SAR850 million.

Its CEO Abdulaziz Musaad Al-Sulaim said the fund would focus on visual arts, fashion, cultural retail, digital content, interactive media, and modern technologies.

During the conference, Saudi company Jizaal signed a partnership agreement with China's Silkroad Visual, valued at SAR50 million.

Their cooperation will focus on digital museum exhibitions, interactive technologies, enhancing museum experiences, and the transfer of knowledge and expertise.

Chinese company Ori Group announced the establishment of a regional headquarters in Saudi Arabia, along with an investment of over SAR2 billion. The company will focus on film, education, fashion, tourism, and cultural events. The Saudi Ministry of Culture revealed that since the launch of Saudi Vision 2030 in 2016, it had allocated over SAR81 billion to cultural infrastructure, with contributions from the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

According to Saudi Minister of Economy and Planning Faisal Alibrahim, the kingdom was training 5 000 individuals and supporting thousands of students in cultural fields under Saudi Vision 2030, noting that such investment enhanced the quality of Saudi products and the visitor experience. **Xinhua**

Tseditona tsa Kalawa, Maatswakgosi champions

By Banyatsi Banyatsi

KANYE - Tseditona tsa Kalawa traditional dance group from Tutume and Maatswakgosi Ensemble from Palapye are joint champions of the maiden Traditional Song and Dance Competitions for districts under Ga-Mmangwato territory.

The two groups were tied at first position and each walked away with P30,000 prize money after winning a fierce competition that left revelers asking for more and eating from the palm of their hands.

Tseditona tsa Kalawa showcased some exceptional performance of Ikalanga traditional dance, Hosana to the excitement of the night crawlers that had packed Serowe College of Education Hall to burst while Maatswakgosi Ensemble performed a Setswana traditional dance, Setapa that left fans on stitches.

Khoisan Traditional dance group from Boteti District scooped position three, walking away with P10,000 after performing an indigenous Sesarwa dance, Tsutsube that left revelers ululating following a sterling performance.

Adjudicator of Traditional Song

and Dance Competitions, a Senior Lecturer at Serowe College of Education, Phenyo Moatlhodi said the adjudication process was considerate about basics in live performances and uniqueness of the groups. He said following a rigorous and careful adjudication, two groups, namely Tseditona tsa Kalawa traditional dance group and Maatswakgosi Ensemble, were tied at the top after each scored 92.3 per cent, therefore

both getting the zenith spot.

Khoisan Traditional dance group settled for third spot after collecting 77.6 per cent. He expressed delight that the competition was top notch.

For her part, Gase Kediseng, Secretary for Culture and Heritage Executive Committee said the maiden competition kickstarted an event that would be held annually.

Furthermore, she said the



Tseditona tsa Kalawa Traditional Dance Group together with Maatswakgosi Ensemble are champions of the Traditional Song and Dance competitions held in Serowe recently. They shared first place at the competition, each scooping P30,000.

competitions were organised by Culture and Heritage Committee of Ga-Mmangwato to promote culture and tradition within their territory.

Kediseng said the event was seen as a unifying factor for diverse ethnic groups that fell under Ga-Mmangwato territory.

She said the committee picked cre'me de la cre'me from each district of the seven districts that fell under Ga-Mmangwato territory, thus leading to seven groups culminating Independence Day celebrations in Serowe in style.

Other districts that participated in the competitions were Mahalapye and Serowe both represented by Phathisi dance groups, Bobirwa showcased Sebirwa dance and Tonota sent a Tsutsube group.

Among other dignitaries, the event was graced by Kgosi Khama IV of Ga-Mmangwato, who is the patron of the Traditional Song and Dance Competitions.

Kgosi Khama IV has embarked on a drive to promote culture and tradition in his area of jurisdiction, therefore using traditional song and dance competitions as a vehicle to achieve his vision. **BOPA**



BEIJING - Italy's Jannik Sinner celebrating a win during the men's singles final match at the 2025 China Open tennis tournament on Wednesday. Sinner clinched his second China Open title after defeating American teenager Learner Tien 6-2, 6-2. Photo: Xinhua

Sinner reclaims China Open crown

BEIJING - Italy's Jannik Sinner clinched his second China Open title on Wednesday, defeating American teenager Learner Tien 6-2, 6-2 in the men's singles final.

It was Sinner's third consecutive Beijing final, having triumphed in 2023 by beating Daniil Medvedev after ousting Carlos Alcaraz in the semifinals, before finishing runner-up to Alcaraz last year.

