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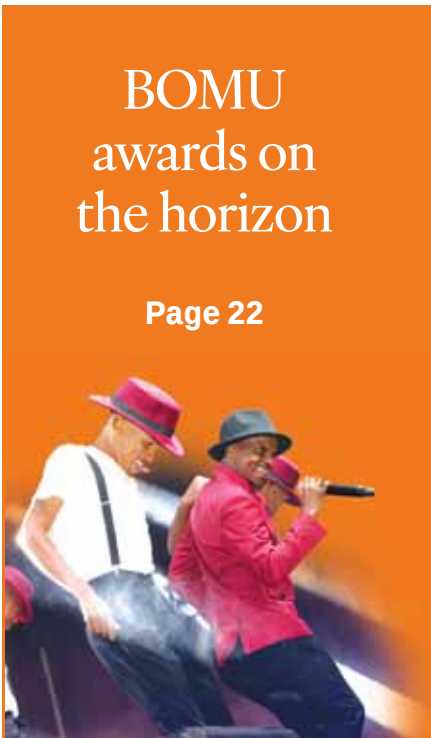
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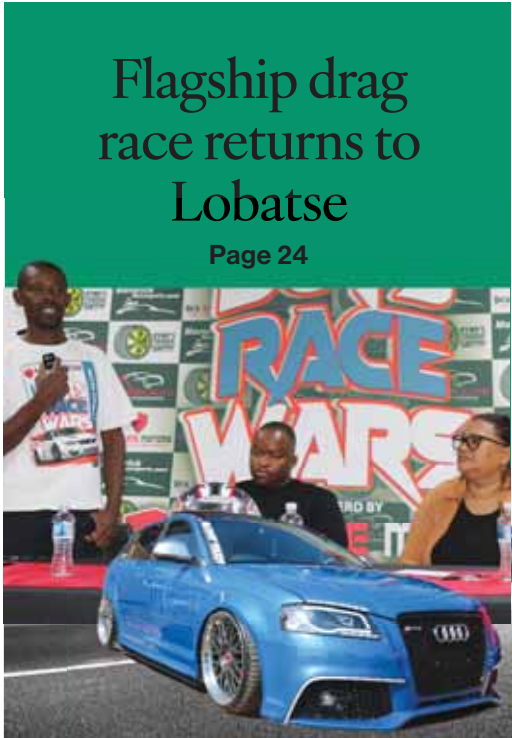
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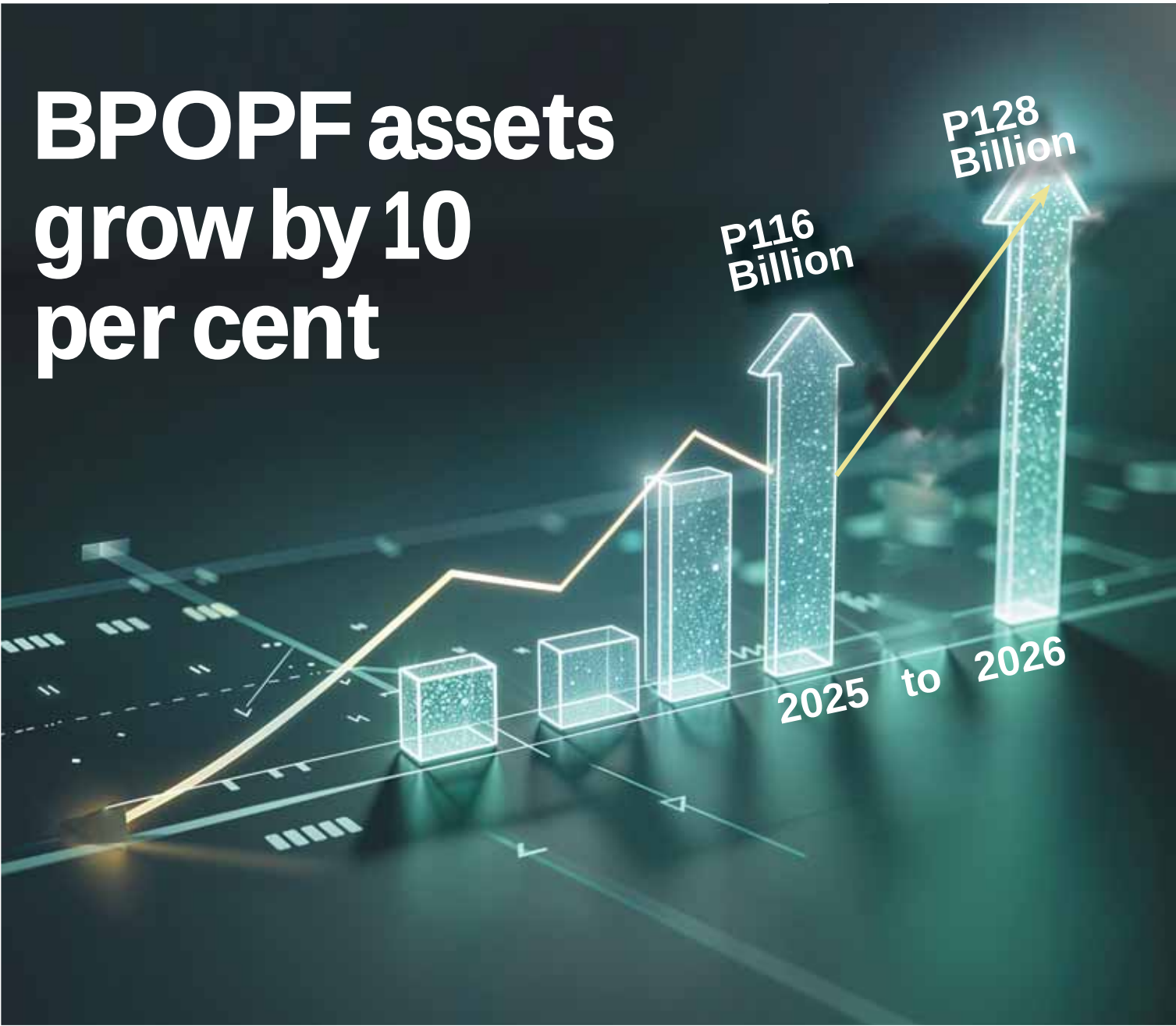
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BPOPF assets grow by 10 per cent



Year	Assets (P Billion)
2025	P116.506
2026	P128.337

Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) increased its assets by 10 per cent, despite a difficult year marked by slow global growth, persistent geopolitical uncertainty and prolonged downturn of the diamond market. The assets increased from P116.506 billion in 2025 to P128.337 billion in 2026. BPOPF board chairperson, Ms Gaone Macholo said the fund continued to employ cost-effective management strategies, processes and practices that had enabled it to optimise operational efficiency and ensure maximum value for members.



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‘Remove tax from healthcare services’

Lindi Morwaeng
TLOKWENG

Healthcare professionals, business leaders, trade unions and patients have opposed government’s proposed 14 per cent Value Added Tax (VAT) on private healthcare services.

They said the move will make access to healthcare impossible, pushing patients to congest at already overstretched public hospitals, undermining Botswana’s quest for universal health coverage.

Speaking during the National Tax Pitso convened by the Ministry of Finance in Tlokweng on Friday, the Botswana Doctors Union (BDU), representing nine healthcare professional organisations, said healthcare should never be treated as an ordinary commodity because illness was not a matter of choice.

Delivering the lead submission on behalf of doctors, pharmacists, physiotherapists, radiographers, optometrists, laboratories and other private healthcare practitioners, BDU vice president, Dr Thuto Victor said the proposed tax hike would ultimately be borne by patients.

“Healthcare is not an ordinary commodity. Illness is not consumption by choice. A patient is not simply a consumer,” he said, adding that people who seek medical care were often seeking to save life rather than making a normal purchasing decisions.

While acknowledging government’s need to improve revenue collection and address input VAT challenges faced by healthcare providers, Dr Victor said the proposed solution risked solving one problem while creating another.

Although standard-rating healthcare would allow providers to recover input VAT, he argued tax would inevitably be passed on to patients through consultation fees, investigations and treatment costs.

He warned that higher healthcare costs would force many people to delay treatment, stretch medication, postpone follow-up appointments or abandon private healthcare altogether.

Instead, healthcare professionals proposed for government to seriously consider zero-rating qualifying essential healthcare services.

Dr Victor explained that unlike exemption, zero-rating would allow healthcare providers to reclaim input VAT while ensuring patients were not charged VAT on essential consultations and treatment.

He further argued that government should distinguish essential healthcare services from elective procedures, therefore it would not be a wise move to apply one tax regime across board.

They further warned that taxing private healthcare would ultimately increase pressure on public hospitals as more patients would abandon private facilities because of rising costs.

Dr Victor said healthcare expenditure should be viewed as an investment in Botswana’s human capital rather than ordinary consumption, urging government to pause implementation of the proposed VAT and conduct a comprehensive health-economic impact assessment before making a final decision.

Echoing the doctors’ submission, Business Botswana health sector chairperson, Mr Moraki

Mokgosana said the organisation appreciated the difficult economic environment facing government but believed taxing private healthcare would undermine both universal health coverage and employment creation.

He said Business Botswana had long advocated for zero-rating private healthcare services and has engaged both the Ministries of Health and Finance on the matter as far back as 2025.

According to Mr Mokgosana, the private healthcare sector, which includes hospitals, clinics, laboratories, emergency medical services, medical aid schemes and pharmaceutical companies, currently serves about 370 000 beneficiaries through Botswana’s four largest medical aid funds.

He said the introduction of VAT would force patients to dig deeper into their pockets to access healthcare while medical aid schemes would eventually increase premiums if they were to absorb the additional costs.

Mr Mokgosana warned that tax increase would discourage investment in private healthcare, threaten employment opportunities and drive more patients into the already overstretched public health system, ultimately increasing government’s own healthcare expenditure.

He maintained that zero-rating remained the most practical solution, arguing that even a patient paying P250 for a consultation would have to find an additional P35 in VAT before accessing treatment.

Botswana Federation of Trade Unions (BFTU) president, Ms Martha Molema and Botswana Public Employees Union (BOPEU) president, Mr Martin Gabobake urged government to return to the drawing board and undertake wider consultations with Batswana before implementing the policy.

Dr Gagoitsewe Saleshando also supported zero-rating, saying previous VAT charges on private healthcare had resulted in many patients returning to public health facilities as they could no longer afford private treatment.

He described VAT as an inequitable tax that disproportionately affects low-income earners, arguing that poorer households spend a larger share of their income on essential services.

Physiotherapist, Ms Nono Kgomo also concurred that introducing VAT on healthcare would inevitably force patients away from private practices and place an even heavier burden on government hospitals and clinics.

Patients representative, Ms Barati Phukuntsi questioned whether healthcare providers genuinely prioritised patients’ welfare, asking why consultation and treatment costs differ significantly between medical aid beneficiaries and patients paying cash.

“Do you really care about patients? What regulates your pricing?” she asked, while calling for honesty and greater transparency within the private healthcare sector.

Offering a different perspective, tax consultant, Mr Tumelo Ranna said zero-rating may not be sustainable because it was generally affordable only in wealthier economies.

He argued that exemption has already proved ineffective and proposed that government instead

consider introducing a reduced VAT rate on healthcare services as a compromise between affordability and revenue collection.

BOFEPUSO secretary general, Mr Oreeditse Nyatso also expressed concern over rising medical aid premiums, saying members continue paying more while receiving diminishing value from their medical aid schemes.

Responding to the submissions,

Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe thanked stakeholders for their frank contributions and assured them government careful attention.

“We are here to listen, and we listened,” he said.

Mr Gaolathe acknowledged that there was broad consensus that healthcare differs from other sectors adding that patients must remain at the centre of policy

decisions, while timing and sequencing were equally critical.

However, he maintained that although many stakeholders supported zero-rating, current economic realities does not make the option practical.

Mr Gaolathe said all submissions made during the consultation would inform government’s final decision on the proposed VAT reforms. **BOPA**



Minister of Health, Dr Stephen Modise touring a health facility in Maun on Saturday as part of efforts to trace the medicine supply chain, strengthen the delivery of healthcare services and engage directly with patients on the quality of care they receive. Photo: Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

Ministry strives to implement digital health system

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe
MAUN

Ministry of Health is working toward an end-to-end digital health system that will enable real-time monitoring of medicine availability and provide electronic medical records as part of efforts to strengthen healthcare delivery across the country.

Minister of Health, Dr Stephen Modise, revealed this during a tour of health facilities in Maun, where he assessed the availability and monitored movement of medical commodities from Central Medical Stores (CMS), through district warehouses to health facilities.

He said the digital system would improve visibility across the entire medicine supply chain, enabling the ministry to quickly identify shortages, strengthen accountability and ensure medical commodities reach intended beneficiaries.

“We want end-to-end visibility so that we know where medicines are at every stage of the supply chain and where intervention is needed,” he said.

Dr Modise said the system would also eliminate reliance on paper-based patient records by introducing electronic medical records that would be accessed

by all health facilities, improving continuity of care and service delivery.

He said the visit formed part of the ministry’s nationwide assessment of medicine distribution to establish whether medical supplies dispatched from the Central Medical Stores (CMC) were reaching health facilities as intended.

The minister noted encouraging improvements in the availability of medicines for non-communicable diseases, particularly hypertension and diabetes, as well as commonly used pain medication.

However, he said shortage remain in some specialised medicines, particularly paediatric and mental health medicines, requiring urgent intervention.

Dr Modise further revealed that additional donated medical supplies were expected to arrive in the country shortly, including 14 containers from Durban and a 7.8-tonnes consignment arriving by rail, a development expected to further improve medicine availability.

He also encouraged health workers to communicate openly with the public regarding the availability of medicines to help manage expectations and strengthen public confidence in the health system.

Meanwhile, North West District Council Deputy Secretary for Primary Health Services, Dr Sandra Maripe, said medicine availability in clinics has improved following the arrival of recent consignments.

She said medicines for hypertension and diabetes, which had previously been in short supply, were received in the past two weeks.

Dr Maripe further welcomes government’s plans to recruit 300 nurses nationally, saying the initiative would help address staffing shortages affecting healthcare delivery.

Letsholathebe II Memorial Hospital Superintendent, Dr Lebogang Mokotedi said medicine availability currently stood at 48 per cent, with an order fill rate of 10 per cent.

She said the hospital recently received medicines that had been unavailable for a considerable period, describing it as a significant improvement toward restoring healthcare services.

Dr Mokotedi added that the Minister’s visit assisted in identifying critical gaps that require immediate attention, a development she said would strengthen service delivery in the district. **BOPA**



Families with approved applications have begun receiving the P300 monthly Child Support Grant, backdated from April 1. The initiative supports children under one year, helping low-income households provide essential nutrition and care during the crucial first year of life, laying a stronger foundation for healthy growth and development.

Child support grant payments begin

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Payments of the Child Support Grant (CSG) have officially commenced.

A press release from the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs states that eligible beneficiaries whose applications have been approved have started receiving the P300 monthly grant, together with arrears owed to them under the approved implementation schedule.

The arrears cover the period from the programme’s effective start date of April 1, reflecting the government’s commitment to ensure that all eligible children receive the support to which they are entitled.

The statement further revealed that, “the Child Support Grant is a key social protection intervention aimed at supporting children under the age of one. It assists low-income households in meeting their children’s basic needs during the critical first 12 months of life, a period widely recognised as foundational for healthy brain

development, physical growth, nutrition and lifelong wellbeing. Through the programme, the Government is investing in giving every child the best possible start while promoting improved health, nutrition and developmental outcomes.”

Beneficiaries are advised not to rush to post offices or other designated payment points on the first day of payment because once the funds have been credited, the money can be collected at any time during the month and will remain available throughout the payment period.

To ensure a safe, orderly and efficient process, beneficiaries are encouraged to bring the required identification documents, and report any payment-related enquiries to their nearest Social and Community Development Office.

The ministry reaffirms government’s commitment to expanding and strengthening Botswana’s social protection system, to improve the wellbeing of children, families and communities across the country, the statement says. **BOPA**

BPOPF assets grow by 10 per cent

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

Despite a difficult year marked by slow global growth, persistent geopolitical uncertainty and a prolonged downturn of the diamond market, Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) increased its assets by 10 per cent.

The assets increased from P116.506 billion in 2025 to P128.337 billion in 2026.

