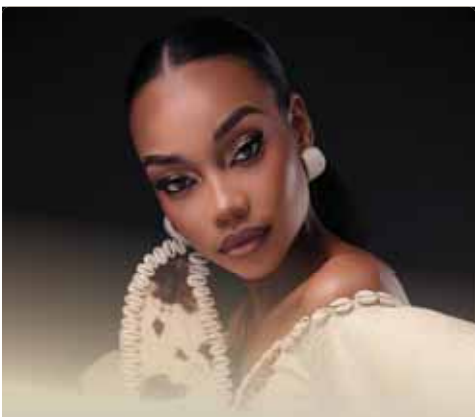


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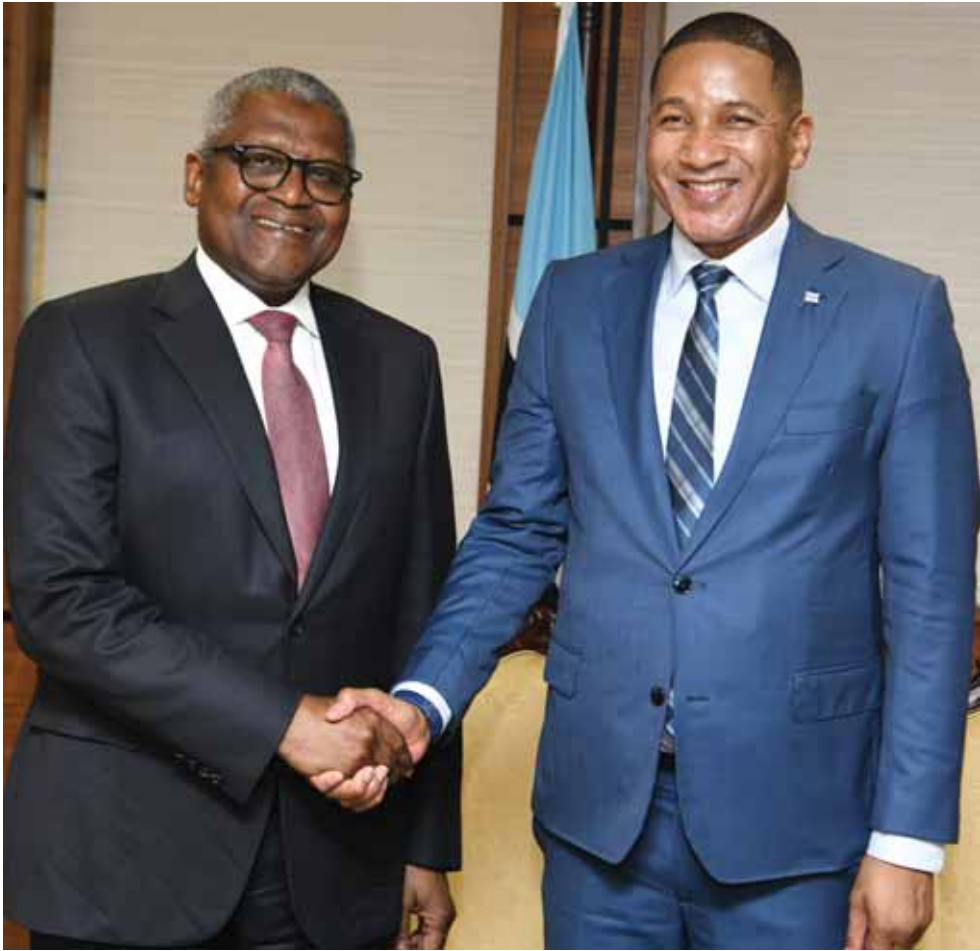
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President Advocate Duma Boko (right) with Founder and president of Dangote Industries Limited, Mr Aliko Dangote during a courtesy call at the Office of the President yesterday. President Boko said Botswana was ready to partner with the Dangote group on major projects. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

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Community rolls up sleeves to revamp Rakops JSS

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
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It began with a Facebook post. It ended with a community rolling up its sleeves.

Early this year, pictures of a boarding school in a sorry state circulated on social media, attracting a flood of comments.

For Boteti residents, however, the pictures prompted a more personal question, what about Rakops Junior Secondary School?

They went to find out. What they found was far from comforting. Rakops JSS, which serves about 920 learners, including 333 boarders, from Rakops and the neighbouring villages of Xere, Mmadikola, Xumo and Toromoja, was crying out for attention.

Hostels, classrooms and ablution facilities were in poor condition, while teachers' accommodation had also not been spared.

But for a community where many families live on modest incomes, waiting for someone else to solve the problem was not an option.

Instead, residents took the matter to community groups and began asking a simple question: what can we do ourselves?

According to school alumnus and committee spokesperson, Dr Fine Thabologo, the answer came in small amounts, with some residents contributing as little as P20.

Dr Thabologo said the commitment shown by residents convinced them that a more organised effort was needed.

"We saw the commitment and determination and decided to form a committee," he said in an interview on Saturday.

He said a 13-member committee was subsequently formed, with community contributions eventually reaching P45, 000. A

fundraising dinner added another P17, 000, bringing the total to P62, 000.

He said the committee then began knocking on doors for assistance, including approaching the Education Infrastructure Management Company (EIMC), a government company responsible for education infrastructure maintenance.



School alumnus and committee spokesperson, Dr Fine Thabologo, said the commitment shown by residents to revamp the school convinced them that a more organised effort was needed, hence a 13-member committee was subsequently formed, with community contributions eventually reaching P45, 000.

The response, he said, was encouraging.

Dr Thabologo said through its project management office, Debswana donated 24 doors, 24 locks and paint. Debswana, he said, would further bring more partners on board with Rosedale donating 20 doors, 30 locks, varnish and hinges.

He said Jumborj also joined the effort, providing skilled manpower while WEBA Engineering committed P200, 000 towards ablution facilities, including water and non-water systems for boarders.

According to Dr Thabologo, plans for the ablution project were currently being prepared, with construction expected to take about a month once work began.

On August 29, the community moved from planning to action. Dr Thabologo said the first phase focused on the hostels, with 48 doors installed and varnished across eight boys' hostel blocks, while beds were also welded.

The girls' hostels, which require another 12 doors, will follow.

He said painting would be done once the school closed.

Rakops JSS is also among the

first junior secondary schools earmarked for maintenance this year under EIMC.

Dr Thabologo said EIMC would initially focus on reinstalling electricity and maintaining windows.

Once the hostel phase was complete, he said, attention would shift to classrooms and teachers' accommodation.

But the community still needs help.

Dr Thabologo appealed for beds and mattresses, saying the number of boarders had long outgrown the available resources. **BOPA**



Botswana Defence Force and Namibia Defence Force personnel at the launch of the joint military Exercise Tshwaragano III held at Lobatse on Wednesday. The two weeks joint force command exercise scenario is based on the African Union and the United Nations Peace support operations doctrine. Photo: Calviniah Kgauthe

BDF and NDF reaffirm commitment to peace

Calviniah Kgauthe
LOBATSE

The Botswana Defence Force (BDF) and Namibia Defence Force (NDF) have reaffirmed their commitment to regional peace and security through the launch of joint military exercise, Tshwaragano III.

Officially launching the exercise in Lobatse on Wednesday, acting BDF Commander, Lieutenant General Joseph Seelo said the initiative provided a vital platform for both forces to deepen operational effectiveness and exchange professional knowledge.

Lt. Gen. Seelo underscored that the evolving security landscape required strong cross-border collaboration.

"Many of the challenges confronting the region today have no respect for national borders. They require cooperation, coordination and a shared understanding of our respective capabilities.

No nation can effectively confront complex security challenges in isolation," he said.

He highlighted that exercises like Tshwaragano served as necessary instruments for regional preparedness to allow personnel to test systems, refine procedures and strengthen collective action capabilities.

He emphasised that the exercise also built long-term trust, mutual respect and professional relationships between the two neighbouring nations.

He urged participants to embody the meaning of Tshwaragano, unity, solidarity and cooperation, given that Botswana and Namibia shared both a border and deep-rooted history of friendship.

Exercise director, Brigadier Modisane Ponyane traced the initiative back to November

2012, during the 22nd session of the Botswana-Namibia Joint Commission on Defence and Security in Gaborone.

