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President Advocate Duma Boko (third left), Vice President also Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe (fourth left) and Cabinet Ministers being briefed by PEMANDU vice president, Mr Taufik Mujib at the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme leadership laboratories syndication in Gaborone yesterday. President Boko said the economic laboratories were a testament that the nation was poised to usher in bold transformation, shifting from dependency to dynamism and from stagnation to inclusive and sustainable prosperity. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

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Serowe District Council chairperson, Mr Atamelang Thaga (centre), deputy, Mr Anthony Odirile (left) and council secretary, Mr Mogorosi Kokoro during official opening of the full council meeting on Monday. Mr Thaga urged councillors to unite, work diligently and remain committed to the common goal of revitalising the district’s economy. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

# Motshegwa advocates local empowerment

By Booster Mogapi

MOLEPOLOLE - Local empowerment remains pivotal in economic diversification strategies.

Speaking during a kgotla meeting at GooMmopi in Molepolole on Tuesday, the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshwegwa said in the advent of economic challenges, it was important to empower local communities.

He said government was determined to empower Village Development Committees (VDCs) to run their own businesses.

Mr Motshwegwa said the ministry planned to boost VDCs by allowing them to graduate from doing menial projects like cutting grass to bigger projects like building staff houses.

He added that the public works programme would be extended to maintenance of schools and clinics. Mr Motshwegwa said the plan was to implement the new VDC strategic policy programme in the coming financial year that aimed at community empowerment.

He said councils were also implored to make their own money through the rural industrialisation policy.

He further said his ministry in collaboration with the Ministry of Higher Education through vocational and technical colleges and brigades, VDCs would acquire vocational skills to help them stand on their own.

Mr Motshwegwa said the plan was to implement the P2 500 VDC allowance next year, hoping that the economy would allow them to roll the programme out.

Minister Motshegwa further said government had no intention to discontinue Ipelegeng programme, but the plan was to empower beneficiaries so that they were independent and establish their own businesses.

Member of Parliament for Molepolole North Constituency, Mr Arafat Khan said government was committed to uplifting the lives of Batswana.

Mr Khan said governemnt would fulfil promises to Batswana, saying it was unfortunate that the current status of the economy had affected implementation.

The economic status, he said had compelled government to halt the district major projects such as a dual road from Metsimotlhabe to Molepolole.

This project, Mr Khan said was going to create job opportunities as well as reduce traffic congestion.

Kgosi Lawrence Mhaladi said Bakwena were primarily concerned by three issues that needed urgent attention being water shortage, delay in plot allocations and waste water and sanitation network.

He pleaded with residents to released land (ploughing fields) that was required by land board for residential plot allocations.

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# ‘Desist from indiscriminate burning of waste’

By Mothusi Galekhutle

LETLHAKENG - Communities must desist from indiscriminate burning of waste as it poses risks to public health.

Addressing full council meeting on Monday, chairperson of the Letlhakeng District

Council, Mr Gordon Mokgwathi appealed for proper waste disposal, warning that continued burning of waste could harm the district public health.

He noted that burning of waste increased as winter ends, leading to higher pollutants and emissions, therefore greater

risks to public health. He also expressed regret over the council’s poor performance in waste management services, but emphasised that council consistently aimed to provide universal waste collection.

‘Unfortunately some residents’ lack of cooperation hinder such

efforts, partly because many homes do not have waste bins,” he said.

He further urged all to take waste management seriously, reminding them that the environment could not regenerate and that there is no alternative planet or atmosphere.

He informed the council that funding was secured for the purchase a waste compactor truck, to improve on efficiency and the quality of waste collection services.

He also announced that the Department of Wildlife and National Parks had started building a solar power plant at Khutse Game Reserve.

The initiative, Mr Mokgwathi said was part of government’s broader plan to shift to clean, renewable energy in protected areas, reducing reliance on diesel generators and cutting operational costs.

Once completed, he said the solar power plant would supply sustainable electricity to the reserve’s offices, staff housing, and tourism facilities.

He said it would help reduce carbon emissions in line with Botswana’s climate change commitments and reduce long-term energy costs.

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Letlhakeng Council chairperson, Mr Gordon Mokgwathi (left) and council secretary, Mr Tsholofelo Molaodi during the ongoing full council session on Monday. Mr Mokgwathi appealed to the communities to desist from indiscriminate burning of waste as it posed risks to public health. Photo: Mothusi Galekhutle

# Chairperson calls for unity, hard work

By Keamogetse Setilo

SEROWE - Serowe councillors have been urged to unite, work hard and commit to the common goal of revitalising the district’s economy.

Speaking at the official opening of Serowe District Council (SDC) meeting on Monday, the council chairperson, Mr Atamelang Thaga, said the district was endowed with natural resources that if properly managed, could facilitate in transforming the economy.

Mr Thaga said, in an effort to develop the district, the council had embarked on benchmarking visits within and outside the district.

So far, he said the district leadership had started building relationships with Orapa, Letlhakane, and Damtshaa mines, intending to find ways they could assist the council.

These interactions, he said were not only for seeking aid, but aimed at fostering partnerships that could create opportunities to enhance the districts economy.