Releasing the fund’s audited financial statements and declaring interest rates for members for

the year ended March 2026 in Gaborone on Monday, BPOPF board chairperson, Ms Gaone Macholo said the performance demonstrated the fund’s commitment to prudent management, transparency and accountability in pursuit of continuous improvement for the financial well-being of members.

Ms Macholo said BPOPF remain committed to creating and preserving value for members through an investment strategy designed to capture growth opportunities while protecting retirement savings during periods of market uncertainty.

Therefore, Ms Macholo said despite the challenges experienced during the year, the board remain confident in its ability to continue creating value for members in a sustainable manner.

“Member education, communication, transparency and accountability would remain the cornerstones of the fund’s relationship with members, key stakeholders and the general public,” said Ms Macholo. She said although 2025 was a very tough year, with global markets experiencing slow growth amid heightened trade tensions and Botswana’s economy constrained by the prolonged downturn of the diamond market, the fund was able to manage its investments in a manner that resulted in strong performance. Ms Macholo said the fund also maintained a very strong and stable financial health underpinned by prudent investment, governance and rigorous risk management. She said the fund’s diversified investment portfolio enabled it to mitigate risk and declare positive returns even in volatile markets. Furthermore, she said the fund remain financially sound with a funding ratio of 102.9 per cent,

demonstrating its ability to meet current and future obligations. Ms Macholo said the fund continues to employ cost-effective management strategies, processes and practices that had enabled it to optimise operational efficiency while ensuring maximum value for members. She said the fund had also strengthened governance by integrating assurance processes into one combined assurance framework to maximise oversight of risk, governance and internal controls for efficiencies. On service delivery, Ms Macholo said the fund continue to close service delivery gaps through the digitisation of services, including the introduction of a mobile application that allows members to access their data and benefit statements with ease, as well as mobile offices to improve access for members in remote locations. Looking ahead, she said the fund remain cautiously optimistic and would continue to focus on sustainable and impactful investment growth, stakeholder focus, accountability, performance and service delivery. Ms Macholo also urged members approaching retirement to look beyond the cash lump sum introduced following the review of the Income Tax Act in 2024.

She said while many members opted to take the 50 per cent cash benefit, retirement planning should also include medical aid, financial planning and planning for life after work. Ms Macholo said about 4 800 members were expected to retire this year after reaching retirement age. “The message to them was to think not only about finance but also about their future and livelihoods after leaving the public service,” she said. **BOPA**

Government and media commit to ethical reporting

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In an era where public trust is paramount, responsible journalism relies not just on ethical reporting from the newsroom, but on open and transparent doors within government.

That emanated from a recent consultative meeting between Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa and media editors, to discuss issues of national importance.

Both parties underscored the need for stronger collaboration to promote informed public discourse and advance national development.

Addressing editors, Minister Mohwasa highlighted the critical role of the media in shaping public opinion and therefore implored journalists to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and ethics by delivering factual, balanced and constructive news.

The minister highlighted that responsible journalism required truthfulness and accountability, thus urged media practitioners to cover stories accurately without resorting to sensationalism.

“We do not intend to interfere with the media’s right to report. However, journalists should ensure that the information they publish educates and informs the public rather than unnecessarily tarnishing the image of the country,” said the minister.

On one hand, while he

encouraged journalists to consider the broader impact of its coverage, the minister acknowledged government’s duty to foster a healthy media ecosystem.

He stated that state institutions must become more responsive by providing journalists with timely and accurate information, noting that robust public access to data was essential for credible reporting.

Editors welcomed the dialogue but laid out the operational bottlenecks hampering newsrooms across the country.

Private and public media editors alike pointed to severe capacity and resource constraints, copyright restrictions, logistical hurdles and difficulties in covering state events.

Private media editors voiced frustration over access to officials and information, noting that interview requests were routinely denied, while formal questionnaires often go unanswered or delayed.

To deliver accurate and balanced reporting that government expected, editors highlighted that state departments must open communication channels and engage equitably with all media houses, regardless of ownership.

Meanwhile, despite the hurdles raised, the engagement ended with both sides committing to building a constructive partnership entrenched in transparency, mutual respect and open communication to better serve the public interest. **BOPA**

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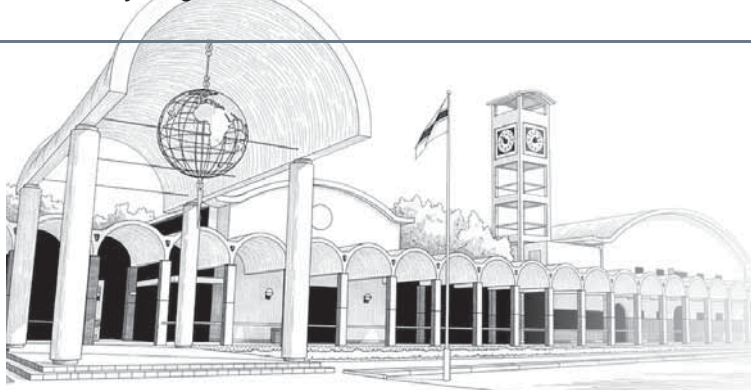
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MPs thumb up motion to end BPC electricity monopoly

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Rural communities and farmers struggling with high electricity connection costs could soon see relief following a motion passed by Parliament that urged government to fast-track the unbundling of the Botswana Power Corporation (BPC).

Tabling the motion recently, Mogoditshane West MP, Mr Galenawabo Lekau argued that allowing local and privately owned companies to connect power to homes and farms, would liberalise the sector and guarantee equitable energy distribution nationwide.

Supporting the motion, Kgatleng East MP, Mr Mabuse Pule called for quick implementation, noting that breaking BPC's monopoly would drive down prices, improve service delivery and spark innovation.

"When local companies compete to provide electricity, communities gain distinct advantages," Mr Pule said, adding that fear of reform had delayed necessary changes under previous administrations. He commended the ministry for taking initial steps towards unbundling the state power utility.

Mr Pule also noted that BPC currently retained exclusive rights to generate, transmit, supply and distribute power, a model that frequently led to long delays and exorbitant connection quotes, particularly for remote farms.

Allowing private contractors, he argued, would give consumers affordable alternatives, bringing Botswana in line with regional peers like Zambia and Zimbabwe, which had already abandoned the single-buyer model.

Echoing the same sentiments, Kanye West MP, Mr Victor Phologolo said ending the monopoly would lower costs, expand grid access and accelerate

rollout of renewable energy. Under the proposed framework, private companies would handle infrastructure setup, while BPC would maintain oversight by conducting safety testing and house wiring inspections before final grid hook-ups.

Mr Phologolo also highlighted that private sector involvement could alleviate chronic infrastructure issues like cable theft.

In his constituency alone, he said over 300 residents had faced months of blackouts while waiting for BPC to source replacement cabling. Contributing to the debate, Shashe West MP, Mr Jeremiah Frenzel emphasised the potential for localised solar projects.

He indicated that the country's vast solar energy capacity remained largely untapped and argued that private power producers could build localised solar microgrids to lower industrial operating costs and end sole reliance on BPC.

"It is high time we give capable private companies an opportunity to compete. They can bring lasting solutions to both connection backlogs and cable theft," Mr Frenzel said.

Tonota MP, Mr Gaefele Sedombo pointed out practical local benefits, citing horticulture farmers along the Shashe River who had long struggled to power their farms due to prohibitive BPC connection fees.

Responding to MPs' debate, Mr Lekau emphasised that the motion aimed to ensure universal access to affordable power for both homes and key production centres, regardless of geographic location.

He said high tariffs continued to deprive citizens of basic comfort and agricultural productivity, hence confident that unbundling BPC would break the monopoly, lower rates and strengthen grid reliability nationwide. **BOPA**

Govt tackles power cables and metre shortages

GABORONE

Government is aware of the challenges currently affecting the availability of electricity metres and service cables, which have impacted the pace of new electricity connections in some parts of the country, including the North West District, Parliament has heard.

Answering a parliamentary question recently, Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo, said the main contributing factors included increased demand for new connections, widespread vandalism of electricity infrastructure and the overall financial sustainability of the current Free Electricity Connection Programme.

Nonetheless, Ms Kenewendo assured MPs that government and the Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) had put in place measures to strengthen procurement, improve security of supply and ensure that customer connections continued while longer-term reforms were implemented.

Detailing the extent of the crisis, Minister Kenewendo revealed that the national backlog was currently at 25 349 electricity metres and required approximately P45 million to fully address as well as 1 267 450 metres of service cable, which required about P139 million.

She stated that such severe shortages had significantly delayed timely connections for customers awaiting electricity supply across the country.

The shortage of service cables, Ms Kenewendo noted, had been heavily exacerbated by increasing theft, with BPC recording an average of 10 incidents of service cable theft per day, forcing the utility to constantly divert replacement cables that would otherwise go to new customer installations. Currently, she said the cost of replacing stolen cables was borne directly by the corporation.

Regarding electricity metres, the minister explained that the primary challenge was not lack of supply from manufacturers,

but the funding needed to procure sufficient volumes.

She also told legislators that demand had surged due to new applications and the accumulated backlog under the Free Electricity Connection Programme.

The programme, she said, was financed through the 10-thebe electricity consumer levy, which she noted had failed to keep pace with the growing demand for household connections.

Addressing supply chains, Ms Kenewendo outlined upcoming shipments and source markets, saying "Electricity metres are currently sourced from South Africa. However, government expects greater supplier diversification following the conclusion of a recently completed procurement process.

Also, she indicated that BPC received 3 500 metres during the first week of July this year and planned to order at least 5 000 more within the coming week, with delivery expected in seven days. Meanwhile, she said anti-theft service cables were being sourced from China, with BPC expecting a delivery of 14 000 metres this week (August 3) and an additional 100 000 metres scheduled between August and October this year. The minister explained that BPC allocated available metres and service cables across its service areas based on operational demand and the queue of pending connections. The approach, she said ensured that limited stock was distributed equitably nationwide while prioritising high-need areas.

However, she acknowledged that allocations to the North West District currently remained below local demand due to the nationwide deficit. To that effect, she said government was executing both immediate and structural interventions. "BPC is transitioning to vandal-resistant anti-theft cables to eliminate repeated replacements. Additionally, BPC has authorised private contractors to procure service cables directly where necessary to avoid unnecessary delays while the corporation replenishes central stock, alongside maximising procurement within available credit limits as resources allow," she added.

Ms Kenewendo was confident that the combined deliveries scheduled through October, alongside such operational changes, would progressively reduce the backlog and speed up household connections nationwide, including in the North West District.

She reaffirmed government's commitment to ensuring that every Motswana gained access to reliable electricity while building BPC's capacity to deliver efficiently.

MP for Maun East, Mr Goretsetse Kekgonegile had asked the minister to outline the challenges facing BPC regarding metre and cable shortages and particularly highlight the magnitude of the problem in the North West District.

Mr Kekgonegile further wanted to know the root causes of the shortages, where the materials were sourced, recent procurement volumes and the exact stock allocations designated for the Maun BPC office against local demand, including how and when the discrepancy would be resolved. **BOPA**



Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo said government was addressing shortages of electricity metres and service cables that have delayed new power connections. She told Parliament that the national backlog stood at 25 349 electricity metres and more than 1.26 million metres of service cable, with an estimated P184 million needed to clear the shortfall.

Govt restructures power sector for reliable energy

Esther Mmolai
GABORONE

Government is currently implementing key power sector reforms, including the unbundling and corporatisation of Botswana Power Corporation (BPC), to guarantee a secure, reliable, affordable, accessible and clean electricity supply, says Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo.

Minister Kenewendo said this when contributing to the debate on a motion introduced by Mogoditshane West MP, Mr Galenawabo Lekau, which requested government to expedite BPC's unbundling, allow local, privately owned companies to generate and sell electricity and enable them to directly connect

homes and farms to the power grid.

Supporting the motion, Ms Kenewendo explained that under the proposed unbundling, BPC would retain transmission and distribution responsibilities, while independent power producers (IPPs) take over generation.

She pointed out that BPC's original mandate effectively gave it a monopoly over the country's electricity supply. She noted that unbundling meant that BPC would no longer hold sole responsibility for power generation.

"Some of you may be aware that over the last couple of years, there has been progress regarding independent power producers. We have announced several IPPs to begin generating electricity on behalf of BPC, allowing the sector to become more liberalised," she said.

She added that the restructuring

process also involved evaluating whether BPC should retain its monopoly over the transmission network, which managed the major infrastructure required for long-haul electricity distribution locally and for export.

On the distribution side, she noted that BPC would focus on expanding grid connections to farms and homes nationwide.

Ms Kenewendo expressed confidence that the changes would attract significant private sector participation and investment across the entire electricity value chain.

To guide the process, she said government was currently running a project through the Public Enterprises Evaluation and Privatisation Agency (PEEPA), adding that the team tasked with delivering the project was conducting a detailed analysis of the proposed

restructuring and assessing options for unbundling power generation assets and functions from BPC's core operations. She however emphasised that the ministry must avoid rushing the process without clear market analysis to ensure that the reforms yielded sustainable results. "We have already begun due diligence and assessments of BPC, including its business, financial and human resource structures and are receiving guidance on implementation. This work also involves a physical audit and identification of all assets to be unbundled," she added.

Subsequently, she cautioned that strictly restricting BPC to distribution right away could disrupt ongoing operations, as it directly impacted infrastructure ownership, staffing and ongoing investment strategies. **BOPA**



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GEMVAS P2bn exposure material to fiscal stability

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Government’s contingent liability under the Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residential Property Advance Scheme (GEMVAS) stands at an estimated P2 billion, roughly one per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), as of December 2025, Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe informed Parliament recently.

Answering a parliamentary question, Minister Gaolathe emphasised that such an exposure was material to ongoing fiscal consolidation efforts and competing national development priorities and required prudent management to safeguard macroeconomic stability.

The minister was providing a comprehensive update following the scheme’s recent temporary suspension in response to questions raised by Member of Parliament for Kanye, Mr Victor Phologolo.

Mr Gaolathe said to manage such liabilities, government had signed new Guarantee Agreements with four participating financial institutions.

He added that while overall terms and conditions remained broadly unchanged, a revised interest-rate framework had been introduced. He indicated that under the new terms, interest was payable at the participating bank’s prime lending rate plus 4.25 per cent in the first year, plus 5.25 per cent in the second year as well as plus 6.25 per cent from the third year onward for the remainder of

the loan term.

Again, he said because participating banks set different prime lending rates in compliance with Bank of Botswana guidelines, effective GEMVAS interest rates currently ranged between 11.01 per cent and 12.26 pr cent.

Despite a slight increase in borrowing costs due to the adjusted margins, Mr Gaolathe noted that rates remained the most competitive in the market.

On one hand, the minister assured lawmakers that there were no changes to eligibility

criteria or repayment structures and the scheme remained fully accessible to qualifying public officers. Regarding concerns regarding administrative delays, Mr Gaolathe revealed that since GEMVAS re-opened on June 15 this year, 40 new applications have been received and processed, adding that before the suspension, the scheme averaged 50 new monthly applications.

With applications assessed for eligibility and completeness immediately upon receipt and finalised within three working

days, the minister confirmed there was no backlog or pending queue requiring a separate clearance plan.

Meanwhile, established in 1988 under Section 7 of the Public Service General Orders and revised in 1996, General Order 124.1 enables eligible public officers to access government-guaranteed advances from approved financial institutions strictly for residential property acquisition, construction or improvement, as well as non-commercial motor vehicles.

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Finance Minister Mr Ndaba Gaolathe

Laws must attract and not scare investors - Mohwasa

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

Legislation should attract investors rather than scare them away, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, has said.

Minister said this in Parliament recently as he led rejection of a motion to introduce employee share schemes in Botswana.

The defeated motion, brought by Selebi Phikwe West MP, Mr Reuben Kaizer, called on government to encourage employee share schemes, through a policy framework or legislation, as a strategy to enhance engagement, talent retention and alignment of interests between employers and workers.

The motion was ultimately

voted down by 20 MPs while 11 supported it. In his submissions, Minister Mohwasa, also Specially Elected MP, informed legislators that current laws did not stop companies from offering or giving shares to their staff, leaving the choice entirely at the discretion of employers.

He suggested that companies should instead be encouraged to offer lucrative and healthy salaries, highlighting that some employees had no interest in equity ownership.