"It is obviously special to be back in another final here," Sinner said.

"Every year is different, but the feeling of winning in Beijing is always great. It really feels like home here in Beijing," Sinner added, thanking the crowd.

The top seed and world No. 2 made a flying start on Diamond Court, breaking twice and wrapping up the opening set in just 34 minutes.

Tien, 19, ranked 52nd and contesting his first ATP final, settled after a nervous start. He stayed level through the first four games of the second set before Sinner broke in the fifth to regain control.

"I had to stay aggressive in the second set," Sinner recalled of a key turning point. "He was playing great tennis, very physical, and I am very happy with today's level."

The Italian surged ahead 5-2 with another break and sealed victory on his third match point after one hour and 12 minutes. "First of all, congrats to Learner. To reach the final in your first time here shows how talented you are. I wish you the best for the rest of the season and your career," Sinner said of

his young opponent.

The victory gave Sinner his 21st career tour-level title, sixth at ATP 500 level, and third of 2025 following his triumphs at the Australian Open and Wimbledon. He has now captured 17 hard-court titles before turning 25.

Tien's breakthrough run, meanwhile, confirmed his reputation as one of the tour's rising stars. Earlier this year, he came through qualifying to reach the Australian Open last 16, stunning Medvedev in a five-set thriller in the second round.

"It has been an amazing week. Everything since I arrived in China has been incredible. To play my first final here feels like a dream."

In Beijing, the American advanced past both Lorenzo Musetti and Medvedev after they retired mid-match, but also showcased his resilience in earlier rounds. By the final, he is projected to move close to the world's top 30.

"I am grateful to my team and family for supporting me. The fans here made me feel so welcome. Even though it was not the result I wanted today, this has been a very special experience," Tien said.

Sinner is the first man since Novak Djokovic to reach three consecutive Beijing finals and joins Djokovic and Rafael Nadal to have won multiple titles at this event, which launched in 2004.

He now turns his focus to the season's closing stretch, eyeing a year-end No. 1 battle with Alcaraz. In the men's doubles, Finland's Harri Heliövaara and

Britain's Henry Patten rallied past Russia's Karen Khachanov and Andrey Rublev 4-6, 6-3, 10-8 to lift the title. *Xinhua*

Pakistan announces cricket squad for South Africa Test series

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan has named an 18-member squad for the upcoming Test series against South Africa this month.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said in a statement that the two-match Test series is part of the ICC World Test Championship 2025-27.

Captain Shan Masood will continue to lead the side, while three uncapped players, including Asif Afridi, Faisal Akram and Rohail Nazir, have been included in the initial squad.

South Africa, the reigning champions of the ICC World Test Championship 2023-25

Kane earns marks for new job as 10

BERLIN - For a reason, Harry Kane turned up for TV interviews wearing a mischievous smile after the 5-1 win against Cypriot underdog Paphos FC.

While reporters focused on his impressive scoring record, 17 goals and three assists in nine games of the 2025-26 season and 23 goals in 27 UEFA Champions League matches, the 32-year-old's happiness was rooted in his successful shift from being a pure striker to a creative playmaker.

As if it were a piece of cake, Bayern Munich's goal-monster is closing the gap, caused by the injury loss of Jamal Musiala, the Bavarian's sorely missed inspiring ten. While new arrival, Nicolas Jackson, covered the job in the box, the Three Lions captain promptly slipped into the role of caretaking supervisor.

"I have been covering the job in and outside the box for a while now. It works well. I feel comfortable," the Englishman said after again scoring twice.



Harry Kane

TV pundits, former German international Matthias Sammer, and 2014 FIFA World Cup champion Mats Hummels, praised the silverback's achievements.

"What is more striking than his goals is his presence nearly everywhere on the pitch," Sammer said, while Hummels mentioned the so-called heat map, mirroring Kane's on-pitch movements. "Just look at that, he is everywhere. That is world-class," the 36-year-old said, mentioning Kane's precision as "his passes address midfielders, strikers, and wingers' demands." He spoke of total control.

While the Bavarians are off to their best start since the 2012-13 season, when they won the treble under coach Jupp Heynckes, the team has taken the lead in the new league phase of the Champions League, not to mention their clean run in the national league.

"We are in a flow and must be aware, it is important to keep it," Kane said while midfielder Joshua Kimmih praised the striker's record, "as it is of great help that he always seems to score twice or three times in every game." Every squad member is working perfectly, Kimmich added, while Kane is hovering above all.