“Proposals for assistance, including the purchase of truck buses and the renovation

of our abattoir, have already been submitted to Debswana and Morupule. I hope that these initiatives will produce favourable outcomes, and I am assured that together we will carve a route toward enhanced resilience and collective prosperity,” he said.

He said due to the deteriorating financial situation the council experienced and with the deficit currently at P69,145,662.88 some projects were facing delays and all round slow service delivery challenges.

He observed that the council had struggled to manage rising expenses resulting from essential service requirements and the escalating prices of essentials such as food for destitute families and vulnerable students, fuel and utilities.

He further said that the deficit was mainly caused by the poor performance of essential revenue-producing items, advocating for a shift in revenue generation strategies to aid in diversifying income streams, boosting financial sustainability, and facilitating transformation within the council.

**BOPA**



# Tsabong District launches charcoal storage facility

By Naomi Leepile

BOKSPITS - Tsabong District Council has officially handed over a new charcoal storage facility to the BORAVAST community.

Speaking during the handing over session yesterday, council chairperson Mr Elias Motlhanke

applauded authorities and the entire (Bokspits, Rapplespan, Vaalhoek, Struizendam) BORAVAST community for their support in ensuring the timely completion of the facility.

The facility, located in Bokspits, is a direct result of the community's request to improve their charcoal

production activities.

He explained that the initiative was particularly vital as it addressed the severe invasion of the prosopis (sexanana) plant species, which has impacted the BORAVAST area and the entire Tsabong District.

The project was made possible through the Kgalagadi and Ghanzi

Drylands Ecosystem Project (KGDEP), he said.

The chairperson thanked the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for its funding, as well as the Ministry of Environment and Tourism and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for providing both human and financial resources for the facility's construction.

Mr Motlhanke further urged the BORAVAST Community Trust to utilise the facility effectively to generate substantial returns and create employment opportunities, which were crucial given the country's current financial challenges due to a reduction in diamond sales.

He encouraged the trust to expand its operations beyond charcoal production by exploring other value chain activities like transportation of processed charcoal to the market, distribution to other regions, and the sourcing of prosopis briquettes from other

areas in the district to ensure the project's sustainability.

Acknowledging past performance concerns, Mr Motlhanke called for the revival and strengthening of charcoal production.

He advised the trust to engage with various stakeholders, such as the Department of Forestry and Range Resources, Local Enterprises Authority, and the District Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for technical support and knowledge to achieve better returns.

For her part, Tsabong district environment coordinator for, Ms Bonang Timile explained that the construction of the facility began in January 2025 and was completed in August 2025.

The project, which cost P1.3 million was constructed by a Motswana-owned company, Sebebis Construction (Pty) Ltd which was recognised for its role in the successful completion of the project. **BOPA**



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (second left), Botswana Bond Market Association chairperson, Mr Boikanyo Kgosidintsi (left), Bank of Botswana governor, Mr Cornelius Dekop (centre) and other dignitaries at the inaugural Investor Road Show meeting in Gaborone on Tuesday. Mr Gaolathe said Botswana's economic diversification agenda required bold steps to expand access to capital and strengthen investor confidence. Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe

## Signs of economic rebound evident

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - Following governments efforts to introduce discipline in the conduct of fiscal policy, signs are emerging indicating positive shift toward economic stability and growth.

Officially opening the investor roadshow session, Vice President, Ndaba Gaolathe indicated that preliminary data showed that spending levels in the 2024/2025 financial year was lower when compared to the 2023/2024 financial year, demonstrating government's deliberate efforts towards expenditure restraint despite unavoidable obligations.

Mr Gaolathe, who is also Minister of Finance said the first round of cost-containment measures, which included the centralisation of government purchase orders had revealed a widespread systematic gross mismanagement of control measures across ministries, departments and agencies.

"Additional fiscal reforms such as payroll audit, wage bill management, government fleet management and the process of repairing and restoring discipline in the process of supplementary budgets are currently underway. We will unpack these efforts in the upcoming mid-term budget review statement," he said.

Mr Gaolathe stated that broadening the tax base was also a priority, hence the strategic decision to amend the Value Added Tax Act specifically to introduce taxation of remote services and to mandate electronic invoicing to enhance collection of value added tax.

"We intend to modernise our laws and regulations so that investment flows swiftly, opportunities open widely and innovation thrives," Mr Gaolathe said.

Therefore, he said government intended to bring to Parliament in November, pieces of legislation including the comprehensive review of the Income Tax Act and the Value Added Tax Act as well as development of the new Tax Administration Act.

Further, Mr Gaolathe stated that government had also started a process of transforming State

owned Enterprises (SoEs) into sustainable engines of wealth creation across all sectors including the meat industry, rail and air, regulatory, banking and postal services.

In an effort to mitigate the rapid decline of the country's foreign exchange reserves, he noted that government took bold and unpopular decisions during the mid-term review of the exchange rate framework in July 2025.

This, he said included revising the current annual downward crawl from 1.51 to 2.76 per cent, widening the trading margins from plus-minus 0.5 per cent to plus-minus 7.5 per cent, for the remainder of the year and maintaining the Pula basket of weights as 50 per cent for the South African rand and 50 per cent to the special drawing rights.

He also said that economic diversification was part of economic recovery, citing the newly launched Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), which was designed to address structural economic constraints, reduce over-reliance on diamonds and foster a diversified, export-led economy that creates quality employment for Batswana.