The commission established a bi-annual rotational exercise to enhance operational effectiveness, combat trans-border crime and address regional security concerns.

Brig. Ponyane noted that Tshwaragano III marked a significant milestone and for the first time, the exercise features a joint command simulation.

"This initiative trains commanders and staff on shared communication platforms and real-time crisis scenarios adhering to African Union and United Nations Peace Support Operations doctrines," he said.

Namibia Chief of Defence Force, Rear Admiral Junior Grade Davidson Mwoombola, expressed gratitude to the Lobatse district authorities and the Combat Service Support College for hosting the event.

Running from August 31 to September 11, Exercise Tshwaragano III continues under the theme of enhancing joint cooperation, interoperability and strategic partnership between the two military forces. **BOPA**



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Public sector transformation key to development

Baleseng Batlotleng
TLOKWENG

Public sector transformation should be viewed as a critical component of Botswana's national development agenda rather than merely an administrative exercise.

Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, said this at the official opening of a high-level workshop on enhancing public accountability and service delivery through performance contracts in Africa, held at the Royal Aria Conference Facility in Tlokweng on Wednesday.

The workshop, convened by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), sought to examine the effectiveness of performance contracts as instruments for strengthening public accountability and improving service delivery across the continent.

Delivering the keynote address, Mr Mohwasa said public sector transformation was directly linked to productivity, public confidence and the value citizens derived from resources entrusted to government.

"If we are serious about accountability, then we must begin with ourselves. Accountability must begin at the top. We cannot expect a frontline public officer to answer for performance while leadership avoids answering for its own responsibilities," he said.

Mr Mohwasa said every leader entrusted with public resources and authority should be prepared to answer three fundamental questions: what were they expected to deliver, what did they deliver and what difference did it make?

He said accountability should not be confined to the end of the financial year or annual performance reviews, but should instead become part of the everyday culture of public leadership.

He said accountability should influence how priorities were set, institutions managed and corrective action taken when desired results were not achieved.

Mr Mohwasa acknowledged

that no country had perfected its public sector performance system, hence the importance of high-level engagements that brought together countries with different histories, administrative traditions and institutional capacities.

"What we can share are lessons. We can share what has worked. We can speak honestly about what has failed. We can examine why certain approaches succeeded in one context and struggled in another. Most importantly, we can return home with practical ideas that can strengthen our own institutions," he said.

He urged delegates to close the gap between national aspirations and the lived experiences of citizens.

Mr Mohwasa said Botswana participated in the workshop with a willingness to learn and share, recognising that institutional reform was a continuous journey.

He said institutions strengthened today would shape the opportunities available to future generations.

"The choices we make about leadership, accountability and public service will determine whether our national and continental aspirations remain promises or become lived realities," he added.

For his part, Coordinator of Public Sector Reforms, Mr Thabo Masalila, said collaboration between UNECA and the Government of Botswana, together with UNECA's continued support to African countries, was strengthening development planning, public institutions and governance systems.

He said the workshop gave practical expression to commitments under the public sector reform and social policy pillar, while supporting efforts to strengthen public sector institutions and accelerate the digitalisation of government systems, particularly in critical sectors such as health and education.

Mr Masalila said the workshop was also part of an ongoing programme of cooperation through which Botswana and UNECA were translating identified priorities into specific areas of technical engagement and institutional improvement.

"Botswana looks forward to examining the findings of the comparative study undertaken by UNECA and learning from the experiences of the countries represented at this workshop," he said.

He noted that countries had adopted different approaches to the design, implementation and review of performance contracts, adding that the experiences provided a valuable basis for identifying common principles while recognising the distinct institutional contexts of individual countries.

The high-level workshop provides an opportunity for stakeholders to critically examine how performance contracts can be better designed and implemented to deliver meaningful improvements in accountability, institutional performance and public service delivery. **BOPA**

BETP takes shape

Bonang Masolotatse
GABORONE

The Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) has moved from strategy to implementation in its first six months, making notable progress on legislative reforms and land delivery for high-impact projects.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Dr Tshokologo Kganetsano, shared these updates during the BETP mid-term report and media roundtable on Wednesday.

"In six months, we have moved from strategy to structural enhancements and legislative reforms," he said, explaining that this shift was part of the process to facilitate 186 identified high-impact projects.

He noted that it was not practical for all projects to be implemented simultaneously, adding that 60 per cent of them were private-sector-led.

Dr Kganetsano also addressed the

misconception that public service lacks the capacity to deliver projects of such magnitude, noting that the BETP would prove it was possible.

Furthermore, he highlighted that the BETP was actively addressing the bureaucracy and red tape that historically inhibited performance.

The BETP Secretariat and Senior Policy Adviser in the ministry, Ms Naledi Madala, stated that the programme had successfully unlocked land for investment and turned approvals into tangible delivery on the ground.

She explained that through "land labs," they resolved issues for government projects that had literally been prevented from moving forward due to a lack of land titles.

As a result, they have facilitated the granting of land titles to institutions like BUAN. She noted that the Special Economic Zone had also been affected, but through their intervention, 82 land parcels have now been issued with land titles.

"Now they are ready to start planning investments, something that was not possible before," she said.

Ms Madala added

that they have facilitated projects in sectors such as tourism and education, with some already moving to the environmental impact assessment stage.

She observed that some of these unresolved land title projects dated back several years. Additionally, Ms Madala noted that they have publicised the 186 projects to potential investors and partners through the BETP website, in collaboration with the BITC.

"I must say that we have seen a lot of activity on the BETP website from potential investors," she said.

Through the BETP, Botswana is targeting a cumulative investment of P514 billion by 2036, the creation of 512 000 jobs, and a significant reduction in the unemployment rate.

The successful implementation of all 186 projects and initiatives will enable nine key sectors to deliver a more resilient and prosperous Botswana. **BOPA**



BETP Secretariat and Senior Policy advisor Ms Naledi Madala (left) and Ministry of Finance Permanent Secretary Dr Tshokologo Kganetsano during the BETP mid-year review media roundtable in Gaborone on Wednesday. Ms Madala said they had facilitated projects in sectors such as tourism and education, with some already moving to the environmental impact assessment stage. Photo: Washa Bofelwang

Boko appeals to African investors to lead development

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

President Advocate Duma Boko has made a clarion call to African investors to directly fund and scale the continent's growth through targeted local platforms, venture funds, and structured investment channels.

Speaking during a courtesy meeting with Mr Aliko Dangote, the founder and President of Dangote Industries Limited yesterday, President Boko said African business leaders and home grown investors must take charge of the continent's industrial transformation by channelling resources into improving livelihoods.

"African investors, African thinkers, African intellectuals, and African entrepreneurs are responsible. We hold them eminently responsible for the development, and therefore the underdevelopment, if that eventuates, of the African continent," President Boko said.

To that effect, President Boko stated that governments must, in return, create an environment that

encourages the active participation and involvement of local investors in developing the African economy.

He added that the continent was fully capable of this transformation and must seize the moment to formulate policies and legislation that create an enabling environment for African investors to prosper.

President Boko noted that African countries were often criticised for failing to implement the ideas and innovations that could catapult the continent's industrialisation drive, emphasising the urgent need for the ability to execute projects at scale.

"We, for our part as governments, must appreciate the biggest challenge that leadership has faced. It has not been a lack of ideas or an appreciation of what the policy and legal environment should be. It has been a failure to implement those ideas," he said.

Consequently, President Boko affirmed his government's commitment to partnering with the Dangote Group, which already commands a significant footprint across the continent.

"We look forward to having a massive project, or a number of massive projects, commence in

Botswana. We are committed to ensuring that this happens, and happens quickly. We give our assurance that Botswana is ready, willing, and able," he said.

He further promised that the chronic issue of implementation failure would not impact any of the mutually agreed-upon projects.

Similarly, Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe reaffirmed the government's quest for sustainable partnerships and investments to drive inclusive growth and long-term development, as Botswana pursues economic diversification and prosperity for all.

Such partners, he noted, should seek equitable trade on terms that serve both the investor and the nation, with a shared desire for durable, long-term collaboration.