Mr Mohwasa also emphasised that government desired to maintain a conducive business environment for both local and international investors.

Other MPs also rejected the motion and among them was Lentsweletau-Lephephe MP, Mr Tshenolo Bogatsu, who argued that

Botswana operated as a free-market economy with a small space for competition.

He warned that the motion would scare away foreign investors and risk economic collapse given the country’s ailing economy.

Serowe West MP, Mr Onapelo Kedikilwe also argued that the motion would negatively impact Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

Earlier in the debate, Mr Kaizer had outlined key benefits of the initiative, including boosted motivation, improved talent retention, financial growth opportunities and higher productivity.

Supporters of the motion also pushed back against the opposition.

Chobe MP, Mr Simasiku Mapulanga argued that employee shareholding fostered accountability

and drove productivity by aligning worker and employer goals.

He added that employee share schemes would provide long-term benefits for workers in sectors like tourism and retail, where pension provisions were often lacking.

Nkange MP, Mr Motlhamang Moalosi argued that the motion was not intended to force companies, but to, instead, regulate the process.

Responding to the debate, Mr Kaizer expressed disappointment with legislators whom, he said, had distorted the motion’s objective.

He reiterated that the proposal was not meant to dictate terms to businesses, but to create an enabling environment for economic opportunities for Batswana that would ultimately boost the country’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP). BOPA



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DailyBusiness

VP urges investors to bet on startups

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, has called on investors to identify and support entrepreneurs at the earliest stages of their journey.

Delivering a keynote address at Angel Network Botswana 6th anniversary celebrations in Gaborone on Friday, Mr Gaolathe said the country's next global success story would only emerge if someone believed in its founder before the business succeeds.

He drew lessons from the founding stories of Google and Alibaba, explaining that both companies started with bold ideas, determined founders and early investors willing to back them before success was guaranteed.

Mr Gaolathe said Angel Investment was the critical bridge between founders and larger sources of finance.

He said while banks required security and predictable cash flow and private equity, investors generally fund businesses with proven growth, Angel Investors was ready to provide the early capital that enabled entrepreneurs to test products, strengthen governance, build teams and attract future investment.

He described Angel investing as confidence guided by sound judgment rather than blind faith, commending Angel Network Botswana for bringing together capital, mentorship, experience and credibility to support emerging businesses.

Mr Gaolathe also called for stronger collaboration among government, banks, development finance institutions, universities, venture capital funds and the Botswana Stock Exchange to strengthen the country's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Furthermore, he welcomed new partnerships with the Botswana Technology Fund and others saying their success would be measured by the enterprises they strengthen and the investment they unlock.

He praised entrepreneurs who spoke about their businesses during the event, including representatives from Ipachi Capital, Organic Naturals Skincare and Viva Organica, saying they demonstrated the innovation, sacrifice and determination needed to transform the country's economy.

He assured the business founders that government was committed to creating an enabling environment for businesses to thrive.

He challenged young innovators to pursue transformative solutions capable of improving efficiency and competitiveness while drawing inspiration from successful African companies that solved everyday problems through innovation. **BOPA**



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (centre), Botswana Stock Exchange chairperson, Ms Neo Mooki (right) and Angel Network Botswana chairperson, Ms Mythri George during the 6th anniversary celebration in Gaborone on Friday. Mr Gaolathe urged investors, financial institutions and experienced business leaders to identify and support entrepreneurs at the earliest stages of their journey, saying Botswana's next global success story would only emerge if funders received backing before their business became successful. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

Angel Network Botswana celebrates 6th anniversary

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
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Angel Network Botswana has been praised for its role in promoting entrepreneurship, innovation and investment, playing a key position in Botswana's journey toward a diversified economy.

"You have built a trusted platform connecting entrepreneurs with investors, mentors and opportunities," Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima said during the organisation's anniversary celebration in Gaborone on Friday.

Referring to the event's theme: Creating the Conditions for Botswana's Next Economy, Mr Ntsima said Botswana's next phase of development required an economy

that was diversified, productive and globally competitive, driven by entrepreneurship, innovation, technology and value addition.

He noted that government continued to implement reforms to improve the ease of doing business, reduce barriers to investment and strengthen competitiveness.

"Our role is to ensure every entrepreneur with talent and vision has access to a transparent, flexible and supportive environment," he said.

Mr Ntsima described innovation as an economic necessity across sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, fintech, healthcare and the creative industries, saying it boosts productivity, create jobs and opens new markets.

He also highlighted the importance of Angel Network Botswana as investors, saying they provided more than capital by offering mentorship, credibility and business networks that help entrepreneurs turn ideas into successful businesses.

Mr Ntsima encouraged entrepreneurs to remain ambitious by building innovative businesses that solve problems, create sustainable employment and take the Botswana brand to regional and global markets.

The minister called for stronger partnerships between government, the private sector, investors and academia to achieve Vision 2036 and build a more diversified, innovative and prosperous Botswana. **BOPA**

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Multinationals embrace AI-powered future

SHANGHAI - Global corporations are embedding China's artificial intelligence (AI) into their real-world operations and bringing these innovations to the global stage. Earlier this month, PwC China launched its AI Innovation Center in Shanghai. The centre helps clients chart practical roadmaps for AI adoption and navigate the many complexities associated with digital transformation. A recent PwC study places China in the top tier globally for AI deployment effectiveness in the real economy. According to Liu Yaxiao, who heads the new center, a growing number of overseas clients are now voluntarily adopting China's open-source AI ecosystem when upgrading their digital operations. **Xinhua**

Mnangagwa hails China investment in lithium beneficiation

HARARE - Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa last Friday hailed Chinese investment in lithium processing as key to maximising the value of the country's mineral resources. In a speech read on his behalf by Vice President Constantino Chiwenga at the opening of the Mining, Engineering and Transport Expo in Bulawayo, Mnangagwa commended China's Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt for building Zimbabwe's first lithium sulphate plant in Goromonzi, Mashonaland East Province. Through its local subsidiary, Prospect Lithium Zimbabwe, the company in April dispatched Zimbabwe's first-ever export of locally produced lithium sulphate, marking a major milestone in the southern African country's drive toward mineral beneficiation and value addition. **Xinhua**

Kenya Forex reserves leap to historic high

NAIROBI - Kenya's foreign exchange reserves rose by a record US\$1.55 billion to reach an all-time high of US\$15.4 billion, the Central Bank of Kenya announced in its weekly financial markets update on Friday evening. The reserve surge, up from US\$13.85 billion the previous week, was primarily driven by capital inflows from the government's partial divestiture of Safaricom, the country's leading telecommunications company. The updated reserves now cover 6.4 months of imports, up from 5.9 months the previous week, according to the central bank. "This meets Central Bank of Kenya's statutory requirement to endeavour to maintain at least four months of import cover," Central Bank of Kenya said. Central Bank of Kenya Governor Kamau Thugge projected that reserves would rise even further in the coming weeks. **Xinhua**

Botswana and Côte d'Ivoire seal landmark partnership

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

Botswana and Côte d'Ivoire have signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on mining and energy cooperation.

Speaking during the signing ceremony in Gaborone on Thursday, the Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo, described the move as the beginning of a new chapter in African partnerships built on shared expertise, investment and industrial development.

She said the partnership reflected a shared commitment by Botswana and Côte d'Ivoire to mobilise investment, develop skills, strengthen institutions and create value across the continent.

"For the first time, Botswana has developed a cooperation with another African country, Côte d'Ivoire, that taps into our good standing as Africa's leading mining jurisdiction," she said.

The minister said the cooperation was not simply about exploiting minerals, but exporting Botswana's knowledge, institutions and expertise that had built one of the world's most respected mining jurisdictions.

She said the country's greatest resource was not beneath the ground, but within its people and institutions, adding that Botswana was now beginning to export that resource to the rest of Africa.

Minister Kenewendo said Africa could no longer continue with a model of exporting raw materials, whilst importing prosperity, expertise and technology from outside the continent.

She said the continent's mineral and energy resources should become catalysts for industrialisation, innovation, energy security and inclusive growth, with success measured not only by what countries extracted from the ground, but by the industries they built, the jobs they created and the opportunities they left for future generations.

Although endowed with different mineral resources, she said Botswana and Côte d'Ivoire, shared similar aspirations to use their mineral and energy wealth as a foundation for diversified economies, stronger institutions and shared prosperity.

Further, the minister said cooperation between the two countries had already begun before the signing of the MoU, with ministers and technical teams having met to identify areas of collaboration.

She said Botswana Exploration Investment Company and SODEMI had already brought together geologists and exploration experts to jointly assess opportunities in diamonds, gold and critical minerals.

Minister Kenewendo said work undertaken from the Bobi Kimberlite Dyke to the Tortiya alluvial diamond deposits had demonstrated the value of combining Botswana's globally recognised expertise in diamond exploration with Côte d'Ivoire's growing mineral potential.

She added that Botswana Oil Limited and Société Ivoirienne de Raffinage had also begun exploring strategic collaboration aimed at strengthening petroleum supply, improving energy security

and unlocking future investment opportunities for both countries.

Ms Kenewendo said the strongest partnerships were measured not by the documents signed, but by the projects implemented.

She said the MoU established a framework for expanded cooperation covering geological research, mineral exploration and exploitation, petroleum development, renewable energy, skills transfer, institutional strengthening, innovation and investment.

The minister also welcomed Botswana's invitation as the Guest Country of Honour at the Second International Exhibition of Extractive Resources and Energy (SIREXE) 2026 in Côte d'Ivoire.

She also noted that President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko had confirmed his participation in the event, adding that Botswana was expected to showcase its investment opportunities whilst strengthening partnerships across the continent.

Minister Kenewendo said Botswana's next chapter of exports would extend beyond diamonds, copper and coal to include the country's knowledge, institutions, excellence and ability to attract investment, 'as the true measure of national development'.

For his part, Côte d'Ivoire's Ministry of Mines, Petroleum and Energy minister, Mr Mamadou Sangafowa-Coulibaly, said the MoU signing was an industrialisation of the diplomatic relations between the two nations.

The historic partnership, he said should create favourable conditions for both Botswana and Côte d'Ivoire companies by boosting private-sector

partnerships, technical training and scientific exchange. He also confirmed Botswana as the guest of honour for the upcoming Côte d'Ivoire's SIREXE minerals and energy exhibition.

"This is a foundation for broader

cooperation that paves way for sectors of common interest, based on, among others," he said.

Minister Sangafowa-Coulibaly thanked President Boko for affording him and his delegation an opportunity to meet them.

Additionally, he thanked the Botswana technical team for the quality of discussions that took place during the engagement between the two countries' technical teams in February 2026.

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Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo (left) and Côte d'Ivoire Minister of Mines, Petroleum and Energy, Mr Mamadou Sangafowa-Coulibaly after signing a Memorandum of Understanding in Gaborone recently. Ms Kenewendo said the partnership reflected Africa's commitment to using its natural resources to drive industrialisation, innovation, energy security and economic growth. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

De Beers output surges in 2026 first-half

Mpho Mosojane
GABORONE

De Beers shrank its underlying first-half loss by 23 per cent to \$188 million in 2026 under the backdrop of a significantly challenging climate driven by a weak global demand and competition from lab grown synthetic diamonds.

Speaking at a media briefing in Gaborone on Thursday, De Beers Group Chief Finance officer, Mr Paul Rowley confirmed that the rebound was largely attributed to Botswana's output of 10.3 million carats, causing a 46 per cent production surge to an overall group output to 14.9 million carats.

"The group's sharp recovery stems from the significant contribution from Botswana's production through Jwaneng's higher-grade ore mining, combined with the return of normal operations at the Orapa mine following a prolonged period of shutdown since 2025," he said.

A significant increase in production, however did not mitigate against loss as the mining giant still recorded an underlying Earnings Before Interest, Taxes,

Depreciation, and Amortisation (EBITDA) loss of \$113 million and an underlying net loss of \$188 million for the first half of 2026.

Despite the challenging industry conditions, De Beers was encouraged by signals of traction as a result of its high-impact marketing campaigns which resulted in retailers seeing a growth in natural diamond demand especially in the US market.

"Global marketing campaigns of the National Development Council sees more industry players stepping up to support efforts that continue to boost consumer demand through highlighting extraordinary stories of beneficiation of the people and communities within the diamond regions," highlighted Mr Rowley.

Additionally, Mr Rowley acknowledged the significant progress made by the Botswana Government and De Beers Group with implementing their formal long-term agreements featuring a 25-year mining license extension for Debswana, a 10-year sales agreement, and the creation of a Diamonds for Development Fund.

These updated pacts replace prior terms to secure mutual

economic growth.

"The average realised price of diamonds declined due to a combination of a lower price index and a sales mix containing more of the smaller, lower value diamonds.

However, we continue to monitor capital expenditure carefully together with unit costs, with the significant streamlining of the business supporting the lower cost base," advised Mr Niranjana Mylvaganam, De Beers Group Chief Financial Officer Diamond Trading.

Despite these significant strides, De Beers remains cautious of the impact of the Middle-East geo-political tensions and lab-grown synthetic diamonds which continue to be challenges that need to be kept on track.

According to De Beers, the future outlook projects that near term rough diamond trading will continue to be affected by economic uncertainty however, supply discipline, marketing investments and evolving retail dynamics for synthetic diamonds, which are expected to support a gradual recovery in trading conditions in the medium term.

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Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse said uncontrolled hypertension and diabetes remain the leading causes of chronic kidney disease in Botswana. He told Parliament that 750 patients were currently receiving haemodialysis, while 10 were on peritoneal dialysis through government facilities and partner clinics.

Diabetes and hypertension drive rising kidney disease

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The rising prevalence of chronic kidney disease is largely driven by uncontrolled hypertension and diabetes mellitus, which remain the leading causes of kidney disease worldwide and in Botswana.

Responding to a question in Parliament recently, Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse said living with hypertension or diabetes was a burden and even so, overwhelming when compounded by added weight of kidney complications.

Mr Ookeditse noted that currently, there were 750 patients receiving haemodialysis and 10 patients on peritoneal dialysis through the ministry's facilities and private partner clinics. He said the figures excluded patients receiving dialysis exclusively through private health care providers and therefore undermined the true burden of advanced kidney disease in the country.

He therefore said the ministry acknowledged with gratitude, the resilience of patients and devotion of the families and caregivers who supported them.

He said evidence indicated that the global prevalence of chronic kidney disease was approximately 13.4 per cent, while studies conducted in Botswana estimated a comparable prevalence of approximately 13.5 per cent.

The assistant minister said the ministry recognised that the most effective and most strategic for addressing chronic kidney disease was prevention, through early detection and effective, compassionate management of hypertension and diabetes before irreversible kidney damage occurred. He further said they were committed to reducing the burden of chronic kidney disease, through a comprehensive and

compassionate approach that prioritised prevention. He added that the ministry was implementing interventions, including strengthening health promotion and disease prevention programme with emphasis on healthy lifestyle, improved nutrition, increased physical activity, tobacco cessation and reduction of other risk factors for non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

Mr Ookeditse said some interventions also included providing continuous training and capacity building alongside reviewing and updating national primary health care guidelines for healthcare workers, to improve early diagnosis and that they were equipped with the latest evidence-based approaches for prevention and management of hypertension, diabetes and chronic kidney disease. Also, he said the ministry was implementing strengthening specialist renal care through recruiting additional specialists including internal medicine specialists and nephrologists, as well as expanding specialist services by deploying family medicine specialists to almost all primary hospitals and district councils, thereby strengthening comprehensive primary healthcare.

Such interventions, he said, formed part of the ministry's broader strategy to reduce preventable suffering and complications, improve health outcomes and ensure that all Batswana, especially those already living with this condition, had access to equitable, high-quality and dignified healthcare services.

MP for Maun West, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama, had asked the minister to appraise Parliament of the current situation of rising kidney problems in the country.

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BDC hospitality sector promotes economic diversification

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Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) continues to participate in the hospitality sector to drive economic diversification, promote tourism and foster sustainable economic growth across the country.

This was said by Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima, answering a question in Parliament recently.

Minister Ntsima stated that BDC's hospitality portfolio comprised both wholly-owned assets and strategic equity investments. "These assets span hotels, tourism and hospitality facilities, all managed on sound commercial principles while

advancing broader national development goals," the minister said.