Mr Gaolathe thus reaffirmed government commitment to implement reforms that would enhance liquidity in the secondary market, strengthen price discovery, diversify instruments available to investors as well as broaden participation, particularly among retail investors. **BOPA**

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - The outputs of the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) economic laboratories are testament that the nation is poised to usher in a bold transformation that shifts it from dependency to dynamism and from stagnation to inclusive and sustainable prosperity.

Officiating during the BETP leadership lab syndication yesterday, President Advocate Duma Boko indicated that Batswana had since the launch of the economic labs in August, demonstrated the desire for renewal and rapid economic transformation.

"Over and over again, for the past weeks, I have heard and felt the passion, the energy, the yearning, and the commitment that have animated these labs. This energy speaks not only to our efforts, but to the very heartbeat of our nation, confirming as it does, that we know in our hearts, that Batswana are ready and yearning for renewal and for rapid transformation," said President Boko.

This energy, President Boko said also revealed that all role players from the private sector, social entrepreneurs, innovators and development partners, both at home and abroad were eager to join hands with government to build a Botswana to the global stage.

He said it was pleasing to note that what began as an ambitious exercise had yielded a body of work that positioned Botswana for a new era of growth and prosperity.

"From over six thousand ideas submitted, we painfully retained only those with clear ownership, bankability and execution pathways. And this by no means, means that those excluded are not needed. This discipline ensures we move quickly from ambition

to delivery, responsibly and sustainably," he said.

President Boko stated that in just four weeks, the financial services and digitalisation lab produced a comprehensive mapping of the national digital landscape and ecosystem, identifying reforms needed to build an inclusive and secure ecosystem and resulting in it being aligned on the baseline requirements.

He said bankable projects in agriculture had been identified that would move Botswana from import dependence to both import substitution and export orientation, ensuring food security as well as creating livelihoods.

President Boko stated that the same spirit had also infused every sector from energy, manufacturing, tourism, mining, education, healthcare and social protection citing that each sector had produced clear deliverables designed to open opportunity, enhance competitiveness and uplift the lives of Batswana.

He thus said government would modernise laws and regulations so that investment flew swiftly, and open opportunities.

"The next phase demands discipline in execution. Every minister has a solemn duty to ensure that all actions under their portfolio are executed within the agreed timeframes, without delay or excuse. Under our watch, no project will stall in bureaucracy. Each portfolio must deliver within its timeframe, because transformation is only as strong as its executors and delay is the enemy of transformation," said President Boko.

Additionally, President Boko said the roadmaps crafted were not aspirations but were binding commitments between the government and the private sector, to be reported on and monitored with rigour. **BOPA**

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# Tsodilo catalyst for growth

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - Tsodilo Resources Limited, a mineral exploration company with key projects in north-western Botswana, is poised to make a significant impact on the country's economy landscape through job creation, skills development, and contributions to GDP growth.

Speaking during a presentation held in Gaborone on Tuesday, the company's managing director, Mr James Bruchs announced major strides in the development of the Xaudum Iron Formation (XIF) project located in the Ngamiland region.

He said that the Tier 1 development marks a critical phase in Tsodilo's commitment to becoming a long-term economic partner to Botswana.

"With this project, we are positioning Tsodilo Resources not only as a significant player in the mining sector, but as a catalyst for broader economic growth," he said. Mr Bruchs said that XIF project was expected to create hundreds of direct and indirect jobs throughout its exploration, development, and operational phases.

He said that Tsodilo Resources was committed to prioritising local employment, ensuring that surrounding communities benefited directly from the economic activity generated by the project.

In addition to employment opportunities, he said the company was working closely with educational institutions and vocational training centres to develop specialised training programmes aimed at equipping Batswana with the necessary skills to participate in the mining value chain.

"This is about more than just mining, it is about creating long-term skills and career paths for our people in a key growth sector," he noted.

Mr Bruchs said some of those initiatives included on-the-job training, internships for geology and engineering students, and mentorship programmes for young professionals.

Echoing same sentiments, Mr Asele Maboshe, a geologist with Tsodilo Resources, said the project's progression towards production would significantly bolster Botswana's GDP.

He said that the export of high-grade iron ore was currently in high demand globally, and it was expected to become a major revenue stream.

Furthermore, he said the project was poised to stimulate

a range of supporting industries including transportation, logistics, and services, while driving critical infrastructure investments in rail, road, power, and water systems, adding that such developments could pave the way for broader economic progress in the Ngamiland region.

Mr Maboshe said that preliminary economic assessments indicated that XIF project would generate millions of pula in government revenue through taxes, royalties, and licensing fees; funds that could be reinvested in the national priorities such as infrastructure, education, and healthcare.

He emphasised that Tsodilo's expansion aligned with Botswana's Vision 2036, which aimed to diversify the economy beyond diamonds and fostered a knowledge-based society.