For his part, Mr Dangote highlighted that his group was keen to partner with like-minded, results-driven governments and institutions that were motivated by execution and underscored that the Dangote Group was driven by a deep desire to positively impact the development of its host communities and society at large. **BOPA**

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Ms Resego Kgosidintsi (left) and Ms Charity Legase from SHEVOLUTION donating sanitary pads and other essentials to the graduating regiment of Mautlwakgosi in Ramotswa on Saturday. Receiving the gifts on behalf of the regiment, Kgosi Mosadi said the gesture was an encouragement to Mautlwakgosi and women in general to collaborate, share ideas and work hard to contribute toward a better future for the nation. Photo: Moshe Galeragwe

Bakgatla to petition OP over land issues

MOCHUDI

Residents from across Kgatleng will, on September 10, march peacefully to the Office of the President, with a petition that details years of heartbreak, lost paperwork and frustration with the local land board system.

The decision to take their plea straight to the top came after a recent and emotionally charged kgotla meeting in Mochudi, during which residents and leaders from Artesia, Oodi, Mmathubudukwane and beyond, unanimously agreed to petition the President to address enduring delays, alleged corruption and poor service delivery at the Kgatleng Landboard.

For many in the region, the struggle for land has hit home in deeply personal ways. Addressing the gathering, Bakgatla Land Task Team chairperson, Dr Nelson Sello, bemoaned widespread frustration over administrative backlogs, lack of transparency and deliberate double allocations that have forced some residents to relocate.

Dr Sello also submitted that Bakgatla generally were disadvantaged because of their proximity to the capital city, pointing out that “landboards ended up favouring applicants with deeper pockets.”

Deputy chief of Bakgatla, Kgosi Bana Sekai, echoed the same concerns and alleged that some double allocations were meant to compensate “friends and preferred applicants.”

office was inundated with land grievances, from unresolved inheritance disputes to delayed appeals, noting that in some instances, “some litigants end up losing their witnesses” before cases were ever resolved.

Kgatlang Central MP, Mr Mpho Morolong, concurred with Kgosi Sekai that his office had similarly turned into a complaints’ office where land disputes topped the list.

Mr Morolong assured the meeting that he had already made an effort to write to the Office of the President regarding the land crisis in Kgatleng and had invited the President to address Bakgatla directly on the matter.

The human toll of losing communal heritage was expressed most sharply by Kgosi Ishmael Rakgati of Dikgonnye, who accused landboard members of nepotism and allocating themselves land reserved as communal space.

Kgosi Rakgati expressed frustration over the disappearance of pastoral land.

“I no longer know where to report because Dikgonnye no longer has land zoned for grazing,” he lamented.

Meanwhile, through their demonstration, residents are demanding that authorities conduct a comprehensive land audit in Kgatleng, re-evaluate the allocation process to prioritise local applicants and urgently resolve delayed transfers, change of land use and sub-divisions.

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Mmolotsi defends 24-hour economy

Thamani Shabani FRANCISTOWN

The decision by government to allow liquor outlets to trade from 6am to 6am should be viewed in good faith, as it forms part of plans to move towards a 24-hour economy.

This was said by Francistown South MP, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi, during a kgotla meeting in his constituency on Tuesday.

Mr Mmolotsi said the decision was taken in good faith and not with bad intentions.

“The introduction of a 24-hour economy will drive job creation as employees will be working in shifts,” he said.

He added that research has shown that in countries that have adopted a 24-hour economy, crime levels tend to be lower.

He assured residents that Botswana would ultimately adopt the initiative, noting that the Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship was already working towards implementing a 24-hour economy.

Addressing the same kgotla meeting, Assistant Superintendent Letsile Gabotholwe of Kutlwano Police Station warned residents of a new trend of motor vehicle theft in Francistown, particularly targeting Honda Fit and Mazda

Demio vehicles. He said it appeared that a market existed for the two models somewhere, adding that they were easy targets even when locked.

He thus implored residents to immediately report any suspicious movements in their localities to the police. Assistant Superintendent Gabotholwe further warned residents against harbouring illegal immigrants in their homes, saying some ended up committing crimes.

“Those who will be caught harbouring illegal immigrants will be charged,” he cautioned.

Residents were also briefed on the increasing veld fires in and around Francistown and how to protect themselves in the event of an outbreak.

Divisional Fire Officer, Ms Simikiwe Khavara of the Francistown City Council said the fires posed danger to people’s lives, livestock and to other living organisms such as snakes.

She appealed to residents to practice safe habits to avoid causing bush fires, imploring them to make fire breaks around their homes to prevent fire from reaching them.

Ms Khavara further informed the residents that causing bush fires was an offence punishable by law. **BOPA**

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Government to pursue aquaculture development zones

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Government is set to establish Aquaculture Development Zones in areas with high production potential to attract investor interest and international development partners.

Under BETP, priority regions include Okavango, Chobe and the SPEDU area and the zones are designed to transition the nation from an import-dependent market into a self-sufficient and export-driven fish producer.

Acting chief scientific officer,

Mr Isaac Batsile told stakeholders that government's primary role was to create conditions for responsible fisheries and aquaculture businesses to succeed.

He noted that zoning effectively linked land, water, infrastructure, production services and value-chain development., adding that funding for the zones had already been secured.

"These designated zones will be serviced including infrastructure, production services and any other necessary infrastructure to easily attract investors," he said, noting that zoning reduced investor uncertainty and streamlines extension services and provided environmental sustainability and water availability were maintained.

To support such growth, he said government was expanding hatchery capacity and focusing on genetic improvement.

He said plans included constructing an Okavango mini-hatchery in Shakawe and the

facility would address the current shortage of fingerlings, which had previously constrained aquaculture projects in the Ngamiland region.

Currently, he indicated that the Mmadinare Fish Hatchery served as the primary national asset for fingerling supply.

"Additional hatchery capacity improves access to fingerlings in northern production areas and also genetic improvement of indigenous fish species is a longer-term intervention to improve productivity and resilience," Mr Batsile noted, describing strategic hatchery development as both a production boost and an enabling policy intervention.

He further said government was also promoting a shift from raw fish production to a complete value-chain approach, linking quality seed, feed, harvesting, cold chain storage, processing and marketing.

"This structure aims to reduce post-harvest losses, create jobs

and provide farmers with better market information, aggregation and reliable buyers," he added.

He reiterated that the Department of Fisheries and Apiculture would continue to coordinate, facilitate and set standards while enabling private-sector participation.

To build reliable domestic markets, he said government was exploring links between local producers and state institutions, with a pilot project currently underway in the Kgatleng region to integrate locally raised fish into the home-grown School Feeding Programme, funded by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). If successful, he said, the initiative would be rolled out nationwide to reduce reliance on meat-based diets.

"We will also ensure that stable domestic markets can make compliance economically worthwhile for farmers," he said.

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The event coordinator and Curator of the Kgosi Sechele I Museum, Mr Power Kawina said the carnival continued to cater to an increasing number of small business stalls.

Dithubaruba empowers local businesses

Moshe Galeragwe
MOLEPOLOLE

The Dithubaruba Cultural Festival has promised to empower and grow local businesses.

Event coordinator and Curator of the Kgosi Sechele I Museum, Mr. Power Kawina, said the cultural festival has an obligation to improve the livelihoods of the people in Kweneng.

This aligns with the festival's theme: Unlocking Our Heritage, Transforming Our Dignity.

Speaking in an interview on Tuesday, Mr Kawina noted that the carnival continued to cater to an increasing number of small business stalls.

He emphasised that it is vital for the cultural fiesta to create wealth for the local community, especially for small entrepreneurs, promoting the region's rich cultural heritage. "We are hoping that they will take advantage of the event and make profits, as Dithubaruba is the place where

Bakwena meet for recreation," he said. Mr Kawina also expressed hope that businesses in the hospitality and tourism sectors would benefit from the event.

"I have observed that during Dithubaruba, all the lodging facilities in Molepolole are fully booked," he said.

He noted that the event is not only meant for entertainment and cultural promotion, but also for empowering livelihoods.

"We want to see Dithubaruba beyond song and dance; it must have an economic impact on the community," he added.

Mr Kawina stated that small catering businesses will be allowed to set up stalls at the event.

Furthermore, efforts have been made to provide basic amenities at the venue because the site is tucked far away from the village centre to ensure that attendees can access services easily without needing to leave the venue, thereby avoiding traffic delays.