Mr Ntsima explained that as an active investment institution, BDC continuously monitored the financial and operational performance of its holdings and reviewed their strategic fit within its broader portfolio. The proactive management, he said, allowed the corporation to strengthen investments showing long-term value, implement turnaround strategies where needed and responsibly divest from mature or non-aligned assets.

He further told Parliament that BDC's hospitality portfolio currently consisted of four primary strategic investments, which

included a 40 per cent stake in Peermont Global Botswana, which operated four hotels and two gaming facilities in Gaborone and Francistown under the management of South Africa's Global Resorts Management.

However, he said while Peermont remained profitable, its returns had been constrained by subdued room occupancy and heightened competition in the gaming sector. In the eco-tourism space, he said BDC had a 30 per cent share in Mashatu Nature Reserve, a high-end operation located in the Tuli Block. "Despite generating strong top-line revenue, Mashatu's overall profitability remains constrained by high operating costs," he said.

Furthermore, he said BDC also maintained a 27.6 per cent stake in Cresta Marakanelo Limited, Botswana's largest hotel group, operating 12 hotels nationwide.

He added that Cresta experienced improved revenue and occupancy during the 2025 financial year, despite challenging market conditions, though profitability was offset by impairment charges and operational expenses.

On one hand, he said, Thakadu & Kwenya Hotels, a 100 per cent citizen-owned entity in Letlhakane funded by BDC through loan and preference share facilities, previously offered hotel, conferencing, restaurant and casino services. However, he indicated that prolonged operational underperformance ultimately led to the cessation of operations.

The minister also outlined several major hospitality developments currently in BDC's pipeline, saying in Gaborone's Fairscape Precinct, BDC was planning a 160-key five-star premium business hotel as part of a mixed-use development.

The project, he said, was currently in its pre-development phase, with consultant appointments and fundraising efforts at an advanced stage. Parliament also heard that BDC was also pursuing an ultra-luxury boutique hotel designed to meet international standards and target high-end leisure, diplomatic and executive business markets.

He added that the initial investment appraisal for the project had been completed and it was undergoing due diligence.

Furthermore, he said BDC was spearheading the New Airport City development, located approximately two kilometres from Sir Seretse Khama International Airport. "This massive project entails constructing an all-encompassing World Trade Centre across 1.26 million square metres, featuring four hotels, trade centres, exhibition halls and entertainment venues. Ground-breaking took place on June 5 this year and BDC is currently seeking approval from the Department of Surveys and Mapping to subdivide the land for phased development," he said.

Minister Ntsima reaffirmed BDC's commitment to maintaining a commercially disciplined portfolio that attracted investment, created jobs and advanced national economic goals through active performance management, strategic divestments and viable new projects.

MP for Selebi Phikwe East, Mr Kgoberego Nkawana, had asked for an update on the business viability of BDC and Cresta-operated hotels and whether the corporation planned to launch new hotel developments.

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BCL liquidation costs near P2bn

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Care and maintenance activities for BCL's South East Extension (SE EXT) No. 1 and No. 3 Shafts have cost the mining estate nearly P2 billion since liquidation began, Parliament heard recently.

The expenses cover labour, water and electricity rates, taxes, spare parts, housing and the operation and maintenance of underground vehicles.

Responding to parliamentary questions from Selebi Phikwe West MP, Mr Reuben Kaizer, Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo detailed how the estate's finances, including over P633 million in reported recoveries, had been deployed.

Mr Kaizer had asked for an update on the utilisation of recoveries, outstanding creditor claims, available estate funds and the possibility of ex-gratia payments for former workers.

Minister Kenewendo explained that government funded all care and maintenance costs in full as administrative expenses until March 2021.

Since then, she said the liquidator had covered the costs using available estate funds, supplemented by ad-hoc payments from government and the Mineral Development Company of Botswana (MDCB).

To date, she said the liquidator had repaid P100 million to government's post-liquidation loan account while the remaining estate funds had been directed toward ongoing environmental rehabilitation, statutory administration fees and the purchase of tremor monitoring equipment.

Parliament also heard that financial accounting through September 30, 2024, had been detailed in two Liquidation and Distribution Accounts submitted to the Master of the High Court and a third account, covering transactions from October 1, 2024 onward, would be lodged once financial close was reached and the liquidator was released from further rehabilitation obligations, under Section 75 (3) of the Mines and Minerals Act.

Addressing creditor payouts, Ms Kenewendo stated that ABSA Bank, the estate's sole proved



Minister of Minerals and Energy Ms Bogolo Kenewendo

secured creditor, had its P35 million claim settled in full under the first distribution account.

Regarding former BCL workers, the minister said they held preferent creditor status for terminal benefits under the Insolvency and Employment Acts.

She indicated that government funded and paid such benefits amounting to over P152 million (P152 945 722), subsequently taking cession of the claims.

"This extinguished the employees' direct claims and transferred the preferent creditor status to government," she said.

She further confirmed that former employees had received all statutory terminal benefits owed to them under the law.

She explained that the Companies Act had no provision for ex-gratia payments, emphasising that the liquidator had a legal duty to act strictly in the best interest of the broader body of creditors.

Meanwhile, she said proved concurrent creditor claims currently stand at over P1.162 billion (P1 162 439 389.68), while claims from creditors who failed to prove their losses to date had legally prescribed.

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Cyclists competing in an Independence Day bicycle race during the 1973 celebrations in Gaborone.



Members of the Botswana Council of Women taking part in an Independence Day procession in 1976.

Celebrating Botswana's Independence Through the Years

Since attaining Independence on September 30, 1966, Botswana has commemorated its nationhood with colourful displays of patriotism, sport, culture and community participation. Over the decades, Independence Day celebrations have brought together people from all walks of life to honour the country's achievements while reaffirming the values of peace, unity and democracy that have defined the Republic. From sporting competitions and traditional dance performances to ceremonial processions and presidential engagements, the annual celebrations have reflected Botswana's remarkable journey from a young nation to a respected democracy. These archival photographs capture memorable moments from different eras, preserving the stories, traditions and national pride that have shaped Independence Day celebrations across generations.



Members of the Botswana Police Service staging a police dog demonstration at the National Stadium in 1968.



The Queen's Commissioner in Bechuanaland, Sir Hugh Selby Norman-Walker (third left), Prime Minister Seretse Khama (third right), Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Ketumile Masire (right) and Speaker of the National Assembly, Dr Alfred Merriweather (second right) during a ceremony marking the handover of independence to Botswana on September 30, 1966.



Religious leaders from various denominations offering prayers and messages of national unity during the 1967 Independence Day celebrations.



Traditional dancers celebrating Botswana's rich cultural heritage and diverse performing arts during the 1969 Independence Day celebrations.



Footballers battling for honours during an Independence Day match in 1970.



Children competing in a tug-of-war contest during the 1967 Independence Day celebrations.

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Kgakololo e ntshitswe ke tona wa lephata la boatlhodi le kago sesha ya magolegwa, Rre Nelson Ramaotwana bosheng mo phuthegong ya kgotla kwa Ramokgwebana. Osupile fa dilalome tse, di itebaganya thata le banana le batho ba dingwaga tse di fa gare ba ba batlang ditiro, bangwe e le ba ba batlang nyalo, fa bangwe ba na le keletso ya go tsena dikole.

“Ba a bo ba jewa ka loleme ke manweenwee, bangwe ba felela ba dumela, mme ba thanye ba ntse mosima wa phika ka marago, ka jalo ba amogiwa sepe se ba se dirisang go tlhaeletsana le ba masika go kopa thuso,” ga tlhalosa Rre Ramaotwana.

Tona Ramaotwana a re ba-tswa setlhabelo ba dikgang tsa go thopiwa ba dirisiwa mo ditirong tsa bokgoba jaaka go ithekisa mmele go bereka

masimo, mme bangwe ba kopane le bosetlhogo jo bo tseneletseng ba ntshiwa dikarolo tsa mmele tsa botlhokwa jaaka diphilo, tse go lemotshegang kgwebo ya tsone e godile.

O ba kgothatitse gore fa ba ka tshokana ba bona motho a tla ka kgetsi ya madi a re o na le kgwebo mme tiro ya gagwe ke go batlela dikgwebo tse di kwa ntle babereki ba belaele sengwe mme ba belege ba sepodisi go dira ditlhotlhomiso.

Rre Ramaotwana o ba kgothatitse go nna podi matseba fa ba dirisa maranyane, ka gore bontsi jwa ba ba wetseng mo diphatseng tsa go thophiwa, ba ne ba dirisa maranyane go buisana le dirukutlhi, ka jalo a re sepe se ba se belaelang ba itsise mapodisi.

“Go le gantsi, dirukutlhi tse, di dirisa mathata a rona a gore batho ga ba bereke, ka ba itse gore mongwe le mongwe o eletsa go tshela sentle, fa bangwe ba batho ba batla manyalo,” ga rialo Rre Ramaotwana.

Rre Ramaotwana o kopile morafe gore o seka wa neela ope yo ba sa mo itseng dipasa, dinepe, megala kana Omang ka se e le yone tshimologo ya mathata, a re go dira jalo motho o a bo a file serukutlhi tsela ya go mo

atumela, mme a felela a tsieditswe.

O kopile magosi, dikereke, dikole le mekgatlho mo motseng go simolola go ela tlhoko le go lemoga maretshwa a a dirisiwang go ngoka batho, mme ba rute bana le ba ba sa itseng ka borukutlhi jwa go thopa batho.

Mopalamente wa Tati West, Rre Justin Hunyepa a re dikgang

tse go thopa batho di a tshwenya ebile di ama le matshelo a batho ka kakaretso, batho ba amegile ka mabaka a a farologanyeng, bangwe ba tla ka malwetse, bogole kana ba tlhokafetse.

Rre Hunyepa a re batho bangwe ba tsamaya ka go solofediwa ditiro tsa dituelo tse di kwa godimo, mme

e re ba goroga kwa seemo se fetoge ka ba iphitlhela ba dirisiwa jaaka masole ba etelediwa kwa pele mo dintweng tsa mafatshe. “Go thopiwa go diga seriti sa motho e bile go tsaya kgololesego ya motho le bokamoso ja gagwe kana go senye botshelo jwa motho gotlhelele,” ga rialo Rre Hunyepa. **BOPA**



Tona wa lephata la boatlhodi le kago sesha ya magolegwa, Rre Nelson Ramaotwana (fa gare), a buisa phuthego kwa Ramokgwebana bosheng ka letsatsi la go ipelela go ema kgathlanong le go thopiwa ga batho. A re fa batho ba solofetswa lenyalo, dikole, dikgwebo le ditiro tse di duelang madi a mantsi motlhofo fela, ba sekaseke boammaaruri ja seo. Rre Ramaotwana o ne a patilwe ke mothusa tona wa thuto e kgolwane Rre Justin Hunyepa (molemeng) le Kgosi ya Ramokgwebana, Kgosi Mollen Dube. Senepe: Goweditswe Kome



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Ref: GHDC 3/4/4 I (1)

Date: 17 July 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS FOR BONTSALA (PTY) LTD (COUNCIL-OWNED ENTITY) - GOODHOPE DISTRICT COUNCIL

1.INTRODUCTION

The Goodhope District Council, in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, invites suitably qualified Botswana citizens, experienced and highly competent individuals, to express interest in appointment as Independent Non-Executive Members of the Board of Directors of Bontsala (Pty) Ltd.

The Council has established Bontsala (Pty) Ltd as a wholly council-owned commercial entity to promote fiscal sustainability, diversify revenue sources, maximize returns on council investments and assets, improve service delivery, stimulate local economic development, and support the Council's strategic objectives.

The Board shall provide strategic leadership, sound corporate governance, financial oversight, and policy direction to ensure that the COE operates efficiently, sustainably, and in the best interests of the shareholder, being the Council.

2.PURPOSE OF THE APPOINTMENT

The objective of this recruitment is to appoint individuals with diverse professional competencies, high ethical standards, and proven leadership experience to provide strategic oversight and ensure that the COE achieves its commercial and developmental mandate.

The Board shall operate in accordance with the following, but not limited to:

- i. Companies (Amendment) Act, 2025,
- ii. Local Government Act 2012
- iii. Public Finance Management Act 2011
- iv. Corporate Governance Framework
- v. SPV Shareholder Compact
- vi. SPV Memorandum and Articles of Association
- vii. Applicable Government Policies
- viii. Public Procurement Act 2021
- ix. Presidential Directive CAB 30B/2023 dated 27th November 2023

3.KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

The Board shall provide strategic leadership and oversight and shall, among other responsibilities:

- i. Develop and approve the strategic direction of the COE.
- ii. Approve annual business plans and budgets.
- iii. Approve investment strategies and major capital projects.
- iv. Ensure prudent management of Council investments.
- v. Safeguard Council assets.
- vi. Monitor financial performance.
- vii. Approve annual financial statements.
- viii. Ensure compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.
- ix. Oversee enterprise risk management.
- x. Promote sound corporate governance.
- xi. Appoint, supervise, and evaluate the Chief Executive Officer.
- xii. Monitor implementation of Board resolutions.
- xiii. Ensure effective internal controls.
- xiv. Oversee procurement governance.
- xv. Promote ethical conduct and accountability.
- xvi. Ensure sustainability and profitability of the COE.
- xvii. Monitor achievement of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
- xviii. Approve major contracts and investments.
- xix. Ensure compliance with audit recommendations.

4.MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants should possess:

A Bachelor's Degree in a relevant discipline from a recognised institution. A postgraduate qualification will be an added advantage. At least ten (10) years of relevant professional experience. At least five (5) years in senior management or executive leadership.

5.PERSON SPECIFICATIONS

Applicants should possess expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- i. Corporate Governance
- ii. Finance
- iii. Accounting

- iv. Auditing
- v. Investment Management
- vi. Banking
- vii. Economics
- viii. Law
- ix. Engineering
- x. Infrastructure Development
- xi. Property Development
- xii. Project Finance
- xiii. Procurement
- xiv. Enterprise Risk Management
- xv. Human Resource Management
- xvi. Information Technology
- xvii. Business Strategy
- xviii. Public Administration
- xix. Local Government Administration
- xx. Agriculture
- xxi. Manufacturing
- xxii. Tourism
- xxiii. Energy
- xxiv. Environmental Management
- xxv. Public-Private Partnerships (PPP)

The Council reserves the right to determine the appropriate mix of competencies.

6. COMPETENCIES

Successful candidates should demonstrate:

- i. Strategic thinking
- ii. Commercial acumen
- iii. Financial literacy
- iv. Corporate governance knowledge
- v. Risk management capability
- vi. Ethical leadership
- vii. Decision-making ability
- viii. Analytical skills
- ix. Communication skills
- x. Negotiation skills
- xi. Integrity
- xii. Independence
- xiii. Accountability

7.ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- i. Be citizens of Botswana unless otherwise permitted by law.
- ii. Be persons of high integrity.
- iii. Demonstrate sound business judgment.
- iv. Be capable of exercising independent judgment.
- v. Be committed to public service ethics.
- vi. Meet the fit and proper requirements applicable to company directors.

8.DISQUALIFICATION

The following persons shall not be eligible:

- i. Undischarged bankrupts.
- ii. Persons convicted of fraud, corruption, or dishonesty.
- iii. Persons removed from public office for misconduct.
- iv. Persons prohibited from serving as company directors.
- v. Persons with unmanaged conflicts of interest.
- vi. Persons convicted of offences involving financial misconduct.
- vii. Persons who are incapacitated.

9.TERM OF APPOINTMENT

Board Members shall be appointed for a period of three (3) years, renewable once, subject to satisfactory performance and shareholder approval.

NB: Applications from serving public officers will not be accepted unless made through direct Council Appointment.

10.REMUNERATION

Board Members shall receive sitting allowances as prescribed in the Presidential Directive CAB 30B/2023 dated 27th November 2023 and any other approved benefits in accordance with Government policies and the remuneration framework approved by Council.

11. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

Applicants should submit:

- i. Application Letter
- ii. Detailed Curriculum Vitae
- iii. Certified copies of academic qualifications
- iv. Certified copies of professional qualifications
- v. Certified copy of National Identity Card
- vi. Three professional references
- vii. Two-page statement explaining how the applicant will contribute to the strategic direction and governance of the SPV
- viii. Declaration of interests

Valid professional membership registration with recognised professional bodies, where applicable, will be an added advantage.