"Mining will remain an integral part of our economy, but we are looking at smarter, more inclusive growth, projects like Tsodilo's demonstrate how the private sector can support national priorities, from job creation to technological innovation," he said. Mr Maboshe said as Tsodilo Resources Limited forged ahead with XIF project, stakeholders should remain optimistic that its success would serve as a model for sustainable and inclusive resource development in Botswana. **BOPA**



*Tsodilo Resources Limited CEO, Mr James Bruchs (left) and Tsodilo Hills Limited geologist, Mr Asele Maboshe during a presentation on the Ngamiland Iron ore project in Gaborone on Tuesday. Tsodilo Resources Limited announced major progress in its Xaudum Iron Formation project in Ngamiland, positioning the development as a catalyst for Botswana's economic diversification and growth.*  
Photo: Teko Letsholo

## Savings banks agents of human dignity

By Portia Ikgopoleng

KASANE - Savings banks have proven to be true agents of human dignity by committing to timeless values of responsibility, inclusion, stability and resilience.

Delivering a keynote address at the 31<sup>st</sup> World Savings and Retail Banking Institute (WSBI) African Regional Conference in Kasane on Tuesday, Vice President Mr Ndaba Gaolathe said according to the Centenary Report, WSBI's 6 400 member banks served 1.7 billion people worldwide.

He said financial inclusion remained a challenge for Africa as the World Bank's Global Findex 2025 showed that while 79 per cent of adults worldwide owned an account, only 55 per cent of adults in Sub-Saharan Africa did and almost half of the people remained unbanked.

Mr Gaolathe said the theme: Driving Sustainable Development Through Financial Inclusion, Green Finance, and

Responsible Banking, called for expansion of access, innovation and sustainability of banking.

The Vice President stated that Botswana's diamond-led growth model had served well however, it could not deliver Botswana's high-income aspirations.

"We are decisively pursuing reforms under the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) to build a productive, inclusive, technology-driven, and globally competitive economy beyond diamonds," said Mr Gaolathe.

This drive he said mirrored the WSBI ethos that true resilience came when financial systems and national economies were rooted in inclusion, stability, and long-term vision.

He said WSBI's history demonstrated that financial institutions must evolve to meet the needs of society, and Botswana's reforms alike must ensure that the economy became a gateway to opportunity rather than a barrier to progress.

Mr Gaolathe said despite the fact that Africa contributed less than four per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions, the continent endured the harshest impacts through droughts, floods, cyclones, and food insecurity.

"Green finance is no longer a choice but it is our shield and Botswana's Integrated National Financing Framework is one such example of aligning national strategies with climate action," he said and commended the Botswana Savings Bank (BSB) for hosting the conference and for embodying the spirit of the WSBI.

BSB has consistently carried banking to the unbanked, nurturing a culture of savings, advancing financial literacy, and aligning innovation with social purpose, Mr Gaolathe said.

WSBI African Region president, Mr Al-Amine Nejjar stated that WSBI remained committed to strengthening regional banking systems in Africa.

He said financial inclusion was key for Africa adding that it was commendable to see growth from different African nations who had embraced innovation, rich and diverse programmes.

Mr Nejjar said the conference presented opportunities to discuss sustainable solutions for banking in Africa, and offered knowledge sharing for the banking sector.

Furthermore, he indicated that it was a platform to reflect on the evolving banking sector, infrastructure gaps and accessibility of banking services in rural areas.

BSB CEO, Mr Nixon Marumolao said the conference aimed to reflect on how savings and retail banks could drive inclusive growth, strengthen financial resilience and support sustainable development in Africa.

He said the forum was for collaborations learning and reimagining the role of financial institutions in today's world. **BOPA**



# Tsibogelang malwetse - mooki

## Ka Keetile Bontsibokae

MOGONONO - Banni ba Mogonono mo kgaolong ya Kweneng ba rotloeditswe go ithuta methale e ka thusang gore ba nne le botsogo jo bo itumedisang.

Ka jalo, mooki wa kokelwana ya Mogonono, Rre Molebatsi Gaotime o tlhalositse fa motheo wa botsogo kana pholo o simologa mo lwapeng ka go dira tsotlhe tse di thibelang go tsenwa ke bolwetse.

Rre Gaotime o buile jalo kwa Mogonono ka Labobedi kwa tshimolodisong ya kgwedi ya merapelo kgatlananong le makoa le masula a mangwe a tshwenyang setshaba

Mongwe mothale, a re ke wa go ja dijo tse di itekanetseng.

Rre Gaotime o tlhalositse gore dijo tse di sa itekanelang, di kgotlelesegile, tikologo e seng phepa, nnotagi le tlhakanelo dikobo e dirwang go sena itshireletso ke metswedi ya makoa a ka thibelwang.

Fa a rola pego ka seemo sa botsogo sa Mogonono, Rre Gaotime a re ngogola motse oo o ne wa thlaselwa ke bolwetse jwa letlhatso le letshololo, seemo se se bakwang ke go tikologo e seng phepa.

A re motse wa Mogonono o na le balwetsi ba mogare wa HIV/AIDS ba le masome a robangbedi.

Le fa a lebogetse gore ba tsweletse ka go tsaya diritibatsi ntle le mekgwere ape, a re o tshwenngwa ke ba le babedi ba tsenyeng ka ga re itse.

Rre Gaotime a re mono ngwaga ba kwadisitse baimana ba le lesome le botlhano, mme ba le bane ba na le mogare wa HIV.

A re bone joo, ka thuso ya ba botsogo, ba kgonne go tshola masea a senang mogare wa HIV.