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Africa forum calls for action to transform agri-food systems

KIGALI - Leaders, policymakers and development partners on Wednesday called for urgent action, increased investment and stronger public-private partnerships to transform Africa's agri-food systems and address persistent hunger, poverty and unemployment at the Africa Food Systems Forum in Kigali, the Rwandan capital. Rwandan Prime Minister Justin Nsengiyumva said Africa has enormous agricultural potential but must urgently turn its resources into productivity and prosperity. Nsengiyumva said Africa must move beyond viewing agriculture as a traditional sector and instead position it as a modern and dynamic source of decent employment, entrepreneurship, innovation and economic opportunity, particularly for young people and women. **Xinhua**

China and Mozambique hold economic conference

MAPUTO - The China (Hunan)-Mozambique Economic and Trade Matchmaking Conference was held in Maputo, the capital of Mozambique, on Tuesday, bringing together more than 180 representatives from over 110 enterprises and business associations. Participants held in-depth discussions on cooperation in areas including cultural and media exchanges, sports, energy and infrastructure and industrial parks. The two sides signed 11 key cooperation agreements and memoranda of understanding covering four major areas, further advancing economic and trade cooperation between Hunan and Mozambique. Wang Junshou, highlighted Hunan's strong economic performance and industrial foundation. **Xinhua**

EU should pursue friendly competition with China

BRATISLAVA - Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico said on Tuesday that the European Union (EU) should pursue "friendly competition" with China rather than treat the country as an enemy and put up barriers. Fico made the remarks after talks in Bratislava with European Council President Antonio Costa, who began his annual tour of EU capitals in Slovakia. Their discussions covered the EU's next long-term budget, competitiveness, energy prices and enlargement. Fico said Slovakia was concerned about the EU's ability to compete globally, arguing that greater competitiveness should not mean imposing new tariffs or barriers, but rather striving to do better and outperform others. "I have a different view about relations between the EU and China. I don't think we should fight China by putting up barriers and treating it as an enemy," Fico said. "China is a country with which we should compete in a friendly spirit and strive to do better." **Xinhua**

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Some of the dignitaries who attended the Aquaculture Connect seminar held in Maun on Wednesday.

Value chain development key to aquaculture growth

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Botswana must develop the entire aquaculture value chain rather than focus solely on fish production if the sector is to become a meaningful driver of economic diversification.

Chobe Aqua Farms manager, Mr Ketane Phiri, said aquaculture had the potential to generate income, employment, investment and enterprises while creating value beyond traditional economic activities.

Speaking during the inaugural Botswana Aquaculture Connect 2026 seminar held at BA ISAGO University on Wednesday in Maun, Mr Phiri said government, farmers, researchers and other stakeholders needed to move from discussing the potential of aquaculture to building systems that would enable the industry to grow sustainably.

He said Botswana needed to move from individual farms to an industry, from production alone to value chain development and from import dependence to stronger local capabilities.

Mr Phiri also called for a shift from assumptions to data, short-term projects to sustainable businesses and isolated efforts to greater collaboration among stakeholders.

He said all stakeholders must play a role and provide practical action to make the aquaculture value chain more resilient in order for the industry to grow.

Mr Phiri said getting aquaculture right would create opportunities beyond fish farming, including equipment manufacturing, skills development, fish processing and branding, as well as opportunities for young entrepreneurs.

“If we get aquaculture right, we will not simply produce more fish, we will build businesses around fish, create jobs around fish, manufacture equipment for fish, develop skills around fish, process and brand fish, as well as create opportunities for young entrepreneurs and eventually build a sector capable of contributing meaningfully to Botswana’s economy,” he said.

Mr Phiri said investment in aquaculture should be viewed as investment in an ecosystem of businesses, making the sector a natural fit for Botswana’s economic diversification agenda.

He stressed that the industry was bigger than fish production, noting that a fish farm represented only one component of the wider aquaculture economy.

“This opportunity is not simply to increase tonnes of fish, it is to build the systems that allow production to grow sustainably and commercially. This country does not simply need more fish farms but needs a resilient aquaculture industry,” he said.

He said the success of Botswana’s aquaculture sector should therefore not be measured only by tonnes of fish produced, but by the economic value created across the entire value chain.

Also, he said Botswana could produce its own fish, develop profitable commercial farms, strengthen fingerling supplies, establish local input industries, process and add value to fish products, and develop reliable domestic and regional markets only if the entire value chain was developed simultaneously.

Mr Phiri further noted that the sector required people with both technical and business skills to operate successfully, saying a resilient value chain

began with production but did not end at the farm gate.

Kgosi Rodgers Marumo of Thito Ward, one of the first fishermen in the Ngamiland region, said the seminar came at an opportune time as the country grappled with economic challenges.

He said developing a strong aquaculture sector was essential as it could stimulate economic activity while contributing to food security and economic growth.

However, Kgosi Marumo expressed concern over overfishing, saying it disrupted the natural fish life cycle by removing breeding fish before they could reproduce.

He called for smart and sustainable fishing practices to protect declining fish populations.

He observed that only large fish were now commonly spotted in the Chobe and Okavango areas, while fishermen in the North West region were increasingly catching smaller fish.

Meanwhile, BA ISAGO University managing director, Mr Odirile Gabasiane, said Ngamiland had the history, water resources, suitable ecosystem and generations of fishing knowledge needed to drive the aquaculture conversation.

Mr Gabasiane said communities in Ngamiland already possessed deep expertise, as fishing was embedded in their history and livelihoods.

He said what is needed now is to enhance that knowledge with modern tools, sound business practice, and structured training, so that this region does not simply participate in the industry, but leads it, becoming the national training hub it is envisioned to be. **BOPA**

FNB active partner-CEO

Goitsemodimo Williams-Madzonga
TUTUME

First National Bank (FNB) has been defined as an active partner in Botswana’s development story.

Speaking at the official opening of the bank’s new branch on Tuesday in Tutume, the bank’s chief executive officer (CEO) Mr Steven Bogatsu said in its 35 years on existence, the bank has grown alongside Botswana by financing homes, enabling businesses to expand, supporting farmers and funding infrastructure development as well as investing in technology.

The latter, he said, has made banking accessible to people over the breadth and width of the country.

More importantly, Mr Bogatsu noted that FNB has stood with its clients through both moments of opportunities and uncertainty such as during periods of economic slowdown, global financial pressures, industrial disruptions and droughts, among the challenges that have tested the resilience of the economy.

He further said it remained committed to supporting households and businesses through practical financial solutions, advice and access to financial capital.

“This was because we understood that helping was not about enabling success during good times but also about providing support when circumstances are difficult,” he said.

The CEO highlighted that FNB was not simply a financial institution operating in Botswana but an active partner in all aspects of development and that its impact could be seen on the entrepreneurs who have transformed small businesses into thriving enterprises and farmers who have invested into productivity and growth as well as home owners who have built a future for their families.

Further, he said the bank’s impact could also be seen in the lives of thousands of individuals who participated in the economy with greater confidence because they have access to financial services to help them meet their needs.

Mr Bogatsu thus asserted that FNB’s legacy was therefore not measured by the number of branches it has opened, the products it has launched or the awards received but rather by the confidence the clients placed on it every day. Meanwhile, FNB’s board chairperson, Mr Balisi Bonyongo noted that the opening of Tutume branch marked a significant milestone for the people and businesses of Tutume District as it unlocked opportunities for financial services just within reach. Unlike before when they had to travel over 200 kilometres to and from Francistown in order to access services. He further added that bringing the bank closer to the people enabled more Botswana to have access to financial support in order for them to realise their ambitions and fully participate in the economy.

Mr Bonyongo also noted that as a financial institution, FNB aimed at providing long-term value by not only expanding its visibility footprint but rather by investing where its presence could make the

greatest difference to the people’s lives and contribute meaningfully to Botswana’s development.

Furthermore, he pointed out that Tutume stood out as one of vibrant strategic communities and establishing a permanent presence in the village demonstrated confidence in the community and its economic potential.