12. SELECTION PROCESS

Shortlisted applicants may be required to undergo:

- i. Competency-based interviews
- ii. Reference checks
- iii. Qualification verification
- iv. Integrity assessment
- v. Fit and Proper Assessment
- vi. Conflict of Interest Assessment
- vii. Police Clearance

13. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications should be clearly marked:

"Expression of Interest – Appointment of Board Member – Council Owned Entity" and addressed to:

The Council Secretary
Goodhope District Council
Private Bag 005
Goodhope
Botswana

14. CLOSING DATE

Applications must reach the Council on or before:

Not later than 13th August 2026 at 1630 hrs. Late applications shall not be considered.

15. ENQUIRIES

For further information, please contact:

Mr.Aubrey O. Mokgadi / Mr.Aristocrat B. Daman
Telephone: 73827388 / 73579588
Email: amokgadi@gov.bw / babakidaman@gmail.com

16. DISCLAIMER

The Council reserves the right to verify all information submitted by applicants, to withdraw this Expression of Interest (EOI) at any stage of the process, and not to make any appointment arising from this advertisement. By applying, applicants acknowledge and consent to the processing of their personal information solely for this appointment process. Such information may be shared with authorised persons or relevant authorities where necessary and in accordance with the provisions of the Botswana Data Protection Act, 2024.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.


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T. Molaodi
Council Secretary





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AN INTEGRATED FARM in Kgope seeks an experienced farm worker. Requirements: Minimum three years relevant experience, knowledge of small stock care, experience in hay and silage production, knowledge of horticultural management. To apply: Farm Manager, P O Box 45205 Gaborone. Tel: 75 361 453. Application deadline: 14th August

FARM WORKER WANTED at Moshupa. Apply Box 1521 Moshupa or contact Kenneth Makubate at 72 666 643

GENERAL FARM WORKER WANTED at Lentsweletau farm lands. P O Box 50327 Gaborone. Contact Rebasele Radibe at 72 850 616 / 73 435 597

URGENTLY LOOKING FOR FARM WORKERS with atleast 5 years experience. Apply to Rhoda Sekgororoane at Box 1659, Gaborone

TWO FARM WORKERS required for horticulture and small stock farm at Nakalaphala (Palapye). Call 78 594 381

FARM WORKERS WANTED, Leshibitse. 74 717 894

WANTED: FARM WORKERS. Apply: Derek Brink Holdings (Pty) Ltd. Box 2 Gaborone. Closing date: 18/08/2026

I AM LOOKING FOR A FARM WORKER based in Selebi-Phikwe. Contact 71667444 or 71 317 985

UREGENTLY NEEDED FARM WORKER, Nakatsakgama lands, Serowe. Call 74781525. Closing date 21/08/2026

FARM WORKER WANTED at Moko (Serowe) Box 556 Serowe. Tselayakhumo Phuduhudu 75 961 413

TWO FARM WORKERS WANTED: Kazungula, Apply: Albert Mukuwa P. O. BOX 411 Kasane 71 540 977

TWO FARMWORKERS at Busumani Mathangwane Goitsewang Pelaelo Box 34 Mathangwane 74 100 063

KE BATA MODISA KO TONOTA. Leletsa 71 125 412 Othilia Msheqo, fa o nale kgateho

ONE FARMWORKER at Moroka Tshepo Mooketsi Box 32 Moroka 71 857 782

2 FARM WORKER WANTED Moshopha Jimmy James Toteng Box 78 Gaborone 73 461 137

FARM WORKER WANTED Q & Q Farming Enterprises Pty Ltd is looking for a hardworking, driven and motivated worker: Call 71 587 530 / 72573224.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Gakikana, Mokatako Box 201392 Gaborone 72808940.

FARM WORKERS FEMALE FARM WORKER wanted at Itkeng Bakone, Mmatswale-ke-Mogwe farms 13 km from Seleka village cell 75 745 866

2 FARM WORKERS WANTED at Setempe No 1. Apply to Obonetse Gabaakanye Box 182 Semolale

FARMWORKERWANTEDinMolepolole / Diagane. Itseng Kwelagobe P O Box 1401 Gaborone. Contact 72 310 002

FARM WORKER NEEDED: Donald Ariisa Babugura is looking for a farm worker at his farm in Mmakanke farm lands. No experience needed, but a love for agriculture. Applications will close on the 11th August 2026. Send applications to P.O Box 679 ABG Sebele and call + 267 75 980 301 for enquiries.

1 HERDBOY NEEDED URGENTLY at Malotwana lands. Contact Tirelo Kadisa, Box 87 Mochudi. Cell 72 205 433

FARM WORKER WANTED in Ralekgetho Fitzgerald Rifilwe Kajane P.O Box 45129 Gaborone. Contact 72843099

2 FARM WORKERS WANTED in Serowe. Must have experience in horticulture. Contact 71 790 033 / 76571841 (Sandra Salome Seretse)

MATURE LADY NEEDED at Talane Kumakwane farm. Will be staying with granny also working and man farm worker also needed. Call 76 340 113 Antornette Kedibone Sebopelo

FARM WORKER REQUIRED: at Mahibitswane lands, Kweneng District. Apply to: Mahibitswane farm, P.O Box 70490, Gaborone. Cell number , 76306880.

FARM WORKER WANTED- Florence Karakubis (Newpoint Pty) 72 379 945, Molepolole (Semarule)

HERDBOY WANTED MOKOSWANE. Bolotsang Box 1344 Mmadinare 71794331

FARM WORKER WANTED at Morale, Mahalapye Box 2674 Mahalapye 71603869 / 72 475 158.

LOOKING FOR FARM WORKER at Maboaneng farm Tlokweng. Reply to owner: Ruth Jim, Box 40441 Gaborone Closing date: 18/8/26

2 FARM WORKERS WANTED in Ramotswa. Apply to Keletso Moenda, Box 53337 Ramotswa before 30/08/26.

2 FARM WORKERS WANTED by Bikie Seakgosing in Tlokweng, Mabutswe lands. Apply to Box 301886 Tlokweng before 30/08/26.

FARM WORKER WANTED at SIMPLEX VENTURES Pty Ltd 74 400 156 Gaborone. Closing date 17/08/2026.

FARMWORKERREQUIRED at Moduane lands. Write Jane Makgoro before 17/08/2026 P O Box 712 Gaborone. Contacts 71 319 965.

KE BATLA MODISA, Kweneng District (Magagarape) 71 517 771

MISCELLANEOUS

QUEEN PARK RANGERS invites its supporters and members to its General Assembly on the 22.08.26 at Queens Park Grounds, Time 1400hrs.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 10863 Flowertown 2 Mahalapye wishes to change landuse from single family residential to multi-family residential. Any public objections should be forwarded to 471 2145 or 471 3323 Mhalapye physical planning within 14 days of publication.

I INTEND TO CHANGE LAND USE of plot 6147 Magoge from residential to guesthouse. Any queries to RDC Committee or 77 471 539

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT 001414-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **JANE MAPHAKWANE ESHFT 001414-25** who died at FRANCISTOWN NORTH EAST DISTRICT on the **2ND day of NOVEMBER 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 31TH DAY OF JULY 2026

BELLAH MAPHAKWANE
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX
SEROWE
AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13
FRANCISTOWN

FARM WORKERS MOOKANE VILLAGE

Application are invited from hardworking, reliable and physical fit persons for farm worker positions based in Mookane. Successful candidates will perform general farm duties including planting, weeding, watering, harvesting and maintaining a clean and safe working environment. They must also be able to work with others as a team. Previous farming experience would be an advantage but is not mandatory.

The monthly salary is P1, 500.00. Applicants should submit a hand written letter of application, including a contact number to Tshepo, P. O. Box 418 Tonota.
Closing date 7th August 2026.

Notice of Lost Deed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of No.T52/2003 dated 8th January , 2000 made in favour of Lilian Leshona Shatera in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 55092, Gaborone (portion of lot 1 Gaborone);
MEASURING : 2913m² (Two Thousand NineHundred and Thirteen Square Metres);
SITUATE: In The Gaborone Administrative District
HELD UNDER: T52/2003 dated 8th day of January, 2003

All persons having objections to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same ,in writing,within the Register of Deeds,Gaborone within three (3) weeks from the last publication of the notice

DATED this 30th day of July 2026

P.O.Box 150195 Mogoditshane

FISRT AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000077-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **JOSEPH THOMAS** who died at Boikago ward Palapye, Palapye- District, Botswana on the 17th day of **2000, NTHUTI THOMAS**, who died at Boikago ward Palapye, Palapye District on the **26th day of October 2022.**

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

Dated at Mahalapye on this **22 day of JULY 2026**

THE EXECUTOR DATIVE
Mogae Motlogelwa
P O BOX 461
SEFHARE
CELL: 71578149

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000130-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **KESWELANG OTUKILE** who died at Palapye Primary Hospital, Palapye, Palapye District, Botswana on the **08th day of November 2016.**

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

DATED at MAHALAPYE on this 24th day of JULY 2026.

Executrix Dative, Goitseone I Seleke, P O Box 98, MAUNATLALA, 77672560

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APPLICATION DETAILS

Applications must include copies of CV, QUALIFICATIONS and REFERENCES.

All requirements are to be emailed to marvelouslight1@gmail.com

NB; ONLY shortlisted persons will responded to.

CLOSING DATE: 18/08/2026

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease **FT TL 338/2006** dated 12th day of **May 2006** made in favour of **Kojak Industries (Proprietary) Limited** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being **Tribal Lot 4937 Maun;**
SITUATE: At Maun in the Batawana Tribal Territory;
MEASURING:1624 m² (**One Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-Four Square Metres**);

AS WILL MORE

FULL APPEAR; From Diagram **D.S.M No 578/2006** Surveyed by Land Surveyor **T.G Chembezi** in **March 2006**

and approved by the Director of Surveys and Mapping on the 12th day of April 2006

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 F72, Francistown** within 3 (Three) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 29th DAY OF JULY 2026

ELIJAH ATTORNEYS
Attorneys, Notaries, and conveyancers
P O Box 4413, Gaborone
Tel 3113690 Fax 3971773

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000059-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **PONO KELEBONYE** who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, District, Botswana on the 20 th of December 2023.

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

Dated at Mahalapye on this 23 day of JULY 2026

THE EXECUTOR DATIVE
Dibonetse Ontiretse
P O BOX 725 Palapye
CELL: 72916801 / 71260391

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST MORTGAGE BOND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED intends applying for a certified copy of **MORTGAGE BOND NO. 2567/2018** dated 8th day of **OCTOBER 2018** made in favour of **FIRST NATIONAL BANK** in respect of the following property:

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Tribal Lot 130, Mogoditshane;
SITUATE : at Mogoditshane in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 1600 m2 (One Thousand Six Hundred Square Metres);
HELD UNDER: Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TL 987/2012 dated 10th July 2012 made in favour of **TORO JANSEN**

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the **REGISTRAR OF DEEDS FOR BOTSWANA AT GABORONE** within three (3) weeks from the last publication of this notice.
DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 31st DAY OF JULY 2026

MOYO LEGAL PRACTICE
Plot 19111, Aresutelane Way
Phase 2
P O Box AE 451 AEH
GABORONE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER TRIBAL LAND TO NON CITIZEN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Otshwailwe Hendrick intends to transfer the undermentioned property to Mpho Makgato

CERTAIN: SUBDIVIDED PORTION OF 3 HA
SITUATE: GABANE - DITLHAKANE

HELD UNDER: Certificate of Customary Land Grant Entered into by and Between Mogoditshane Sub Land board and Otshwailwe Hendrick **On 2016.**
Which Valuation Is Estimated at **P350 000.00.**

Any person with any objection regarding the latter may Contact
Mogoditshane Sub Land board contact :**316 8600**

By Virtue of This Notice Any Citizen Willing to Lawfully Acquire Said Rights May Make an Offer To
OTSHWAILWE HENDRICK CONTACT: 267 76 271 624/ 267 74 416 707

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

REBECCA PHEKO OF MOPHANE farm would like to change land use from agriculture (integrated farm) to agricultural mix land (agriculture & civic & community) development to training center at Mophane, Maun. Any objections should be forwarded to North West District Council Tel 686 0241 within 14 days of publication of notice.

I FLORENCE THARI, the owner of plot 7852 Mogoditshane would like to change land use from single to multi residential. Anyone who would like to view the plans can view them at Mogoditshane Council during working hours from 30/07/2026 to 14/08/2026. Objection should be forwarded to Mogoditshane office at 310 5615

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FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION
AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000065-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late GOITSEMODIMO KEORATE who died at A14 Road Near Morupule Bridge, Palapye, Palapye District, Botswana on the 29th September 2024.

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

Dated at Mahalapye on this 28th day of JULY 2026.

THE EXECUTOR DATIVE

Moses Keorate
P O BOX 30780
RASEBOLAI

CELL: 71446700

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION
AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000057-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late LETSOLARONA MMOPA who died Sekgoma Memorial Hospital , Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **13th December 2013.**

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of **twenty-one (21) days** from the date of publication thereof.
Dated at Mahalapye on this 16 day of JULY 2026.

THE EXECUTOR DATIVE
Thuso MAGAPU
P O BOX 2151
SEROWE
CELL: 76020333

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000014-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late KEITSHEKILE JAKOBA who died at Mahalapye Hospital, Mahalapye, Central- Mahalapye District, Botswana on the **27th day of February 2020.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditor 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 Mahalapye this 08 day of July 2026

THE EXECUTOR DATIVE
Merafe Bob Mphoyakgosi P O BOX 156
Shoshong CELL: 77163893

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HLED AT FRANCISTOWN
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Masters' Reference: ESHFT 000049-24

IN THE ESTATES of the Late Mr. Letsogile Galekhute-ESHFT/000049-24 who died at Maminalagwete Cattle Posts in the Mahalapye District, Botswana on the **04th January 2024.**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED AT ____ ON THIS ____ DAY OF ____ 2026

The Executor Dative
Botsile M. Galekhutle
POTA Post Office P O BOX 10071 Palapye
Cell: 74 644 610

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000163-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late RABASHI GAOPALE who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Central-Serowe Ditsrict Botswana on the **30th November 2024.**

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this 16th Day of June 2026

The Executrix, Annah Gaopale, P O Box 595, Serowe, Cell:71810466

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED intends applying for a certified copy of MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OF LEASE NO. TL 987/2012 dated 10th day of July 2012 made in favour of TORO JANSEN in respect of the following property:

CETAIN : Piece of land being Tribal Lot 130, Mogoditshane;
SITUATE : at Mogoditshane in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 1600 m2 (One Thousand Six Hundred Square Metres);
HELD UNDER: Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TL 987/2012 dated 10th July 2012 made in favour of TORO JANSEN

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the REGISTRAR OF DEEDS FOR BOTSWANA AT GABORONE within three (3) weeks from the last publication of this notice.
DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 31st DAY OF JULY 2026

MOYO LEGAL PRACTICE
Plot 19111, Aresutlane Way
Phase 2
P O Box AE 451 AEH
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Noga & Co.
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INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME
(In terms of section 8 (1) (f) of Married Persons Property Act, CAP. 29:03)

1. AGNES MALITABA YANE (NEE LEKOMOLA) and KITSO IVAN YANE, Married in Community of Property on the 23rd June, 2005, in Tlokweng, 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 the expiration of the three (3) weeks after the issuance of the Statutory Notice from the date of 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, MOSHE MONTSHWARI NOGA AND/OR NOGA AND COMPANY before the expiration of the said three (3) weeks period, or make representation before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.
4. TAKE NOTICE that in the event you fail to give such notice, the Orders sought, as set out above, shall be granted against you without any further reference to you.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS ____ DAY OF ____ 2026.