A re go kwadisa boimana thari go baya lesea mo diphatseng

bogolo jang fa e le gore motho ga a itse seemo sa gagwe sa mogare wa HIV, a re fa moimana a kwadisa boimana mo kgwedding tsa bofelo tsa boimana mogare o a bo gongwe o setse o fetetse kwa ngwaneng.

A re go kwadisitse palo ya bomme ba le babedi ba ba nang le bolwetsi jwa kankere, yo mongwe e ne ele wa kankere ya molemo wa popelo fa yo mongwe e ne ele wa kankere ya lebele mme ka go tlhoka lesego botlhe ba ile ba tlhokafala.

GRACE SEBAPE a le kwa LOBATSE a re kwa tshimolodisong ya kgwedi ya merapelo, mookamedi wa lekalana le le ikemetseng la BOCAIP, Mme Bridget Mphusu o gakolotse bomme go aga malwapa a renang kagiso.

Mme Mphusu a re bomme ba tshwanetse go aga setshaba, ba godisetsa bana mo tikologong e sireletsegileng le go ba ruta magokanyane a botshelo.

A re go bothokwa gore bomme ba tlotle le go rata banna ba bone.

E rile a itebaganya le banni ba Lobatse ka kakaretso, Mme Mphusu o gwetlhile botlhe ba ba sa itseng seemo sa bone sa mogare wa HIV go itlhatlhoba gore ba kgone bona thuso ba santse ba itekanetse.

A re mogare wa HIV ga o tlhaole o ka tsena mongwe le mongwe.

A re sengwe sa tse di tshwenyang ke gore lefatshe la Botswana le hupeditse ke dikgang tsa kgokgontsho ya bong.

Mme Mphusu a re bana ba basimane ba rutwe boikarabelo, fa ba basetsana ba tshwanetse ba rutwa tlotlo, le go ikgapa kana go tsibogela mekgwa e ka tsalang kgokgontsho.

Mme Mphusu a re sengwe sa dikgang tse di tshwenyang ke batsadi bangwe ba ba itlhokomolositse matshelo a bana ba bone ba ba kwa ditoropong, ka

jalo bangwe ba bone ba felela ba inaakanya le mekgwa e gogelang tlhaelong le go felela ba amiwa ke kgokgontsho ya bong ba re ba leka maano a botshelo.

A re nnotagi le yone e tsere taolo mo matshelong a batho, seemo se se dirang gore dikotsi e nne sengwe

sa tse di tshwenyang setshaba ka di gapa matshelo segolo bogolo banana ba go lebilweng mo go bone go etella lefatshe isagong.

Mme Mphusu a re tiriso ya ditagi le yone ke mmaba mogolo mo setshabeng.

Mothusa Ratoropo ya

Lobatse, Rre Legodile Mothibi a matshwenyego a mangwe ke batsadi bangwe ba ba bipang bana ba bone mme baitse sentle gore ba senya, a tlatsa ka gore bangwe ba bana ba, ba setse ba tlogetse dikolo, mme ba tlhorontsha setshaba mo mebileng. **BOPA**



## ‘Go itse seemo sa mogare go bothokwa’

### Ka Cathrine Simane

TSABONG - Banni le setshaba mo kgaolong ya Tsabong ba kgothaditswe go itlhatlhobela mogare wa HIV/AIDS, go itse seemo sa bone le go tsaya dikgato tse di maleba bogolo jang fa ba iphitlhela ba na le mogare go tsena mo lenaneong la dipilisi tse di ritibatsang mogare.

Se se builwe ke Mme Kegaisitse Babeile go tswa mo lekalaneng la Botswana Network of People Living with HIV & AIDS (BONEPWA) mo letsatsing la go simolodisa merapelo ee tshwarwang ngwaga le ngwaga ka kgwedi ya Lwetsi e e leng ya thapelo go rapelela segajaja sa AIDS le mogare wa HIV mo lefatsheng leno.

Mme Babeile go tswa kwa motseng wa Kisa, e bile a tswa kgakala a bua phatthalatsa ka seemo sa gagwe sa mogare morago ga go ikamogela, o ne a gwetlha setshaba go ikemela ka dinao go tsaya botsogo jwa bone tsia a supa fa a setse a na le dingwaga di le masome a mabedi a ntse a le mo diritibatsing.

Jaaka e le mongwe wa bakgothatsi ba batho ba ba tshelang le mogare, o ne a supa fa maitemogelo a bo ne e le gore bangwe ka bone ba itirela boferefere ka go tlhoka go tsaya dipilisi tse di ritibatsang mogare ka fa tshwanelong, mme seo se sa siama ka puso e dirisa madi a mantsi go boloka matshelo a bone.

Mme Babeile o rotloeditse ba ba tlhaga mo tlhakanelong dikobo go dirisa dikausu go itshireletsa le gone go fokotsa kanamiso ya mogare mo go bangwe, a bo a gwetla boeteledipele jwa kgaolo go ema nokeng mokgatlho wa

batho ba ba tshelang le mogare ka o le mosola thata mo botsogong jwa setshaba bogolo jang go kgothatsa ba ba tshelang le mogare ba sa ntse ba tshaba go ikamogela.