To governor of Bank of Botswana Mr Lesego Moseki, the opening of new outlet strengthened access to banking services for the communities and helped provide greater convenience to local customers by reducing the need to travel for routine banking while at the same time easing congestion at the Francistown main branch. **BOPA**

Dithubaruba empowers local businesses

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In addition, the event organisers have partnered with Absa Bank to provide point-of-sale (POS) machines to businesses to facilitate smooth trade and deter criminal activity, as large cash transactions could attract criminals.

Mr Kawina added that the use of technologically supported transactions by small entrepreneurs encourages financial inclusivity.

“Through our partnership with Absa, we are encouraging businesses to use MobiTap to ease transactions so they can trade without hard cash and reduce possible crime,” he said.

However, the event face infrastructure challenges.

“One of the challenges is accessing and exiting the venue since we use a single road. Due to high attendance, revellers wait in long queues either entering or leaving the venue,” Mr Kawina admitted. To this end, organisers have identified an alternative route to ease congestion and the ticket sales point would be moved further away from the entrance, as crowds at the ticket booths previously slowed down traffic.

Organisers are collaborating with network providers to boost reception, ensuring a seamless experience for attendees.

Parking also remains limited because the Kwa-ga-Mmakgosi venue is a heritage site whereby the preservation of natural resources is strictly enforced, meaning trees cannot be cut down to create more parking space. Instead, the local campsite will be used as additional parking.

Mr Kawina remained optimistic that Dithubaruba will continue to grow and empower local enterprises, noting that last year, organisers decided to allocate a portion of the profits to the reconstruction of the Kgotla shelter.

“We are hoping to annually take a certain percentage from our profits and contribute toward uplifting the livelihoods of the community,” he concluded. **BOPA**

Court arraigns five Otse men for murder

Calviniah Kgautlhe
LOBATSE

Five men of Otse have been arraigned before chief magistrate Ms Rebecca Motsamai of the Lobatse Magistrate Court on charges of murder and causing grievous bodily harm.

The accused, Gosiamemang Kgabo (41) of Lesetlhana Ward, Tomeletso Kwen (51) of Rukurung Lands, Gobuamang Kwen (42) of Rukurung Lands, Mothusi Matlhola (34) of Mantirisi Ward and Daniel Pule (55) of Lesetlhana Ward were arraigned in relation to the murder of Opelo Molebatsi on August 26 at Sakutswane Lands near Otse.

Additionally, the accused face a charge of causing unlawful grievous bodily harm to Mr Onkemetse Molebatsi still at Sakutswane Lands on the same date.

They allegedly assaulted Molebatsi, causing him multiple serious injuries, including to the head injuries and a fractured right leg.

Investigating Officer, Assistant Superintendent Goitseman Serurubele pleaded with the court to remand in custody, the five accused persons as the matter was still at its initial stage, adding that the police were yet to record statements from all witnesses.

ASP Serurubele said Molebatsi was still in a critical condition in hospital.

She said the matter was complex as it involved two countries, noting that at the time the incidents occurred, the accused persons were acting with the suspected South African nationals, with whom they share the membership of the Madisanaga Farmers Committee. She said investigators were yet to communicate with their South African counterparts.

Additionally, ASP Serurubele said the community was still aggrieved by the matter and that releasing the accused was therefore likely to cause a disruption to public peace.

Prosecutor Ms Vanzoline Machikiche said as per the constitution, since the incident occurred in Botswana and partially in South Africa, Botswana assumes the jurisdiction to prosecute.

She further informed the court that preparations were underway to engage Interpol. The matter is scheduled for September 15 for status update. **BOPA**



Attorney Tshiamo Rantao (left) with some applicants, Mr Arnold Somolekae (second row left) and Kagiso Stephens (second row right) during an urgent bid by Gaborone University College of Law and Professional Studies graduates in Gaborone on Tuesday. They had approached the court seeking an order to compel the Law Society of Botswana to allow them to register for the Bar Examinations. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

GUC law graduates lose bid to sit for bar exams

Bonang Masolotatse
GABORONE

Twenty-one Bachelor of Laws (LLB) graduates from Gaborone University College of Law and Professional Studies (GUC) have suffered a setback in their bid to sit the Law Society of Botswana (LSB) Bar Examination after the High Court dismissed their urgent application.

The graduates Arnold Somolekae and 20 others, who completed their studies through an arrangement between GUC and Leeds Beckett University in the United Kingdom, had approached the court seeking an order compelling the LSB to allow them to register for the Bar Examination.

However, Justice Dr Geoffrey Nthomiwa on Tuesday dismissed the urgent application, saying the matter could not be properly determined on the affidavits filed before the court.

Justice Nthomiwa said the case had implications for both the country and the legal profession and therefore required fuller ventilation beyond affidavit evidence.

He said the court had identified disputes of fact between the applicants and respondents that could not be resolved on the papers before it.

The disputes, he said, included issues arising from a Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) audit of the law programme offered under a franchise agreement.

Although the applicants maintained that they were unaware of the concerns surrounding the programme, Justice Nthomiwa said the matter had raised questions about the quality assurance of its delivery.

He said the court could therefore not, at face value, determine the credibility and suitability of the law programme or review the LSB's decision not to enrol the graduates for the Bar Examination.

The applicants had argued that the LSB's refusal was prejudicial, saying it had disrupted their intended legal careers, prevented them from sitting the examination and would delay their admission to legal practice.

They sought an order declaring the LSB's decision unlawful, irrational and unreasonable. **BOPA**

Councillors welcome proposed Children's Act review

Chendzimu Manyepedza
SELEBI PHIKWE

Selebi Phikwe Town councillors have unanimously welcomed the proposed review and amendment of the Children's Act, which has been in force since 2009.

Speaking during a full council session, councillors agreed that the current legislation must be strengthened to better protect children and respond to emerging challenges affecting their welfare.

Specially nominated councillor, Mr Mpho Marabu highlighted the need for updating the Act to ensure that it remained relevant to the evolving needs of families.

He called for a broader approach to child welfare, particularly regarding religious influences during upbringing.

"Children should be protected from practices that could negatively affect their physical, emotional or social development, while still recognising the positive role played by families, communities and religious institutions," Mr Marabu said, noting that certain religious beliefs could hinder a child's growth.

Specially nominated councillor, Mr Dimpho Mashaba emphasised the urgency of resolving contradictions between Customary Law and the Children's Act.

He noted that while customary

practices remained an integral part of local communities, certain traditional provisions conflicted with the protections guaranteed under statutory child law.

He said such legal discrepancies created confusion for both families and traditional authorities, thus urged lawmakers to harmonise the two frameworks to establish a clear and consistent approach to children's rights.

Meanwhile, Cllr Phemelo Ntlhwane of the Leseding Ward urged reviewers to focus on tightening bail conditions for individuals accused of raping or defiling minors.

She expressed concern over suspects being routinely released on bail while cases remained pending, which exposed young victims to potential intimidation and further trauma. The council meeting included a briefing from a joint delegation representing the Ministry of Basic Education and Child Welfare and Childline Botswana, led by Childline secretary, Mr Olebile Machete.

Mr Machete explained that the review process aimed to gather concerns and recommendations to build a more responsive child protection system.

He noted that social challenges had evolved since 2009, hence strong and collaborative legal updates remained essential for safeguarding children's rights. **BOPA**

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Bomaid donates to Breast and Endocrine Unit

Gontle Merafhe
GABORONE

Princess Marina Hospital’s Breast and Endocrine Unit has received a donation of essential medical consumables from Botswana Medical Aid Society (Bomaid). The donation comprised of 480 biopsy needles and 576 portovac drains.

Receiving the donation on behalf of the hospital’s Breast and Endocrine Unit on Tuesday, Dr Nkhabe Chinyepi said the essential medical consumables would support the delivery of healthcare services by contributing toward surgical recovery of patients and postoperative management.

“What you did today is that you are not only supporting patients, you are also investing in the surgeons who will care for our patients in the future. You are helping us align with global standards,” she said.

Princess Marina Hospital acting Superintendent, Dr Mosimanegape Nkwane said the donation was an all-rounded package and would assist in cutting referral of patients.

For his part, Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse said the donated 480 True-cut biopsy needles were valued at P187, 000.

“In addition, we have received 576 Portovac drains which cost about P89,280. When you consider the message that is sent with the donation, then the impact is even more exponential,” he said.