NOGA AND COMPANY (Applicants' Attorneys)
Plot 17380, Phase 1, GABORONE

CONSULTATIONS

A reputable **LOVEMORE MATENJE** Wishes to **inform neighbours in Maitengwe village** of their intention to construct an access road into their industrial plot (fuel station) from the **B310 Road. Any objections shall be forwarded to (+267 71 320 894) within 14 days of this publication.**

ODIRILE TAMAJOBe wishes to inform neighbours in **Mogoditshane village** of their intention to construct an access road into their plot 26018 (fuel station) from the **B129 Road. Any objections shall be forwarded to (+267 71 642 470).**

DIBETI INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD wishes to inform neighbours in **Mogoditshane village** of their intention to construct an access road into their plot 26018 (fuel station) from the **B129 Road. Any objections shall be forwarded to (+267 71 642 470) within 14 days of this publication.**

JAYMOS INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD wishes to inform neighbours in **Tlokweng, Ranfurwa ward** of their intention to construct an access road into their plot 5871 along the **Jamal road. Any objections shall be forwarded to (+267 71 642 470) within 14 days of this publication.**

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000139/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late MICHAEL KEEMENAO MOTHIBI who died at Lobeko Ward, Kanye, Ngwaketse District, Republic of Botswana on **3rd December 2023.**

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the **21** days stated above

DATED AT GABORONE thisday2026

Executrix Dative
Lefika Mothibi
P O Box 10
MOGODITSHANE
CELL: 74657908

Executor Dative
Tebogo Tshepo Kubanji
P O Box 1721
GABORONE
CELL: 71616258

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISTRIBUTE
TRIBAL LAND TO NON-CITIZEN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of section 34 of Tribal Land Act of 2018, that **Goitsemodimo Manja hereby gives notice of his intention to cede and transfer the undermentioned property to QUANTUMQUILL COLLEGE**

CERTAIN : Piece of Residential Plot Being LOT 8463 Sexaxa Maun

SITUATE : Maun, Batawana Tribal Territory

BEING : LOT 8463 Sexaxa Maun

HELD UNDER : Certificate of Customary Land Grant made and entered into by and between **MAUN SUB LANDBOARD and GOITSEMODIMO MANJA** through a resolution passed on the **22nd November 2024.**

Which transaction is valued at **P40000.00 (forty thousand pula only).**By virtue of this notice, any citizen willing to likewise conclude such transaction may make a similar offer through to Goitsemodimo Manja.

Goitsemodimo Manja Cell: 74 882 365

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- Preference will be given to Botswana citizens.

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- Possessing computer skills.

3. Assistant Teachers

Requirements for Assistant Teachers:

- minimum requirement is Diploma in Early Childhood Development
- Experience: minimum 2 years
- provide names of 2 contactable referees in the relevant field
- preference to Botswana Citizen

ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED FOR AN INTERVIEW
CLOSING DATE: 18 AUGUST 2026 Please address all correspondence to:

The Principal, PO Box 3076, Gaborone, Botswana
Tel: 316 2307/8; Fax: 316 2309;

Email: hr@botlhale.ac.bw/ botlhale@btcmail.co.bw

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

ROMEO PUSKAS, OWNER of Lot:34919, Integrated Farm at Phuduhudu lands in Palapye is proposed for planning permission to change land use of the above mentioned plot to agriculture to mixed agricultural land use (agriculture and industria; warehouse). For enquires contact Palapye District Council, Physical Planning Department or client private physical planner on 72 505 759 within 14 days of this publication notice.

NEIGHBOUR OF PLOT 35552, Block 8 Gaborone, owner wishes to change landuse from residential to multi-family residential. Contact Gaborone City Council Physical Planning on 365 7400 for any objection.

WALNUT INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD, owner of the Tribal grant No:135-MQ, ploughing field at Setatse lands in Palapye is proposed for planning permission to change land use of the above mentioned plot from agriculture to mixed agriculture land use (agriculture and commercial). For any enquiries contact Palapye District Council, Physical Planning Department or client private physical planner on 72 505 759 within 14 days of this publication notice.

MOSUPI TLHAKUDI, OWNER of Vegetable Garden in Gakuto, would like to change land use from vegetable garden to residential plot and sub-divide. For any objection contact Mogoditshane District Council, Physical Planning office on telephone number 310 5615 within 14 (fourteen) days of publication of notice.

NEIGHBOURS OF PLOT 12429, Ledumadumane, owner wishes to build boundary wall. Contact Mogoditshane / Thamaga Council on 310 5615 for any objection

CHANGE OF LANDUSE The owner of plot 9287 at Mogoditshane Block 9 wishes to change landuse from single family residential to multi- family residential. Contact Mogoditshane – Thamaga District Council Physical Planning Office for any objections at 316 6670 or 74 287 767 within 14 days of this publication.s

CHANGE OF LAND USE Owner of plot No. 9096, Tsholofelo, Gaborone, intends to change land use from single-family residential to multi-family residential. For any queries, contact Gaborone City Council, Physical Planning Unit on telephone No. 365 7400

CHANG OF LANDUSE The owner of plot 3114, Gamononyane / Gakuto proposes change of land use from ploughing field to mixed land use (agricultural / commercial). Any objections can be recorded at Kweneng District Council Physical Planning Office at 592 2100 / 592 1931 within 14 days of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND USE I Joseph Kanangure owner of plot 6680, Block 4 Metsimotlhabe intends to change land use from single family residential to multi-family residential. For any objection contact Mogoditshane Physical Planning Office at Telephone No. 316 6646 / 396 0790 within fourteen (14) days from publication of this notice.



APPLICATION FOR LOST DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that undersigned intends applying for the certified copy of Notarial Deed of Cession of Lease No. MA 357/2021 dated 19th day of April 2021 made in favour of **DOT INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD** in respect of the below-mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN:	Piece of land being Tribal Lot 7491,Molepolole
SITUATE:	At Molepolole in the Bakwena Tribal Territory
MEASURING:	3200 m ² (Three Thousand Two Hundred Square Metres);

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy, are hereby requested to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0089, Gaborone within 3 (three) weeks of the publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 09TH DAY OF JULY 2026.

NDADI LAW FIRM
P. O. BOX B0130
GABORONE

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master’s Reference: ESHGB 000416-22

IN THE ESTATE of the late **NKOKO JOSEPH** who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on 11 th September 2020.

THE FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will be open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of (Twenty-one) 21 days from the date of publication hereof
Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the 21 days stated above

DATED AT GABORONE thisday.....2026

The Executrix Dative
Morwadi Caroline Gaitsiwe
P O Box 2831 GABORONE
CELL: 71422153/75745087

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for copy of Deed NO TG291/2015 dated 18th day of August 2015 made in favour of **Oduetse Bakhana Malejane Kusasira** in respect of

CERTAIN: Tribal Grant No. 1500-KP
SITUATE: At Modipane in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 2, 8747 (Two Comma, Eight, Seven Four Seven hectares)
HELD: Under TG 291/2015 dated 18 August 2015 made in Favour of Oduetse Bakhana Malejane Kusasira
SUBJECT: to the reservations and conditions contained in the aforesaid deed
Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, PRIVATE BAG 0020 Gaborone within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT Gaborone on this 23rd day o f July 2026
Oduetse Bakhana Basinyi
Contact:71848340/71552333/72714279

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master’s Reference: ESHGB-000736/25

IN THE ESTATE of the late **LENTSWE MOROLONG** who died at Along Gamononyane Road, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on 23 rd May 2025.

THE FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will be open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of (Twenty-one) 21 days from the date of publication hereof.

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the 21 days stated above

DATED AT GABORONE thisday2026
Executrix Dative
Khumo Morolong
P O Box 1182 **MOCHUDI** CELL: 76356453

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST MORTGAGE BOND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED intends applying for a certified copy of **MORTGAGE BOND NO. 1189/2015** dated 8th day of **APRIL 2015** made in favour of **FIRST NATIONAL BANK** in respect of the following property:

CETAIN : Piece of land being Tribal Lot 130, Mogoditshane;
SITUATE : at Mogoditshane in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 1600 m2 (One Thousand Six Hundred Square Metres);
HELD UNDER: Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TL 987/2012 dated 10th July 2012 made in favour of **TORO JANSEN**

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the **REGISTRAR OF DEEDS FOR BOTSWANA AT GABORONE** within three (3) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 31st DAY OF JULY 2026

MOYO LEGAL PRACTICE
Plot 19111, Aresutelane Way
Phase 2
P O Box AE 451 AEH
GABORONE

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of the 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 the 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 the Deceased	Person Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
UPENDRA SHIVARAM JOG	ESHFT-000434-26	14-10-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 30 TH DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01)

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

Name of Deceased	Person Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MOGOTSI ONAMILE ESHMY	000238-26	02.09.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATE AT MAHALAPYE THIS 14 th JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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
RICHARD JANSEN	ESHMY 000642-26	07/10/26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23rd DAY OF JULY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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 deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Mahalapye High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purpose of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/ Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business related to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased	Person Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BAANANTSWE KEOTSWELE	ESHMY 000318-26	02.09.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 14 TH JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master’s Reference: ESHMY 000075-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **OTSILE OFENTSE** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Central- Serowe District, Botswana on the **23rd Day of October 2023.**

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

Dated at Mahalapye on this 16 day of JULY 2026

THE EXECUTOR DATIVE, MAVIS OFENTSE, P O BOX 405160, Broadhurst Gaborone, CELL: 76155412

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master’s Reference: ESHMY 000125- 26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **DANIEL MMOPI** who died at Selibe Phikwe Government Hospital, Selibe Phikwe ,Selibe Phikwe-District , Botswana on the 28th February 2008.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of Twenty –One (21) days from the date of publication hereof.

DATED at ____ on this ____ Day of ____ 2026.

Executor Dative
Tletlano Mmopi
P O Box 237 Sefhare Cell: 71525338

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of a Memorandum of Agreement of Grant of Lease **TL 1451/2015** dated the **18th day of September 2015** made in favour of **TEBOGO BARREL** in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Tribal Lot 1962, Kanye;
SITUATE: at Kanye in the Bangwaketse Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 994m2 (Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four Square Metres);
SUBJECT TO: the reservations and conditions contained in the aforesaid Lease.

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 1st JUNE 2026.

NGWENYA & ASSOCIATES
P. O. BOX 81282
PLOT 19201, PHASE 2
GABORONE
TEL: 74192233/77918178

REBECCA K OLESITSE HEREBY CONSULTS on change of land use of a civic and community (larger portion of the proposed subdivision) Plot No.28533 at Extension 4 in Palapye to Mixed use-Commercial and recreational. Any concerns must be directed to Palapye District Council Physical Planning Office or the owners on 71 407 493 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 1777 in Palapye Extension 11 ward would like to do change of land use from single family to multi residential family. For any objections please contact Palapye Physical Planning Office on P/Bag 002, Palapye.

PROPERTIES

I PHENYO NOAH MAFORAGA is selling my plot located in Topisi to Mr Saheed Ojo Akindeinde. Contact No: +267 77 702 612

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s Reference: **ESHMY 000262-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MATHINE DIKUPA** who died at Xhosa 1 Ward, Mahalapye, Central- Mahalapye District, Botswana on the **31st December 2024.**

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

DATED at ____ on this ____ Day of ____ 2026.

The Executrix Dative
Masetho Dikupa
Mahalapye
Cell: 71761067

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master’s Reference: **ESHGB-000588/23**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **POONYANE RAMOTALA** who died at Makgophana Ward, Mochudi, Kgatlang District, Republic of Botswana on **9th September 2023.**

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the **21 days** stated above

DATED AT GABORONE
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Executrix Dative
Ruth Selebaleng Ramotala
P O Box 202042
MOCHUDI
CELL: 71367209

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NOTICE FOR THE CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy Of Deed NO: 490/2002 dated **5th date of March 02**
Made in favor of **Kobamo Boago Gofhamodimo** in respect of:
CERTAIN : Piece of land being Lot 5070 Gaborone
SITUATE : IN Gaborone Extension 10
MEASURE : 562 m² (Five hundred and six one square meters)
HELD UNDER: 490/2002
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Kokotsha VDC Guest House beacon of development

Naomi Leepile
KOKOTSHA

Reaching a long-held shared goal takes strong teamwork, steady effort and a lot of patience.

Therefore, building a close and supportive community is a powerful life goal. A case in point is Kokotsha that has a long-held community dream that turned into a reality as the newly expanded and renovated Kokotsha Village Development Committee (VDC) Guest House officially opened its doors to the public.

What was once a modest concept has transformed into a beacon of local progress, signalling a new chapter of hospitality, economic self-reliance and village pride.

The maintenance and expansion initiative, executed through the Ipelegeng programme, represents a significant investment in the village's socio-economic landscape.

However, government transformed and rebranded the Ipelegeng programme into Ikageng Public Works Programme (IPWP).

Undertaken by the local artisans, the project reached full completion following dedicated structural upgrades, funded through an allocated budget of P500 000.

Today, the neat, welcoming facility stands fully operational, ready to serve as a home away from home for travellers entering the region.

For years, visitors, traveling government officials, and tourists passing through Kokotsha faced a persistent challenge owing to lack of local overnight lodging.

Travellers were often forced to journey long distances to neighbouring centres just to find a bed for the night.

This inconvenience did not only burden visitors but also meant that potential lodging revenue

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continuously leaked out of the village.

The completion of the guest house changes that narrative entirely. By offering modern, comfortable accommodation right in the heart of Kokotsha, the



A long-cherished community dream has become a reality with the official opening of the newly expanded and renovated Kokotsha VDC Guest House. Once a modest vision, the facility now stands as a symbol of community-driven development, promoting hospitality, economic empowerment and self-reliance while creating new opportunities for tourism growth. Photo: Naomi Leepile

facility retains visitor spending within the settlement.

The ripple effects are already being felt across the community, from short-term construction opportunities to permanent hospitality roles.

Kokotsha VDC chairperson, Ms Patricia Piet, said the arrival of the fully operational facility had brought tangible joy and renewed optimism to local residents.

She emphasised that the guest house was more than just a building; it is a vital engine for local empowerment.

“The guest house is going to make a meaningful difference across the entire village. Tourists and visitors can now lodge locally rather than enduring long distances for accommodation,” Ms Piet said.

Beyond serving travellers, she

said, the facility had already created the much-needed employment opportunities for the community members to give them a direct stake in its success.

While the current four-bedroomed layout marks a substantial leap forward, high demand has already demonstrated the facility's immense potential in generating economic revenue and contribute in revitalising the economy.

Ms Piet acknowledged that while the limited room capacity presented some bottlenecks, it also pointed toward an exciting and untapped market for community-led tourism.

“With only four rooms, our capacity is currently limited. If we had more rooms, the facility would generate more income significantly for local community projects. Our ultimate dream for Kokotsha is to see this guest house continue growing until it transforms into a full-scale hotel one day,” she added.

She further said as regional travel, community events and sport gatherings continued to draw crowds to the area, the Kokotsha VDC Guest House stood as a shining model of grassroots development.

“It proves that when local institutions invest in sustainable infrastructure, small rural villages can tap into the blessing, one guest house at a time,” she said. **BOPA**



ISDC empowers youth in Tsabong District

Naomi Leepile
TSABONG

The Integrated Skills Development Programme (ISDC) is rapidly becoming a cornerstone of both infrastructure delivery and youth empowerment across the Tsabong District.

Presenting an update on local Ikageng Public Works projects, Tsabong District Council coordinator, Ms Mokgabo Seagateng highlighted how the local authority was leveraging

the initiative to execute critical housing and facility developments.

More significantly, Ms Seagateng said the programme was bridging a long-standing gap between informal manual labour and formal accreditation, drawing an influx of local youth eager to train and graduate as certified builders.

The primary strength of the ISDC framework lies in its capacity to transform passionate community members into qualified artisans through structured and on-the-job training delivered in partnership with the Construction Industry Trust Fund (CITF).

Rather than relying solely on external contractors, the initiative

embeds capacity building directly into municipal projects.

Enrolled trainees receive practical technical instruction on active job sites to earn accredited qualifications that boost their employability and entrepreneurial prospects.

Graduates are already reaping direct economic rewards across various sub-districts, with former trainees stepping up as primary contractors.

In Gakhibana, a P600 000 guest house maintenance project is being led by Khumo Dipheko and three fellow ISDC graduates, who have navigated challenging and rocky terrain to push the site to 70 per cent completion.

Similarly, in Kokotsha, a P500

000 guest house expansion awarded to Karabo Thumpe and his team has reached 100 per cent completion.

Seeing peers secure and execute official council contracts has created a strong incentive district-wide, driving a surge in new applicants who view the programme as a practical pathway out of unemployment.

Beyond individual skills acquisition, the model is steadily expanding the district's public footprint.

In Bokspits, trainees are constructing a semi-detached LA1 block budgeted at P894 617, where wall construction has reached window level.