Fa a bua maikaelelo a letsatsi leo, mothusa modulasetilo wa lekgotla la baruti la Minister Fraternal, Moruti Ruben Mosimenyane o ne a supa fa maikaelelo a kgwedi ya Lwetsi pele e ne e le go buisana le setshaba mabapi le segajaja sa HIV/AIDS.

A re morago ba ne ba bona fa go le bothokwa go akaretsa malwetsi aa sa tshelanweng, dikotsi tsa tsela le matshweneygo a mangwe aa sa jeseng diwelang mo lefatsheng leno le gone go fedisa pharologanyo ya dikereke ka tsotlhe di tsena mo seatleng sa modimo.

Moruti Mosimenyane o boletse fa gape maikaelelo e le go abelana maele, dikgakololo le go tswa ka mogopolo le dithabololo tsa go lwantsha tiriso ya dinotagi phetelela tse mo nakong ya gompieno di setseng di tshwakgotse banana bangwe mo kgaolong eo.

Fa a bua ka malwetsi aa sa tshelanweng, Dr Iren Kgengwenyane wa sepatela sa Tsabong o ne a tlhalosa fa malwetsi ao a setse a tsere phekelo e sele ka dintsho tse di kwa godimo mo kgaolong, mme go ya ka diphatlisiso a re di supa 75 per cent lefatshe ka bophara fa mo Botswana e le 46 per cent.

A re ba itemogela go gola ga malwetsi jaaka kankere ya molomo wa popelo le ya lebele mo go bomme le ya setlha mo go boree mme ebile a ama bagolo le bana.

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- Consideration of the remuneration of the Liquidator
- Appointment of Liquidator
- To consider and pass resolutions if deemed fit


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Opening Date	27 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Closing Date	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2025

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Boko praises A.T.I poetic soul

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - President Advocate Duma Boko has described the late Atasaone Molemogi, better known as A.T.I as a masterful poet who spoke through words, tone and rhythm and lived a life as lyrical as his music.

Paying tribute to the 35-year-old rapper who departed this world on Sunday August 31, President Boko said A.T.I was a true artist who believed in himself.

"A true artist is genuine, when he speaks, a true artist speaks from the depths of his heart," he said, further eulogising the genius artist as a poetic wizard.

As he gave all of himself to Batswana, and wrote his name in flaming letters and fought out of contempt, President Boko said



President Advocate Duma Boko

A.T.I immortalised himself.

"You lived in us, you spoke for us, you liberated and spoke for the youth, because you are us," said the President.

Acting Minister of Sport and Arts Lawrence Ookeditse said "Lekhete" as A.T.I was affectionately called, was a national icon, a creative genius and voice of the entire generation.

"He was not just a musician; A.T.I has transcended that status a long time ago. The passing away of A.T.I will not only leave a void in our hearts but in the hearts of all Batswana," he emphasised.

Through his rich Setswana expressions and poetic mastery, Ookeditse said Lekhete elevated "our shared experiences, amplified our voices, culture and language, and inspired us to be proud of who we are."

He said his message was one of hope, resilience, and of deep introspection. And that his lyrics were philosophical, soul baring, and real.

He added that A.T.I told stories of pain, joy, identity, and love.

Ookeditse further expressed gratitude to the Molemogi family for nurturing and raising a star in Atasaone. "It was obviously not



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) consoling the Molemogi family during A.T.I's memorial service at UB Sport Arena in Gaborone on Tuesday. Photos: Pheny Moalosi

an easy assignment, but it was an assignment God gave you. We all know you did so well. *Le godisitse ngwana o maitseo*," he said, adding that A.T.I would also be remembered as a humble child with traditional values of Setswana.

"He had that disarming mannerism, and maybe that is why he always got away with a lot of mischief." **BOPA**



Acting Minister of Sport and Arts, Lawrence Ookeditse (left), Speaker of the National Assembly, Dithapelo Keorapetse (second left), Assistant Minister for State President, Maipelo Mophuting (third left), Gaborone mayor, Oarabile Motlaleng (centre) and Minister for International Relations, Dr Pheny Butale were some of the dignitaries in attendance.

Father shares A.T.I struggle with addiction

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - "A.T.I struggled with drugs so much that we had him committed to rehabilitation centres five times."

These were the sombre words of celebrated music star Atasaone Molemogi, popularly known as A.T.I's father, William Molemogi, as he broke his silence on the country's rising drug problem during his son's packed memorial on Tuesday.

He recalled with difficulty how his son battled to overcome addiction, only to be pulled back by so-called friends after rehabilitation.

He attributed some of these relapses to Atasaone's own stubbornness in resisting family guidance.

Molemogi condemned the scourge for destroying young lives and implored government to intensify the fight against drug abuse by building more rehabilitation centres in Botswana, suggesting that one could even be named in honour of his son. He criticised the fact that families still had to rely on rehabilitation facilities outside the country for help.

Molemogi praised his son for producing revolutionary music and using it to boldly critique social or political systems when needed. He affectionately described A.T.I as a fearlessly expressive embodiment of creativity, someone who could



A.T.I's father, William Molemogi said his son struggled with drugs so much that they had him committed to rehabilitation centres five times.

turn the simplest clothing into a work of art.