Appreciating the donation, Mr



Assistant Minister of Health Mr Lawrence Ookeditse (centre) receiving medical equipment from Bomaid board chairperson, Dr Refeletswe Lebelonyane (right) in Gaborone on Tuesday. With them is Princess Marina Hospital acting Superintendent, Dr Mosimanegape Nkwane. Photo: Washa Bofelwang.

Ookeditse said the healthcare system continued to face challenges relating to among others shortage of essential medical consumables. He said shortage of the necessary healthcare consumables made it difficult to timely provide effective healthcare and support.

Despite the challenging work environment, Mr Ookeditse applauded healthcare personnel for their dedication, patience and commitment in serving patients and providing health services.

Bomaid Chief Executive Officer

(CEO) Mr Moraki Mokgosana said it was important to support government efforts, challenging other entities in the corporate

space to also step in as corporate citizens, whether it was in education or in the health sector. Mr Mokgosana emphasised on

collective responsibility, adding that supporting government initiatives would go a long way in strengthening the country’s

Duo partner to empower young families

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

Change Africa and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) Botswana have formalised a partnership aimed at establishing the Tshwaragano Family Resilience Centre, Botswana’s first one-stop centre for young families, in Gaborone’s Central Business District.

Speaking at the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Tuesday, IOM Chief of Mission, Mr Itayi Viriri said the partnership came naturally after the two organisations identified shared objectives and a common vision of serving Botswana and supporting vulnerable young people.

“Our mission as IOM is to serve the country in any way possible, even beyond migration issues. We have to add value,” said Mr Viriri. He said as part of its humanitarian efforts, IOM had been working with young single mothers who

require assistance with finances, accessing healthcare services such as child immunisation, and ensuring their children remain in school.

“These are many services that would normally not be associated with IOM,” he said. Against this backdrop, Mr Viriri said partnering with Change Africa to establish the centre was a natural progression of the organisation’s experience of working with vulnerable young families.

He said IOM was committed to creating a lasting impact through the project, with the long-term goal of expanding the initiative to other locations across Botswana.

For his part, Change Africa founder, Mr Kaene Disepe described Tshwaragano as more than just a centre, saying the initiative sought to create an ecosystem of support around young mothers, fathers and their children. He said the project would connect young families to opportunities, protection, skills, livelihoods and other forms of

support necessary to build resilient futures.

“Young people are missing out on opportunities where they can be empowered and gain access to health and social interventions,” he said.

Mr Disepe said such challenges have contributed to the establishment of what he described as Botswana’s first holistic one-stop centre dedicated to empowering young families.

The centre will cater for young families aged 18-29, as well as teenagers experiencing teenage pregnancy by providing access to a range of services including quality healthcare, child immunisation, insurance and financial literacy.

“They will be taught digital inclusion, AI training and much more. When you come for one thing, you leave with several other things and that’s what we mean by Botswana’s first one-stop centre for young families,” he said. Formal opening and operation of the centre is yet to be announced. **BOPA**

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Bomme ba ba itsholofetseng ba kgothadiwa go itlhatlhoba

Relief Lephutshi
LOBATSE

Ba botsogo kwa Lobatse ba supile matshwenyego ka bomme ba ba itsholofetseng mme ba sa itse seemo sa bone sa mogare wa HIV. Matshwenyego a, a boletswe ke Dr Mimi Sedio yo e leng Family Physicia - Primary Health Care kwa khanseleng ya Lobatse ka letsatsi la go simolodisa kgwedi ya merapelo kgatlhanong le HIV/AIDS, malwetse a a sa

tshelanweng, tiriso botlhaswa ya nnotagi le masula a mangwe a a aparetseng lefatshe. Dr Sedio a re bomme ba le lesome mo ngwageng ba kgona belega ba sa itse seemo sa bone sa mogare. A re seemo se, se paledisa go ka tlamela ngwana go re a seka a tsenwa ke mogare ka nako ya boimana le ya pelegi. O ne a kopa setshaba segolo jang ba ba nnang le bomme ba ba itsholofetseng go tsibogela go ba

rotloetsa go itse seemo sa bone sa mogare pele ga ba ka ya go belega. “Maikaelelo a lefatshe ke gore masea a belegwe a sena mogare wa HIV,” a tthalosa jalo. A re bana ba le 147 ba ne ba belegwa ke bomme ba ba nang le mogare wa HIV, mme ka lesego, masea a fitlhetswe a sena mogare. A re ka ngwaga wa 2025, toropo ya Lobatse e kwadisitse batho ba le 5 985 ba ba neng ba le mo lenaneong la diritibatsi. Fa a tthalosa ka seemo sa mogare

k w a Lobatse, Dr Sedio a re go anama ga HIV mo toropong eo go kwa tlase ga kanamo y a mogare ya Botswana ka kakaretso ka seelo sa 13% .

“Maikaelelo a lefatshe ke gore masea a belegwe a sena mogare.”

O supile fa bomme e le bone ba amegang thata go fetisa borre. A re dipalo tsa bomme ba ba tlhatlhobetseng mogare ke 18.9% fa tsa borre di le kwa tlase ka selekanyo sa 3%.

“Ka 2025/2026 go ne ga dirwa tlhatlhobo ya mogare wa HIV mo bathong ba ka tshwara 8 145 mo toropong, mme ba le 132 mo go bone ba tshwarwa ka mogare.”

A re fa go sekasekiwa dipalo tse, seemo sa tsone se kwa tlase thata fa go lebeletswe gore ngwaga mongwe le mongwe motho o tshwanetse go itse seemo sa mogare.

A re lenaneo la go lwantsha kanamo ya mogare le na le dikgwetlho di akaretse go nna maoto a a tshupa, go itlhatlhobela mogare, le ba ba itlhatlhobelang mogare go setse go le thari.

O ne a supa fa bodiphatse jwa go tlhatlhoba thari go na le kgonagalo ya gore mogare o bo o setse o iphetotse go nna bolwetse jwa AIDS.

Ka jalo o ne a kopa gore setshaba se tsibogele go itlhatlhobela mogare nako e le teng.

A re kgwetlho e nngwe ke bangwe ba ba reng ba lapisiwa ke go nwa dipilisi mo ba felelang ba di tlogela.

A re seo se borai ka jaana se rotloetsa kanamo ya malwetse a mangwe a tlhakanelo dikobo.

O tlhalositse fa seemo sa malwetse a tlhakanelo dikobo se tshwenya, a supa dipalo di ka tshwara 3 264 tsa ba ba tshwerweng ka malwetse ao, a gakolola setshaba gore fa ba itemogela malwetse a, ba etele kwa bookolong go itsa go anama ga mogare ka bofefo.

Dr Sedio o gakolotse kereke go rotloetsa maloko go itse ka seemo sa mogare mo botsogong jwa bone le gore ba simolodise mekgatlho e e emang kgatlhanong le bolwetse jwa HIV/ AIDS le gone go itshwaraganya le ba botsogo go thusanya.

Fa a bua kwa tshimolodisong ya merapelo, Mothusi Molomaganya ditirelo tsa setshaba kwa lekgotleng la National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency (NAHPA), Mme Tebogo Hlabano a re koketsego ya malwetse a a sa tshelanweng mo Botswana ga e jese di welang.

O supile gore dintsho di le masome a matlhano le boferabobedi mo lekgolong di amanngwa le malwetse a a sa tshelanweng.

O tlhalositse fa HIV/AIDS e santse e le kgwetlho ya botsogo mo Botswana ka e tswelletse ka go ama setshaba.