In Werda, a similar semi-

detached block stands at 99 per cent completion as final electrical connection defects are resolved, while construction in Middlepits has reached 70 per cent completion with internal plastering finished and utility installations ongoing.

Ms Seagateng further emphasised during her presentation that the initiative extended beyond mere construction.

By establishing a direct pipeline from apprenticeship to certification and tender execution, the Tsabong District Council is ensuring that local physical development yields sustainable and life-changing careers for its young citizens. **BOPA**

How Manual Workers Union Froze Workers’ Salaries

Staff Writer

Manual Workers officials Johnson Motshwarakgole and Robert Rabasimane reportedly earn hundreds of thousands a month.

For them, the dispute over the Public Service Bargaining Council is about legality, procedure, and the proper interpretation of a Constitution. For the low-paid workers they represent, it is about food. Transport. Rent. Electricity. Whether their salaries will improve at all this year.

That distinction now matters more than ever. The Manual Workers Union have asked the High Court in Maun to suspend the Public Service Bargaining Council while it challenges the legality of its establishment, its constitutional amendments, and its interim leadership. The matter was heard last Monday before Justice Maripe. Judgment was reserved until October 30, 2026.

With the council unable to operate, the remaining window for substantive salary negotiations, consultation with union members, counterproposals, government approvals, and implementation has effectively been closed out by the court proceedings. For practical purposes, 2026 is now likely to pass without negotiated public-service wage increases.

An estimated 60,000 public servants may be affected. About 22,000 are members of the Manual Workers Union. Thousands more are represented by other unions.

Behind those figures are families already trying to stretch limited salaries across food, transport, rent, electricity, school expenses, and debt repayments. The workers most vulnerable to the delay are those at the bottom of the public-service salary structure. The very workers the Manual Workers Union has historically claimed to defend.

A Legal Dispute with a Household Cost

The case before the High Court involves complex legal questions. The court is required to determine whether the signing of the proposed constitution by the Unions and the Employer rendered the the Unions members of the bargaining council, and if not whether the Reference Committee lawfully established? Could the parties appoint an interim secretary before the council became fully operational? Were amendments to the Constitution validly made? Did the unions and government act within the powers granted by the Public Service Act? Those are legitimate questions for the court.

The bargaining council should operate within the confines of the law and should not only be operationalised because salary negotiations are urgent. A council intended to regulate public-service labour relations must be lawfully constituted, representative, and governed by agreed rules.

But litigation does not occur in a vacuum. Suspending the bargaining council does not simply pause an administrative structure. It suspends the principal forum through which public servants can negotiate salaries and conditions of service. For highly paid union officials, the delay may be an institutional inconvenience.

For a manual worker, it may determine whether a household can buy enough food. Pay for transport to work. Keep electricity connected. Meet school expenses. A 2% or even 4% increment may appear modest in percentage terms. For a worker at the lowest end of the salary scale,

however, it can make a material difference. Its value is not measured only in Pula. It is measured in meals. Transport fares. Rent shortfalls. Electricity units. School supplies.

The Contradiction

The contradiction at the centre of the dispute is difficult to avoid. The Manual Workers Union presents itself as a defender of workers, a lawful collective for bargaining, and institutional integrity.

Yet it specifically requested the suspension of the very bargaining machinery through which its members and other public servants could have pursued salary increases.

The union may argue that there is no value in bargaining through an unlawfully established structure which it assisted, initially in creating. It may maintain that the long-term legitimacy of collective bargaining requires the defects it has identified to be resolved before negotiations proceed. That argument deserves serious consideration.

But the leadership must also answer an equally serious question: what benefit does a legally perfect bargaining structure provide to a low-paid worker who loses an entire year without wage negotiations?

If the council is suspended, there is no bargaining.

If there is no bargaining, there is no negotiated salary adjustment.

If there is no adjustment, workers absorb the loss.

The burden is not carried by lawyers, senior officials, or union executives. It is carried by cleaners, grounds workers, drivers, labourers, artisans, cooks, messengers, and other employees least able to survive another year of stagnant wages.

Motshwarakgole’s Test

Johnson Motshwarakgole has for decades been one of Botswana’s most prominent and influential labour leaders. His name has become synonymous with militant trade unionism, worker mobilisation, and resistance to government control over public-sector labour relations.

To many workers, he represents a generation of leaders who insisted that public employees should not simply accept unilateral decisions over salaries and conditions of service. That history gives him considerable authority. It also means his decisions carry enormous consequences.

In the current dispute, Motshwarakgole’s leadership cannot be assessed only by whether the legal submissions before court are technically sound. It must also be assessed by the foreseeable consequences of the remedy pursued.

A union may be correct that procedure matters, which the court has been called upon to ultimately decide. But leadership requires asking whether the remedy is proportionate to the alleged defect.

If the result is that tens of thousands of public servants lose an entire bargaining year, the

union cannot simply argue that the consequences are the responsibility of the court, government, or rival unions. The union approached the court.

It specifically requested that the bargaining council be suspended pending the litigation being concluded. It knew, or ought reasonably to have known, that stopping the council would also stop wage negotiations.

That does not make the case illegitimate. It does, however, impose a heavy burden on the union to explain why its members should accept another year without bargaining as the necessary price of protecting institutional legality.

Rabasimane and the Burden of Now

Robert Rabasimane and the union’s present leadership face the same test. Trade union leadership is not only about protecting an institution’s position, influence, or control over labour processes. It is about making decisions that materially advance the interests of members. The union must therefore clearly explain what it ultimately seeks.

If the dispute concerns appointments, the union must explain why the appointments could not be challenged without stopping salary negotiations. If the dispute concerns membership, it must explain why all public servants should lose a bargaining opportunity while one union contests its institutional position.

If the dispute concerns procedural irregularity, it must explain why a narrower remedy was not pursued. The leadership cannot treat every alleged constitutional defect as sufficient reason to suspend a national bargaining forum. The remedy must be proportionate to the wrong.

What the Respondents Say

The respondents’ case is that the bargaining council was established to end years of paralysis in public-service collective bargaining, in collaboration with the recognised unions.

They argue that amendments to the Public Service Act replaced a requirement for agreement among all recognised unions with a simple-majority arrangement. The purpose, according to their case, was to prevent one union or a minority of unions from indefinitely blocking the establishment of the council.

The court papers state that the parties subsequently established a temporary Reference Committee to facilitate the operationalisation of the council. The committee dealt with issues including interim appointments, admission procedures, remuneration, and amendments considered necessary to make the institution functional.

The respondents argue that the committee was not a substitute for the bargaining council. It was

a transitional mechanism created to bring the council into existence.

They further allege that the Manual Workers Union participated in meetings, contributed to discussions, accepted aspects of the constitutional amendment process, and nominated a candidate before later challenging the legality of the arrangements.

Their position is that the union cannot participate in creating a process, withdraw when dissatisfied with its direction, and then seek to invalidate the entire structure. These remain allegations and legal submissions that the court must determine. But they sharpen the political and moral dilemma facing Manual Workers.

The union is not challenging an abstract future proposal. It is challenging a structure that the respondents say had already admitted unions, established administrative systems, secured office accommodation, and begun preparing for substantive negotiations.

The Union’s Defence

Fairness requires that the Manual Workers Union’s case also be properly understood. Collective bargaining is not legitimate merely because government and a number of unions call it bargaining.

The council must be lawfully established.

Its admission procedures must be fair.

Its secretariat must be validly appointed.

Its Constitution must comply with the enabling legislation.

If interim structures exercised powers they did not possess, if constitutional rules were ignored, or if admission criteria were manipulated to exclude certain unions, then urgency alone cannot cure those defects.

The union may also argue that workers are not protected by agreements reached through an institution whose legal legitimacy remains unresolved. An agreement concluded through an invalid structure could itself later be challenged, producing even greater uncertainty. Those are serious arguments. But they do not remove the responsibility to account for the consequences of the remedy selected.

There is a difference between challenging an appointment and suspending all bargaining.

There is a difference between seeking admission and stopping the council.

There is a difference between correcting a procedural defect and depriving tens of thousands of workers of the possibility of a salary increase.

The issue is not whether the union had a right to approach the court. The issue is whether it chose the least harmful means of protecting that right.

Workers Trapped in Institutional Conflict

Public servants have repeatedly seen collective bargaining become hostage to conflict among government, unions, and labour leaders. Every party claims to act in the interests of workers.

Government says it wants a functional council. Participating unions say bargaining must proceed. The Manual Workers Union says legality must first be secured. Lawyers argue about statutory authority, constitutional interpretation, standing, joinder, administrative review, and procedural fairness. Meanwhile, the worker waits.

The lowest-paid public servant had no role in drafting the Constitution. That worker did not create the Reference Committee. That worker did not appoint the interim officials.

That worker did not choose the litigation strategy or determine the court timetable.

But that worker bears the economic cost. The deeper failure is that a bargaining system intended to protect workers has again become incapable of serving them.

A bargaining council is not an end in itself. A union constitution is not an end in itself.

Institutional influence is not an end in itself.

The purpose of all these structures is to improve the conditions under which workers live and work. When that purpose becomes secondary to disputes over procedure, representation, and institutional control, the system risks becoming self-serving.

A Year Workers Cannot Recover

Motshwarakgole, Rabasimane, and the Manual Workers Union may ultimately be vindicated by the court. Justice Maripe may find that aspects of the establishment process questionable, or that appointments were made in a manner that tried to fill a void in the constitution, or that parts of the Constitution require reconsideration.

But even a future legal victory cannot return the months workers have lost in wages. A judgment delivered on October 30 leaves little meaningful time for salary proposals, union mandates, negotiations, counteroffers, financial approvals, and implementation before the end of the year.

For practical purposes, 2026 risks becoming another lost bargaining year. That loss will not be experienced equally. Those with substantial salaries, allowances, assets, and access to credit may absorb it. Those living from one payday to the next will not. This is why the Manual Workers Union leadership must confront the central moral question created by its litigation:

In defending the legality of the bargaining process, has it sacrificed the immediate economic interests of the workers it exists to protect? The answer cannot come only from lawyers or court papers. It must come from the workers whose wages remain unchanged, whose household budgets continue to tighten, and whose families cannot afford to wait while institutions fight over who controls the bargaining table.

For those workers, the question is no longer simply whether the Public Service Bargaining Council was perfectly constituted. It is whether there will be bargaining at all. **Ends**



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Mandunyane residents presenting their harvest to Kgosi Joshua Joel during Thobo celebration recently. Kgosi Joel said the produce would be distributed to the underprivileged. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Mandunyane celebrates harvest day

Thamani Shabani
MANDUNYANE

Mandunyane recently came alive with colour and song as it held its second harvest day to showcase produce from the past ploughing season.

Held under the theme: Temo Letlotlo: Ngwao Boswa, the event opened with a vibrant procession to the main kgotla on Thursday.

Women dressed in cultural attire paraded in a meandering line with farm produce balanced on their heads. Men in their typical Motswana attire also joined the women who presented grain to the Kgosi.

The men carried sticks, goads and knobkerries, a display that reflected traditional roles during ploughing and community work. The harvest was later handed over to traditional leadership in a

symbolic gesture of respect.

Kgosi Bokamoso Radipitse of Tonota used the occasion to call on farmers to return to indigenous seeds as they were drought resistant and could be replanted.

“Hybrid seeds are a one-time thing. With imminent drought due to climate change, we need seeds that can withstand harsh conditions,” he said.

Kgosi Radipitse further urged residents to take care of their ploughing fields “as if they are taking care of a nursing mother.”

He said agriculture remained key to sustaining livelihoods during trying times of financial crisis.

He appealed to those with large unused fields to lend them to others, noting that many fields allocated long ago had turned into bush. Kgosi Joshua Joel of Mandunyane said the day was not

only to celebrate the harvest but also to preserve culture.

He expressed concern that despite good rains, many farmers did not plough as expected, but welcomed the grain donated saying it would assist those in need.

Kgosi Joel highlighted lack of proper storage facilities such as silos in the village and challenged residents to find lasting solutions.

He reminded the community of past practices where harvest was stored by the Kgosi for use during times of hunger, stressing that the harvest did not belong to the chief but to the people.

One of the organisers and wife to Kgosi Joel, Tholego Joel, said the purpose of the day was to preserve cultural identity and teach the upcoming generation the importance of keeping traditions alive.

She said while women were on

the forefront of the event, men also played an important role.

VDC chairperson, Foley Doctor, took the community down memory lane, stating that Mandunyane was established in 1973 by Kgosi Kaisara with three wards and no school.

He said residents later built two classrooms through the Ipelegeng programme.

He described Mandunyane as a village of all trades that hosted different tribes, including the Bazezuru, adding that although it was one of the oldest villages in the region, it still lagged in some developments such as a kgotla shelter.

The day was characterised by traditional music, choral performances, poetry and contemporary music as residents celebrated both their harvest and their culture. **BOPA**

Official urges creatives to treat art as scalable enterprise

Idah Basimane
GABORONE

Art should no longer be viewed as a hobby, but a scalable enterprise capable of driving sustainable creative industries to combat youth unemployment.

As such, artists have been urged to tap into National Funding Programmes such as the Youth Development Fund (YDF) alongside other capacity-building grants. This was the core message as the Tlokweng District Council, in partnership with the Ministry of Sport and Arts, hosted a meet and greet session at the Tlokweng Recreational Centre recently.

Held under the theme: Sentlwana: Connecting Tlokweng Creatives, Building a Strong and Vibrant Arts Community, the event was designed to foster cross-collaboration and strategic partnerships and empower artists to jointly bid for major national tenders.

The session brought together key players, including the National Arts Council of Botswana (NACB), which continues to strengthen national ties through initiatives like the National Arts Festival and the National Artist Registration Exercise. Presenting stakeholders shared tangible evidence of their products and services aimed at uplifting the creative sector.

Addressing attendees, Tlokweng District Council chairperson, Ontiretse Bogatsu, emphasised the power of synergy and cautioned creatives against working in isolation. “I urge them to actively participate in the upcoming Botswana’s 60th Independence celebrations, which aim to showcase national unity, pride and shared heritage through inclusive public events,” Bogatsu noted. She added that the diamond jubilee festivities were structured to engage communities nationwide in commemorative activities that fostered social cohesion and collective ownership of the independence legacy.

Highlighting dynamics, Bogatsu acknowledged that Tlokweng’s proximity to Gaborone offered unique economic pressures. However, she emphasised that the visual and performing arts played a crucial role in safeguarding the country’s cultural identity.

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“Tlokweg is not just a neighbour to the capital city Gaborone, but also a proud, standalone and self-sufficient ‘One Village District’ with a deeply rooted Batlokwa identity,” she said, noting that to ensure inclusivity, the council must prioritise opportunities for creators.

Addressing regional hurdles, Bogatsu highlighted that the district faced structural challenges, including council deficits and land allocation



Tlokweg District Council chairperson, Ontiretse Bogatsu

constraints. To that effect, she said the council was in the process of leasing out open public spaces, including parks and recreational areas, to support local initiatives. She reaffirmed the council’s commitment to providing infrastructural support and building self-sustaining local creative economy rooted in civic duty, collaboration and partnership.

Elaborating on the ministry’s mandate, Tlokweg acting district coordinator, Sophie Mashiakgomo, shared that hosting meet-and-greet workshops to promote collaboration was central to their work. In preparing for the upcoming independence celebrations, she stressed the importance of consulting stakeholders and rolling out preliminary events.

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buildup activities included a beauty pageant for individuals born in 1966, an essay writing competition, a dedicated church service scheduled for September 20 and a football tournament, among others.

Welcoming guests, Kgosi Puso Gaborone, said he was happy to see local creatives rally together. He assured attendees that despite being adjacent to the capital, Tlokweg would not allow its identity to be swallowed by urban expansion.

“We want to retain our identity as a village and preserve the rich cultural heritage of a smart village stature,” Kgosi Puso said, asserting that Batlokwa culture could be leveraged to create



Kgosi Puso of Batlokwa

solutions for many of the nation’s current challenges.

“The smart model village concept we have in Tlokweg means embracing innovation, technology and development while steadfastly retaining the village’s rich cultural heritage,” he added. **BOPA**

Tebogelo Thobo offers time to reflect

Manowe Motsaathebe
BOBONONG

Kgosi Joel Masilo of Bobonong has encouraged all to join active farmers in producing food for both subsistence and commercial purposes in the wake of rising food prices.