He added that his son was not only a fashion enthusiast but also a skilled cook, whose inventive meals the family always looked forward to. Botswana Musicians Union acting president, Papie Rakhudu, urged musicians to take care of themselves and to unite in combating drug abuse.

He also encouraged parents of children in the creative industry to play an active role in the fight against drugs, emphasising that the drug scourge was a menace to society and robbed young people of their futures. **BOPA**



Family, friends and fans of the late Atasaone 'A.T.I' Molemogi gathered at UB Indoor Sports Arena to celebrate him. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Family, fans bid music icon farewell

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - Family, friends, colleagues and fans of the late Atasaone Molemogi, affectionately known as A.T.I, gathered at UB Indoor Sports Arena to celebrate and bid farewell to the exceptionally talented artist who died on Sunday.

His memorial served as a powerful symbol of the unconditional love he so selflessly expressed in his hit song *Lephoi*, with countless fans filling the UB Indoor Arena to capacity, while many more gathered outside.

Dignitaries such as Minister of Health, Dr Steven Modise, Minister for International Relations, Dr Pheny Butale, Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Lesego Chombo, former Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture Tumiso Rakgare and

Speaker the National Assembly Dithapelo Keorapetse, were in attendance.

Gospel industry legends led the service, with Phemphethe Pheto calling upon divine guidance for a smooth ceremony while Prophet Joel Keitumele delivered a befitting sermon honouring A.T.I's creative spirit. The memorial service organisers ensured that his spirit was felt and alive as they incorporated his most loved hit songs as interlude between speeches.

It was a fitting tribute to a legend, with a selected collaborative songs performed by those he worked with in various songs from his impressive catalogue.

Dato Seiko also paid a moving tribute to A.T.I as she soulfully performed his *Poelo Morago* track, whilst Mpho Sebina also calmed sorrow with her soulful *Chiwela* rendition. The memorial

wrapped up the perfect way of celebrating not only A.T.I the artist, but also a fashionista and trendsetter in the music space.

His fans came in clad in true A.T.I fashion flair, with ripped t-shirts, skinny jeans, and symbolic pieces such as backward bandanas which A.T.I used to wear in various styles and colours.

Some came in sharp suiting for formal wear, honouring his well-rounded wardrobe that was both influential and inspiring to them.

It would not have been a proper send-off from his fans without a tribute to his signature black teardrop. Among those who honoured it were Andrew Maclauds with a white teardrop, songstress Mpho Sebina and few others.

A.T.I aka Lekhete le le tona tona will be laid to rest on Saturday in Lerala. **BOPA**



## Stakes high for Zebras

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - The Zebras road for historic 2026 FIFA World Cup qualification continues today as they take on Group G leaders Algeria in a crucial do-or-die encounter at Hocine Ait Ahmed Stadium in Algeria.

With Algeria pegged at the top, the Zebras have to turn their 3-1 first round loss into victory to ensure it remains in the race to qualify for the global sport event.

Botswana currently sits on position three with nine points, while Algeria has 15 and Mozambique has 12 points.

A drop of points against Algeria might see the Zebras going down to the Number four spot if either Uganda or Guinea wins. Uganda has nine points while Guinea at number 5 has seven points and victory will propel it to number three, above Uganda and Botswana.

Following the expansion of AFCON teams at the FIFA World Cup, nine group winners automatically qualify and four best group runners-up will play in the play-offs to determine the team that occupies the final slot.

Therefore, as Algeria remains determined to qualify, the Zebras must not lose its game although the odds are against them with The Desert Warriors remaining favourites.

One important question is that do the Zebras have that energy to run for 90 minutes and close their space to deny those dangerous moves from their opponents.

Again playing against North African countries can be a daunting task, given that opponents play not only against the team but the crowd as well.