O tlhalositse fa mo bosheng go ne ga nna le diphetogo mo go tsibogeleng mogare wa HIV/ AIDS ka ntlha ya dikgwetlho di tshwana le tlhalelo ya melemo le dithoto tse di dirisiwang go tlamela HIV/AIDS. **BOPA**



Mothusa Kgosi wa Bakgatla, Kgosi Bana Sekai (mojeng) kwa tshimolodisong ya kago ya terata ya matlhoko a leruo ya selekanyo sa 183km kwa Mmathubudukwane bosheng. Kago eo, e tlaa wela kwa bofelong jwa metse ya Kgatleng kwa Phala Camp. Bakgatla ba kgothaditswe go tswelela ba rotloetsa tiro e ka dikoleke gore e atlege. Senepe: Mmoniemang Motsamai

Bakgatla ba ikemela ka dinao

Mmoniemang Motsamai
MMATHUBUDUKWANE

Bakgatla go ralala kgaolo ya Kgatleng ba itomile molomo wa tlase go ikemela ka dinao le go tsaya karolo mo go lwantsheng bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo. E ne ya re bosheng, banni ba ne ba kopana kwa Mmathubudukwane go simolodisa kago ya terata ya selekanyo sa 183km, e e tlaa thibelang bolwetse. Fa a bua kwa tshimolodisong eo, modulasetilo wa komiti ya kgaolo e e eteletse letsholo la terata, Rre Kedikilwe Dikgang, a bolela fa ba tswelletse ka go

kgobokanya madi le fa banni bangwe ba le maoto a tshupa. A re le ntswa tiro e tswelela, ga go ise go lekane, mme dithuso tsoatlhe di tlaa nna di fetisediwa kwa tirong eo go fitlhelela ba kgobokanya seelo se ba se ipeetseng. O ne a kopa Bakgatla le setshaba go iteka gore ba diragatse tumalano ya bone go re metse yotlhe ya kgaolo e nne le seabe mo tirong ya go aga terata ya matlhoko a leruo. Fa a tswa la gagwe, Kgosi George Thwane wa Mosomane, o boletse fa ba tshwanetse go tsaya tiro ya go kgobokanya madi le go tsenya terata ya matlhoko a leruo

ka tlhoafalo ka jaana kgomo e le yone e e tshetsang Batswana le gone go tshegetsatshe itsholelo e e tswelletseng ka go phuthama. A re gore go bo go na le dikgwedi di feta borataro go sa tlhabiwe dikgomo mo borwa jwa lefatshe leno, ke seru se segolo se se tshwanetseng sa fedisiwa. Kgosi Thwane a re e re ntswa go ne go simolodisiwa terata ya bolelele jwa 183km kwa botlhaba jwa Kgatleng, kwa bophirima gone, go tswelletse sentle le fa Kgatleng a kopanang teng le kgaolo ya GaMmangwato. Ngaka ya matlhoko a leruo wa kgaolo ya Kgatleng, Dr David Kitosi o boletse fa morafe o

tshwanetse go tswelela ka go itepatepanya le go aga terata ka jaana bolwetse bo santse bo le teng. Dr Kitosi a re le ntswa ntw a bolotse go lwantsha bolwetse, go santse go na le matlhasedi a bolwetse a a tswelletseng ka go tlhagoga mo dikgaolong dingwe bogolo jang kwa Barolong. O rotloeditse morafe go tswelela ba tlhokomela leruo, ba tlhatlhela le go emisa go tsenya nama mo kgaolong ka bokukuntshwane. Dr Kitosi o ba rotloeditse go dira dilo ka fa molaong, fa ba batla go reka nama kwa dikgaolong tse di letlelelwang go tlhaba. **BOPA**

Bakalanga revive rainmaking ceremony

Thamani Shabani
MAPOKA

On September 11 to 13, the drums will sound again in Mapoka village.

The Kalanga rainmaking ceremony, the heart of Kalanga spiritual heritage, will be revived.

It comes at a time when Botswana celebrates 60 years of Independence, under the theme: Building Resilience: Driving Prosperity, a theme elders say begins not in the office, but in the soil, songs, and people's memories.

For the elders, it is more than a dance. It is a reminder that some traditions began long before the flag was raised in 1966, and they must not die with the generation that remembers them.

"Our grandfathers did not wait for the weather report," says Kgosi Baydzi Mosondo (73) of Masukwane, one of the last women who remembers the full ceremony from her childhood.

"When the rainmakers danced, the clouds would gather. You could smell the rain on the wind before the first drop fell. The whole village would sing, because

the land was answering us," she added.

In the past, the ceremony was not entertainment but survival because when rivers ran dry, dikgosi would send messengers.

The rainmakers; men and women believed to hold the connection between the people, the ancestors and the sky, would lead days of song, prayer and dance at a sacred place.

Kgosi Mokhonto explained that this is the reason why this year's ceremony is being linked to Botswana's 60 years of independence.

"Independence is not just about politics and the economy. It is also about who we are. The Kalanga people were calling for rain here before 1966. We were feeding our people before 1966. To celebrate 60 years without our culture is to celebrate with half a heart," says Kgosi Mosondo.

If everything is done accordingly, he believes the ceremony is usually followed by heavy rains.

"We are not saying we can control the weather. We are saying we must not forget how to ask. How to respect the land and how to stand together as a community,"



The Hill where Mwali speaks from.

says Kgosi Mosondo.

The ceremony will be followed by going to the hill to ask Mwali, the rain maker, to give them rain.

The September 11 to 13 dates were set by Mwali himself to conduct the ceremony.

Organisers expect elders, youth groups, traditional leaders and visitors from across the Kalanga-speaking region and even beyond to gather in Mapoka.

There will be teaching sessions for the youth to learn the songs, storytelling to preserve the meaning, and prayers, not just for rain, but for memory.

But how did it begin, and what happened to this heritage of the Bakalanga of North East? Part of the answer lies with Ngwisiwa Ntlogwa, founder of the Tjilenje Tje Ngwao cultural group, which is working to revive Kalanga culture.

Ngwisiwa says it all started with a man called Ntlogwa, a Venda from South Africa who came to Botswana in the 1970s as a young man.

The family does not know his real first name. "He had many first names, but the only one we remember is Matchafeni," says Ngwisiwa.

He says the late Ntlogwa crossed into Botswana at Brunapege, a prominent rural town and capital of the Mangwe District in the Matabeleland south province of Zimbabwe during the time of the Ian Smith regime in Rhodesia.

Fearing for his life, he hid in a hyena hole for a day and a night before making his way to Mokgwebana, now Ramokgwebana.

He first settled on a hill behind what is now the Ramokgwebana border post. While there, a voice told him to move to another hill across the railway line, near where Ramoja Junior Secondary School now stands.

After a few months, another voice directed him to Ramokgwebana where he was welcomed by the local people.

Ngwisiwa describes Ntlogwa as a beautiful and neat young man who wore long robes.

"Because of the way he dressed, everyone thought he was a woman, and was made to share rooms with other women," says Ngwisiwa.

Over time, the women began to complain that he touched them inappropriately at night.

The men did not believe them at first, because Ntlogwa

appeared respectable and looked female. That changed when he impregnated one of the women. People wondered about the kind of person he was.

The child was named 'Funny'. In Kalanga it became Fani. The name stuck because the story seemed unbelievable. The Kalanga are known for adapting English names to their pronunciation, for example David becomes Dafi.

There is another version of the story. Mr Zenzo Mdongo of Butale, near Ramokgwebana, says Ntlogwa arrived without a name.

He also shares about him sharing a room with women because he was thought to be a woman and that when the elders confronted him he replied, "A-nto-gwa," meaning "I am not fighting." The phrase was shortened, and he became known as Ntlogwa.

Ntlogwa is said to have told the people that he was a man of God, sent to help them through Mwali, the rainmaker.

He had arrived with a few belongings but because he now had a child, Fani, he was given a residential plot near the railway line to start a family.

He was a hosona dancer, not a hosana. When he danced for rain he wore skirts, which surprised people and drew large crowds.

As he danced he placed a small container beside him, and people would drop in coins, 'masolombana' or coins in Kalanga, until it was full. That is how he raised funds to expand his work.

From there, Ntlogwa traveled from village to village across North East, spreading his message of speaking to Mwali.

Whenever he arrived, he would sleep outside the village at night, report to the chief at the kgotla in the morning, and then sing and dance. Rain would often follow.

"People believed him because what he said was happening," says Ngwisiwa, adding that his last base was in Mmadinare.

Ntlogwa also married in several villages including Tonota.

In his later years, he said another voice told him the trains near the railway line were too noisy, and he should move.

He relocated to Mbalambi with his wives, but later relocated back to Ramokgwebana where he died.

Ngwisiwa compares Ntlogwa to ZCC leader, Bishop Banarbas Lekganyane, whom some believe that when a true man of spirit

arrives in a particular place, what follows is the rain.

But time moved on. Droughts, boreholes and modern farming pushed the ceremony to the margins. The elders passed on without teaching the young. The songs were never written down. The dances were never taught in school.