Aware that the crunch time in the Champions League is yet to come next spring, coach Vincent Kompany seems to be preparing his side for the knockout stage lying ahead. Competing with a reasonably small squad, compared to their European competitors, the Bavarians currently manage to catch up, relying on the variability of their staff.

"With the Musiala return uncertain, we need to be ready for all. But we feel great confidence in our players," Kompany said while enjoying the upswing of French winger Michael Olise. Kane spoke about leaving the opponent in the uncertainty, "as sometimes Nicolas is turning up in the box, sometimes it is me. It's essential to not always do the same and trigger uncertainty."

The Englishman continued to smile, amused by the bold comparison from a reporter, who said he scored his second goal against Paphos in the style of Argentine superstar Lionel Messi. Kane answered with loud laughter, talking about a nice compliment after he had passed six opponents dribbling through the box like genius Messi. *Xinhua*

Tickets on sale for Women's Basketball World Cup

MIES - Tickets for the 2026 Women's Basketball World Cup are now on sale, the sport's global governing body FIBA announced Wednesday.

The tournament will tip off in Berlin, Germany from September 4 to 13, with 16 teams expected to compete.

Tickets for the final phase, which features 12 games, are available, including final weekend passes covering both semifinals, the third-place game and the championship.

"With less than 12 months to go and tickets going on sale for the final phase, the countdown

to the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2026 is becoming more exciting," FIBA secretary general Andreas Zagklis said in a statement.

Additional tickets will be released in November, including day passes for the final phase. *Xinhua*

Malak ray of hope



Although she has lost two games so far at the Confederation of African Tennis Masters tournament held in Tunisia, Botswana tennis sensation Malak Macheng is happy with the exposure and experience she is gaining at the tournament.

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Although she has lost two games so far at the Masters tournament held in Tunisia, Botswana tennis sensation Malak Macheng has taken the loss on the chin.

Malak, the first Motswana girl to play in the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) Masters tournament, lost her first match 0-6, 0-6 to Tunisia's Melek Gamaoun, a seed two player of the tournament.

In her second match, against Triki Cyrine of Tunisia, Malak went down fighting as she forced the match to be separated by a deciding set where she lost 1-6, 6-7(7-3) against the tournament's third seed.

Malak revealed in an interview

that despite losing her matches, she was happy with the exposure and the experience she is gaining at the CAT Masters.

"Yes, I want to win, but playing the Masters tournament means a lot to me given that this tournament is the highest level of all the tournaments I have played," he said.

Malak said as much as she was sad that she had lost, she was happy that she lost fighting, and that she carried home with her many valuable lessons from the tournament.

"I have identified some of my mistakes, and once back home after the tournament, I will work on correcting those," she said.

Botswana Tennis Association vice president, Nonfo Othusitse said the CAT Masters was one of

Africa's top junior tournaments, featuring the best Under 14 players from across the continent.

"Note that only eight players get to qualify and compete in this event. And Malak's qualification for the tournament goes beyond being a personal win as it evokes a sense of national pride," Othusitse said, as he labelled the qualification a big feat for tennis in Botswana. He views Malak, currently ranked 14th in the CAT Under 14 girls' singles rankings, as an inspiration and model to the next generation of players, especially to young girls.

He said players who aspired to follow in her footsteps would realise, through her qualification, that competing and registering success on an international stage at a young age was a dream that

was very much within reach.

He said Malak's qualification and participation at the CAT Masters reinforced calls to invest in grassroots development, host international tournaments and support junior players, thus creating a pathway for Botswana juniors to reach elite levels.

Othusitse said in terms of the 13-year-old player's development in the sport, competing in one of Africa's most prestigious and competitive events would without doubt spur her on to keep reaching for the stars.

He said competing at the CAT Masters meant Malak would face the best Under 14 players in Africa, which would challenge her skills, mindset and strategy.

He said the level of competition was essential for growth

and prepares her for future international events.

"At a personal level, she gets attention and exposure to attract sponsors and sports brands. This opens doors to potential partnerships, sponsorships and scholarships," he said.

Othusitse lauded their different sponsors and partners for their support which allowed BTA to deliver on some of its initiatives.

"Spar, Senn Foods, Cresta Hotels, Gaborone Electronics are some of the businesses that decided to invest in us and I believe they are now seeing the return on investment," he said

He said the recent performances by both junior and senior players reflected Botswana's growing prominence and competitiveness in the world of sports. **BOPA**

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