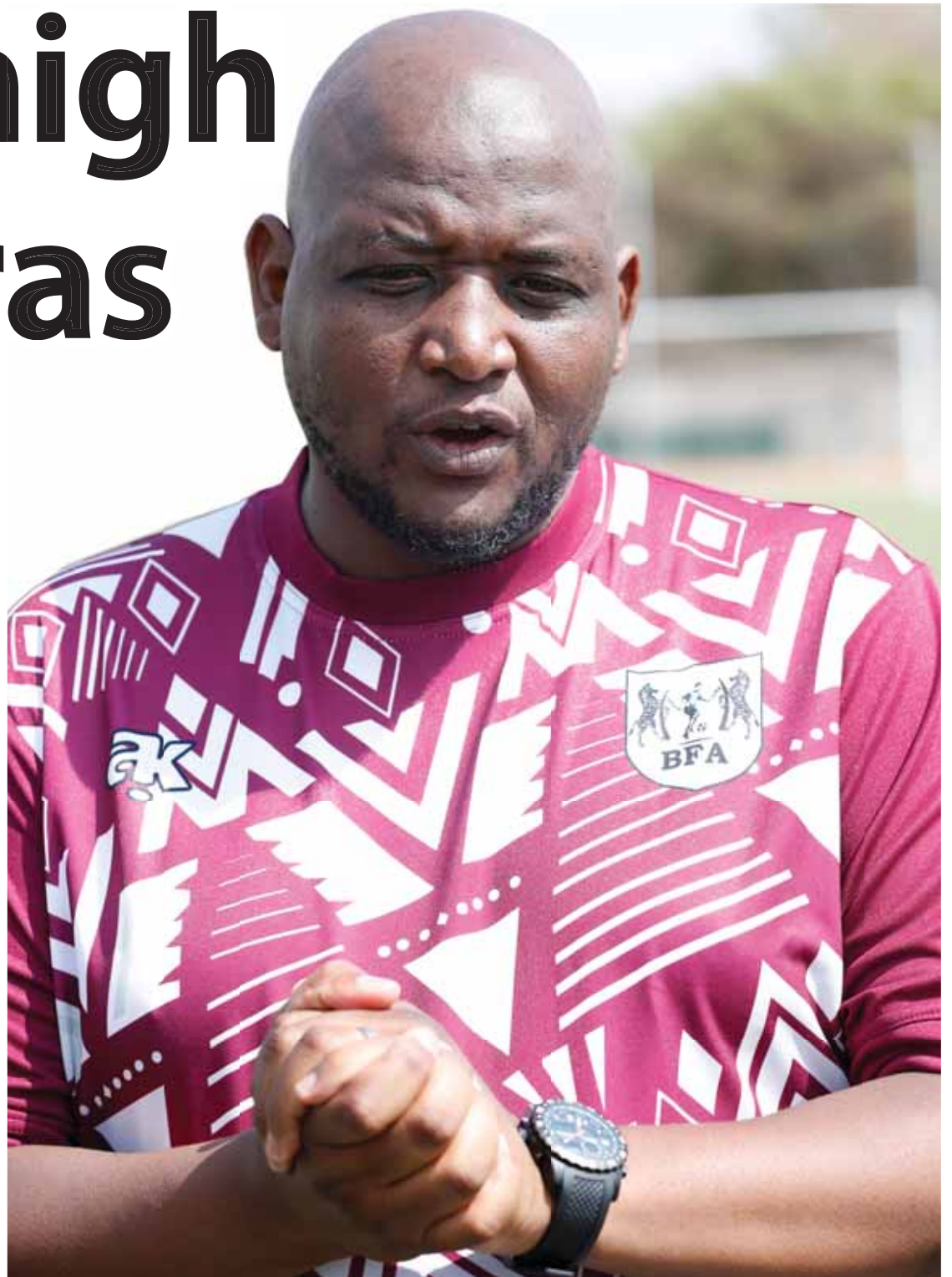
The Zebras head coach Morena Ramoreboli said in an interview that the boys were ready and they would try to level best to commit to positive results.

He said despite the fact that morale was high in camp, they were managing Gape Mohutsiwa as he arrived with a knock from his team.

He said time was now for other players like Mothusi Copper to stand up and be counted.

Ramoreboli said they were aware that they would not be playing against the team but the crowd as well, emphasising the need for players to be focused.

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Morena Ramoreboli

## ‘Nhabe marathon for every runner’

By Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

MAUN - Nhabe International Marathon and the North West District Council (NWDC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding, paving way for the Nhabe International Marathon billed for Maun on September 28.

During the signing ceremony recently, officials from both parties expressed a shared vision for sustainable community development through sport.

Nhabe International Marathon deputy chairperson and technical director, Ralph Ledimo, said the new strategic partnership aimed to boost both athletic excellence and local economic growth, marking a

new chapter for the district. On one hand, Ledimo said the marathon aimed to identify and nurture young athletic talent, particularly from the Ngamiland region as well as provide them with opportunities to compete on a larger stage.

“The dream is to eventually establish an athlete village in Maun where talented runners can be groomed and supported through structured boot camps and mentorship programmes aimed at developing them into professional athletes.

We want to build a strong foundation that supports long-term athletic development, not just for the marathon, but for Botswana’s sporting future,” Ledimo said.

He further said the partnership

cemented a collaborative effort that blended sport, tourism and social development, which both parties were hopeful would become a lasting legacy for Maun and its surrounding areas.

In his keynote speech, NWDC chairperson, Itumeleng Kelebetseng, commended the partnership, saying it was a major milestone for the district.

“This marathon will not only showcase our natural beauty but also encourage healthy lifestyles and position our district as a hub for international tourism and investment,” he said.

Kelebetseng added that the marathon was also poised to drive economic growth by attracting visitors, promote

health and wellness through physical activity and earn the district international recognition.

“We fully support this initiative and are committed to providing the resources and infrastructure needed to make this event successful,” he said.

Meanwhile, the Nhabe International Marathon would offer several race categories, including full marathon (42.2km), half marathon (21.1km), 10km race and the 5km fun run, with entry fees ranging from P200 to P350.

The marathon welcomes a diverse range of participants, including professional athletes and corporate teams, elders, children and persons with disabilities. NWDC council

secretary, Thatayotlhe Balapi said the council was committed to advertise all marathon-related activities across its platforms.

Balapi said they would deploy their waste management team with trucks and equipment to ensure environmental cleanliness after the event and also provide first aid and fire emergency services on the day.

He also noted that council staff had shown enthusiasm to participate in the marathon.

“Our staff members are very excited about the marathon and many of them have already expressed interest in participating. It is encouraging to see this level of enthusiasm from within the council,” he said. **BOPA**