Speaking at the Tebogelo Thobo event in Bobonong on Friday, Kgosi Masilo said producing one’s own food could cushion community members against escalating food prices, which were currently worsened by global economic factors.

Although Tebogelo Thobo is traditionally a thanksgiving ceremony for a successful harvest, Kgosi Masilo urged residents to seize the moment not only to promote agriculture but also to reflect on how to make farming a more profitable enterprise. Now in its third year, the Tebogelo Thobo is organised by the Bobonong Farmers Committee.

The produce donated during Tebogelo Thobo is distributed to mephato and the needy to help ease the pangs of hunger.

Some members of mephato spend days away from home patrolling the cordon fence along the Botswana-Zimbabwe border to combat livestock rustling and the spread of Foot and Mouth Disease.

Part of the harvest is also set aside for feasts during the annual independence day celebrations. “We should produce enough food for ourselves so as to attain food security. I am sure you are aware of the skyrocketing food prices, which can only be eased by producing our own food.” Kgosi Masilo said and reminded farmers that boosting production allowed families to spend less money buying groceries while creating opportunities to sell surplus crops for a profit.

Traditionally, such harvests are used to feed the less privileged and the poor, while also acting as food reserves for farmers themselves during times of drought. In the past, this communal relief produce came from masota, which are designated fields, ploughed to yield crops for the Kgosi to store and distribute to the needy.

Currently, farmers from the north and south of the Motloutse River present produce grown strictly in their personal fields.

However, Kgosi Masilo noted that the community, through its traditional leadership, would soon approach the Bobonong Sub-land Board to secure community ploughing fields and resuscitate the masota system for collective food production. In closing, Kgosi Masilo called on individuals who have abandoned their ploughing fields to return to their lands and revive agricultural production. **BOPA**

BOMU awards on the horizon

Loago Thomas
Gaborone

As the music industry gears up for the Botswana Music Union (BOMU) Awards billed for August 29, Han C makes way into the night with a nomination in two projects that technically belong to last year’s music calendar.

At first glance, the timing looks off. *Bosa and Mamasita* both came out in late 2024, while most of the

field is drawn from 2025 releases. For an awards cycle that is supposed to celebrate a single year’s work, that could look like an inconsistency. It is not and the explanation comes down to the awards calendar itself.

The answer is written directly into BOMU’s own rulebook. Rule 7.12 of the official BOMU XIV Rules and Regulations sets the eligibility window for this edition as new albums released between January 1, 2024 and December 2025, a two-year span rather than a

standard single-year cycle, and one that applies across categories, not just Album of the Year. This is what puts Bosa and Mamasita, both released in late 2024, squarely inside the rules.

The wider window also explains why this is not a one-off exception carved out for a single artist.

“It is not only Han C, there are many other releases,” said BOMU Awards Coordinator Seabelo Modibe while addressing questions on the matter.

Harry Cane’s *Gomba Gomba*, a fellow Song of the Year nominee is among the other tracks from the closing months of 2024 that made the cut under the same clause.

Modibe said the reason for the longer window was that last year’s ceremony did not go ahead due to a government funding shortfall, leaving

nomination cycle to catch that stretch of 2024.

Rather than letting that gap exclude a year’s worth of music, the rules extended the net, back to January 2024. A separate clause, rule 7.16, closes the obvious loophole this could create, any EP or recording that already entered the previous BOMU Awards (edition XII) is disqualified from re-entering, so the wider window pulls in previously-uncaptured material without letting anything be nominated twice.

Organisers pointed to elsewhere, submissions for this year’s awards jumped to nearly 2 000, up sharply from 483 in the previous cycle, a jump consistent with two years’ worth of eligible material landing in a single nomination round.

The longer runway has not just kept Han C in the conversation twice, it has arguably strengthened his hand going into the ceremony. Between *Bosa and Mamasita*, he carries two of the extended window’s highest-profile beneficiaries into the night, on top of nominations elsewhere in the Male Artist category. Whether that momentum converts into wins on August 29 remains to be seen, but both nominations sit squarely within the rules, not as exceptions to them.

The rest of the field in both categories, Shumba Rathsega, Dada Kavino, and Ancestral Rituals in Album of the Year; DM Guys and Thato Tladi in Song of the Year, represent the more straightforward 2025 crop, giving each category a genuine mix of “held-over” late-2024 standouts going up against a strong year of fresh releases.

Winners will be announced at the BOMU Awards ceremony themed: Music Beyond. **BOPA**



HanC



Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng has commended the Jwaneng Mine GM's Soccer Fiesta for promoting community development, youth empowerment and sport tourism, saying the tournament continued to nurture talent while creating economic opportunities in Jwaneng. Photo: Kehumile Moekejo

Kelebeng hails G M Soccer Fiesta for community development

Kehumile Moekejo
JWANENG

The Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng has appreciated the Jwaneng Mine GM's Soccer Fiesta's contribution toward community and economic development.

He said in addition to nurturing talent, the initiative also continues to have impact on the lives of the communities within Jwaneng Mine's area of influence.

Speaking at the fifth edition of the GM's Soccer Fiesta in Jwaneng on Saturday, Kelebeng said the multifaceted impact included promoting healthy lifestyles, youth empowerment as well as sport tourism, which Jwaneng was already making strides in.

He further appreciated the economic opportunities created by the three-day event in various sectors, including the informal sector.

The minister said the recently completed P1.4 million clinic in Betesankwe was one of the developments which was testament

to the initiative's sustainable impact on communities.

"This is a commendable achievement and meaningfully contributes to the attainment of the national vision 2036's strategic intent of a prosperous nation.

"What began as a sporting event has translated into a permanent community asset that will improve access to health care for the people of Betesankwe," he said.

Kelebeng noted that the objectives of the GM's Soccer Fiesta, resonated with the government's vision for inclusive sport for all people, including those with disabilities.

Consequently, he said government was committed to supporting and partnering on initiatives with social impact such as the GM's Soccer Fiesta.

He appreciated the diversity in the featured teams, as well as the contribution of the event toward the growth of women football.

Additionally, the minister underscored the need for the private sector, community and

various organisations to collaborate efforts in sport development, since the government alone could not manage.

He lauded the sponsors for playing a critical role in creating opportunities for athletes to flourish, while also stimulating economic activity in Jwaneng.

Furthermore, he congratulated Jwaneng Mine General Manager, Goitseone Gadifele for his appointment as the Botswana National Sport Commission board chairperson, a role he said did not only reflect on his contribution to sport development but also came as a challenge for the journey ahead.

This year's edition of the GM's Soccer Fiesta featured Gaborone United, Mochudi Centre Chiefs, Jwaneng Galaxy and Namibian based African Stars in the men's professional category, while Jwaneng Galaxy, Double Action, Gaborone United and BDF XI battled it out in the women's professional category. The social teams closed off the tournament on the last day. **BOPA**

Team targets two medals at World Athletics U20 Championships

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Botswana U20 team heads to Oregon with ambition and a full squad, aiming to turn speed into silverware at the World Athletics U20 Championships set for August 05 to 9 at historic Hayward Field.

The country has sent an 11-member junior team to the United States, a team that carries both the consistency of a strong domestic season and the pedigree of Botswana's proud sprinting tradition.

Leading the charge are rising stars Same Mhutsiwa, Wazha Matakule and Jack Newman. All three impressed on the local circuit to earn their places on the global stage.

For the young athletes, the path echoes that of Olympic champion Letsile Tebogo, who used back-to-back World U20 titles to launch himself into sprinting prominence.

Head Coach Keita Manyapedza said the team arrived in high spirits and with a sharp focus.

"We are ready to rumble. Our ultimate target for this five-day tournament is two medals," Manyapedza said.

Given Botswana's historical dominance in the sprints and the current form of its relay pools, officials believe the goal is well within reach.

The camp's only worry is Junior Phatshima, who is nursing a nagging injury. Manyapedza said medical staff are assessing Phatshima and a decision on whether he will line up in the 200m and 400m will be made closer to race day.

Even with Phatshima's status uncertain, the team is refusing to lower expectations.

The Botswana team include: Same Mhutsiwa who will compete in both 100m, 200m, Jack Newman for 200m, Junior Phatshima will go for 200m and 400m, Wazha Matakule will run the 100m, 200m while Tsaone Dintwa will compete in 400m and Lucky Chivero, Tshepo Nyaladzi and Kopano Mpitsang for the 4x100m relay. **BOPA**

Too retains Phikwe Orange marathon crown

Chendzimu Manyepedza
SELIBE PHIKWE

Lazarus Too (35) from Kenya has defended his title at the 2026 Orange Phikwe National Marathon.

Too navigated the challenging course with skill and stamina, crossing the finish line in 2 hours, 20 minutes and 9 seconds, walking away with cash prize of P30,000.

Too faced formidable competition from fellow Kenyan runner Amos Kemboi, who claimed second place and Israel Mudimba, who secured the third position.

Although Too's finishing time fell short of his personal best, a stunning 2 hours, 3 minutes, and 4 seconds set during the 2025 marathon, his victory still testified his resilience and talent, further cementing his legacy in the landscape of marathon running.

In the full marathon women's category, Kefilwe Galeitsiwe of Selebi Phikwe emerged as the champion.

Hot on her heels, showing prowess in athleticism and determination were Kitso Joseph, who secured second place with a cash prize of P18 000 and Rudo Mhonderwa claiming third place with a monetary prize of P13 000.

In an interview, Too explained that this year's race was more challenging than the previous edition.

However, he said it was important for him to remain focused to overcome any setbacks and cross the finish line first.

Too reflected on how this victory was not just a demonstration of his physical strength; it also revealed the depths of his mental resilience.

He attributed his success to

the countless hours of thorough preparation and the discipline he cultivated, which enabled him to push through even the toughest moments of the race.

With heartfelt gratitude, he expressed his joy at retaining the marathon title and that his hard work and determination has paid off.

Public Relations and Communications Manager for Orange Botswana, Tebogo Nadish, highlighted that the Phikwe Orange National Marathon has transformed into more than just a sporting event.

She said alongside the marathon, there was an initiative to support education through a series of donations of digital accessories, such as tablets and laptops, which are provided to schools in and around Selebi Phikwe.

Nadish said the contributions are aimed at enhancing digital learning opportunities for students, ensuring that they have the necessary tools to thrive in an increasingly digital world.

The Mayor of Selebi Phikwe, Oageng Makgosa, expressed his appreciation for the Phikwe Orange National Marathon.

He mentioned that the event brought together people of various ages and abilities, fostering an atmosphere of inclusion and solidarity.

Additionally, he noted that beyond the competitive aspect, the marathon strengthened community spirit and demonstrated that the town is capable of hosting major national sporting events.

He also highlighted that local businesses benefited from the influx of visitors. The marathon attracted more than 2 500 athletes. **BOPA**

Zero medal forces emergency reckoning for sport administrators

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In 2018, the nation rewrote international history by becoming the first country in Commonwealth history to sweep both the men's and women's individual 400m titles at the same event.

That historic campaign produced a remarkable five-medal haul. Isaac Makwala and Amantle Montsho stormed to individual 400m gold medals, Baboloki Thebe claimed a silver in the men's 400m, the men's 4x400-metre relay squad took top spot on the podium and the women's 4x400m relay team dug deep for a hard-fought bronze.

That performance was not only a triumph but a global statement that established Botswana as a sprint factory capable of challenging traditional powerhouses like Jamaica and the United States. In Glasgow,

however, those memories of past glory only made the empty podiums look far blunter.

Before the team set off for Scotland, BNOC leadership had explicitly framed Glasgow 2026 not merely as a final destination, but as a critical mid-cycle proving ground and launchpad toward LA 2028.

Instead of a smooth take-off, the campaign laid bare the systemic fragility of the country's sport apparatus.

Without established global heavyweights on the track to carry the momentum and anchor the delegation, structural gaps across all five disciplines were exposed completely, demonstrating that when the athletics team trembles, the entire national sport framework stumbles behind it.

As sport officials, coaches and administrators return

to Gaborone, the nostalgia of international competition must yield to an uncomfortable administrative post-mortem.

Restoring the country's reputation on the global stage over the next two years will require an urgent shift away from over-relying on isolated track successes.

It will demand a structural overhaul focused on rebuilding grassroots talent identification outside major urban centres, properly funding training and facilities for codes beyond athletics and modernising elite preparation well before the torch is lit in Los Angeles.

Now, the flame in Glasgow has been extinguished, but the clock for LA 2028 is already ticking and this leaves local authorities with no choice but to face the hard truths revealed on Scottish turf. **BOPA**



Organiser and veteran motorsport coordinator, Joseph Khengere (left), said the upcoming Bots Race Wars would bring together top drag racing competitors from Botswana, South Africa, Lesotho and Zimbabwe for a thrilling quarter-mile showdown, promising one of the biggest events on the local motorsport calendar.
Photo: Baleseng Batlotleng

Flagship drag race returns to Lobatse

Baleseng Batlotleng
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Engine Heads, as motorsport fanatics are loosely called are set for another epic tyre burning and loud exhaust spectacle as the flagship drag racing event; Botswana Race Wars return to the scenic southern part of Lobatse on Saturday.

Briefing the media recently, one of the show organisers and veteran motorsport coordinator, Joseph Khengere said the action

packed race is expected to attract drivers and car enthusiasts to the best drag racing event in the motorsport calendar.

He said the race dubbed Bots Race Wars brings together elite drag racing competitors from Botswana, South Africa, Lesotho and Zimbabwe all converging to battle it out for speed supremacy in a no-holds barred quarter-mile showdown.

“The competition will be tight this year as the battle for supremacy amongst different car classes continues bringing top of the notch entertainment to our fans. The

hotly contested elite class of SUV category will once again see about six drivers battling it out on the tarmac,” he said.

One of the debutants at the race, Gaone Phiri of Mochudi said he was highly charged to face stiff competition from his experienced opponents. Driving a custom made royal blue Audi S3, Phiri said he was all charged up to give his competitors a run for their money.

The event will also showcase a vast selection of modified cars including among others Mercedes Benz AMG, Audi RS5/RS3, BMW M5, Porsche 911 going for the jugular on a tarmac stretch.

The general public is always treated to a memorable

performance and capabilities of high performance vehicles.

To add more flavour to the race, Khengere said they have invited the Mayor of Lobatse Town Council to challenge one of the drivers for a ceremonial race.

Khengere said as part of their corporate social responsibility, about 70 per cent of service provision will be awarded to the Lobatse community as they event continues to play a vital role in boosting the local economy of Lobatse. He said through support rendered to small businesses, the race provide a significant economic injection into the town’s livelihoods and economy, while showcasing Lobatse as a growing destination for major sporting events. **BOPA**



Zero medal forces emergency reckoning for sport administrators

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Glasgow 2026 will go down as the dark milestone when Botswana’s proud Commonwealth streak finally snapped.

Eight years after dominating the global track in Gold Coast, Australia, Team Botswana returned home empty-handed, a brutal zero-medal shocker that shattered the ambitious seven-medal target set by the Botswana National Olympic Committee (BNOC), exposed structural cracks across the national sport system and blew a gaping hole in the road toward the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

Total drought on the Scottish turf has served an unadorned and unvarnished warning that without immediate emergency reckoning, Botswana’s hard-won status as an international sporting powerhouse is rapidly slipping away.

Team Botswana arrived in Scotland boasting elite talent deployed across five sporting codes spanning athletics, boxing, lawn bowls, judo and swimming.

The team departed Gaborone weeks earlier fuelled by high public expectations, fanfare and a spirited send-off.

Yet once the competition began, the harsh reality of the international field proved unforgiving. Across judo mats, swimming lanes, boxing rings and lawn greens, local athletes struggled to make deep runs.

Even on the track, traditionally the country’s fortress, dominance that global rivals once feared failed to materialise.

Only a handful of sprinters managed to fight their way through qualifying heats into the finals and when the starting guns fired for the medal rounds, the heroic surges that usually defined Botswana athletics simply were not there.

To understand the magnitude of the heartbreak in Glasgow, one must look back at the half-century legacy Botswana built on the Commonwealth stage.

Since making its debut at the Games in 1974 in Christchurch, New Zealand and missing only the boycotted 1978 edition in Edmonton, Botswana evolved from an enthusiastic underdog into a legitimate global contender.

The high-water mark of that trajectory arrived eight years ago in Australia.

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