Ngwisiwa is of the believe that with family disputes over the rightful heir to the throne, Mwali ended up withdrawing.

"That is why ceremonies like the one coming to Mapoka are now practical events and have no impact, they cannot bring rain like before," says Ngwisiwa adding that it is a concern to the Ntlogwa family that their grandfather's culture died a natural death because of disputes over leadership.

Today, only Robert Ntlogwa, son of Vumbu, remains as caretaker, but the knowledge has not been passed on.

However, Kgosi Ngocha Habangana of Mapoka shares a different view. "It did not die a natural death. Today's children know WhatsApp, they do not know the Kalanga steps. If we do not do this now, in 10 years there will be no one left who remembers how," he says.

Kgosi Habangana says the rainmaking ceremony will also be marked by the official declaration of the ploughing season.

When declaring the commencement of 2026/2027 ploughing season, Kgosi Habangana said he will broadcast seeds onto the ground and Hosana traditional dancers will then dance on that space and work the seeds into the earth.

This will be followed by ceremonial dances at a chosen Nzese tree, the site chosen for the rainmaking rituals. The proceedings will continue daily until September 13, when he will officially disperse the gathering.

The ceremony will be held at Nzeze, a site discovered by Ntlogwa after being directed by Mwali. Nzeze is a Kalanga name for Moseitlha tree in Setswana.

The tree has been there for centuries and what is surprising is that it dries on one side and comes alive on the other side, but survives all conditions. "It never dies, whatever happens to it. It is the only protected tree for its purpose," he added. **BOPA**



Kgosi Habangana standing next to the Nzeze tree where the ceremony is usually held. Photos: Thamani Shabani



Late Veteran broadcaster Phillip “Mokgankgara” Moshotle

Thamani Shabani
& Esther Mmolai
MATSILOJE

The voice that once woke up the nation every morning on Radio Botswana belongs to this quiet village. Veteran broadcaster Mr Phillip Moshotle, popularly known as “Mokgankgara”, was born and raised in Kubung ward, Matsiloje.

Three Fridays back on August 14, Radio Botswana took to the airwaves in Matsiloje in celebration of the radio station’s 60th anniversary and as part of preparations for this year Independence Day celebrations, and for a few hours the village felt like the centre of the nation’s living room.

For decades Batswana tuned to their beloved radio station, which they christened *RB*, just to hear “Mokgankgara”. With a deep, warm and commanding voice, he had a way of making listeners feel he was speaking directly to them in their homes. He mixed news, greetings and music with humour and authority, and many grew to love *Radio Botswana* because of him.

“He made radio feel like family,” said one elder who attended the broadcast. “When Mokgankgara spoke, you listened. He gave *RB* a soul.”

For the Matsiloje live broadcast, villagers gathered in numbers to witness the rare occasion. *RBI* presenters engaged the community on culture, history and national pride ahead of the upcoming independence celebrations. Presenters of the day, Ms Georginah Selome and Ms Kgalalelo Osenkeng brought Mokgankgara back to life by playing some of his most loved songs, including those from the Mbaqanga genre.

The duo also played the liberation song *Take Cover*, a track the late Mokgankgara would often use during good moods; a reminder of the Zimbabwean liberation struggle.

He was also known for his signature gospel song *Ke moeti ke le tseleng*, a song that speaks to the momentary nature of life.

The villagers could not have enough of the two presenters’ work. Their skill behind the microphone did not only evoke

joy, it reminded the locals of their own son in his prime. His younger brother, Mr Thebe Moshotle, vividly remembers the day Mokgankgara first came live on *Radio Botswana* on Christmas Day with his overnight programme, *Rakoto le a kgwethla*.

That night, many villagers were surprised to hear the voice of a man who had left home to work as a messenger at Radio Botswana.

“They wondered how he had switched poles,” Mr Moshotle said.

That one night on air was the beginning of Mokgankgara’s heart-to-heart relationship with the listenership of Radio Botswana. He became the nation’s source of joy, cementing himself as one of the best presenters the radio station ever had.

According to Mr Moshotle, the late Mokgankgara, who died in 1995 at the age of 49, brought joy not only to the family, but to Matsiloje and Botswana as a whole.

At home he was a simple man who liked spending nights with friends, and perhaps that is why the overnight slot suited him so well. Surprisingly, Mokgankgara had been a quiet boy in his early years, and today the family still wonders where he got the skill to attract and enchant listeners and repeatedly have them eating out of the palm of his hand.

The late Mokgankgara’s path to the microphone was not ordinary. He finished Form 3 at Mater Spei College and started at Radio Botswana as a messenger. He left Matsiloje as a messenger and returned as a brand. He left as a quiet boy and became the voice that taught a nation how to listen.

And even in death, Phillip “Mokgankgara” Moshotle is still doing what he did best, gathering people, making them feel at home, and reminding Botswana that greatness can rise from the smallest ward in a village and then echo for generations.

The fanfare around this year’s Independence Day celebration is by no means confined to just *Radio Botswana* and the country itself. Countless Batswana are also celebrating their 60th

RB1 live broadcast takes Matsiloje down memory lane

birthdays, and the pleasure of them marching in unison with the country and its oldest radio station is indescribable.

Mr Tshireletso Monyere is one such citizen.

As *Radio Botswana* clocks 60 years on air and Botswana celebrates 60 years as an independent state, the Maun resident also counts his blessings of 60 years of existence.

He is not only grateful for his life, but is appreciative of the journey both *Radio Botswana* and the country have been through; a journey marked by great strides in growth and development.

To Mr Monyere, him and *Radio Botswana* reaching six-decade mark is testament to their lifelong companionship. He appreciates the station for keeping Batswana abreast with current affairs, and often reminding them of how far they have come as a nation by keeping the nation’s history alive through its programmes.

Seasoned presenters whom the station has produced over time such the late Mr Moshotle, Messrs Michael Kaote and Mogatusi Kwapa grew to become household names and Mr Monyere particularly credits them for having constantly strived to bring history to life for a new generation of listeners.

Mr Monyere deeply enjoys *Dipina le Maboko*, a programme that renowned presenter, Mr Kwapa presented with great flair.

Featuring indigenous folk songs and spoken word poetry from various communities across the country, he feels the programme helps communities to understand their place in the world and appreciate the diversity of the people who make up the rich tapestry of the nation.

“As the radio station commemorates this significant milestone, it is not only celebrating six decades of broadcasting but also reaffirms its commitment to preserving and honouring its rich legacy,” he said.

He wishes for *Radio Botswana* to continue with its rich broadcasting legacy of connecting communities, sharing local stories, playing good music and becoming an archive of local history. **BOPA**



Radio enthusiast, Rre Direlang and Philip Moshotle’s brother, Thebe Moshotle at Radio Botswana’s 60th radio talk celebration show in Matsiloje. Moshotle said he remembered his brother, Mokgankgara as someone who had two personalities, one as soft-spoken at home and very charismatic persona behind the mic. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

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Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000304-26**

IN THE ESTATES of the **Late BADIRETSWENG S. LEEPILE** who died at Basimane Ward, Pilikwe, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana.

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 thereof.

DATED at on this Day of 2026

The Executrix Dative P.O. Box 124, Pilikwe	Judith Leepile Cell: 74492488
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DATED at Mahalapye on this 01st Day of September 2026.
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WANTED: SOMEONE TO look after small livestock both goats and sheep at Mogagabe lands in the South East District. He must be reliable and know how to look after livestock. Monthly payment will be P1500.00 pm. Good accommodation with electricity available. Contact 74403191 or 72751292

EXPERIENCED HORTICULTURE FARM worker needed. Apply: Motlogelwa Ratsie Box 847 Kanye-73592214.

HOUSE MAIDS

MAID AVAILABLE WITH license. 77437170

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF LOT 3039, Letlhakane Phase 1 would like to change land use from single-family residential to multi-residential. For any objections, contact Letlhakane Physical Planning office on 2976388 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 4090, Mabutsane would like to change land use from single residential to commercial. For any objections, contact Mabutsane Physical Planning office on 5889432 within 14 days of this publication.

CHANGE OF LAND use. The owners of Plot 71045 wishes to inform the public about changing the land use from single family to commercial (self catering apartments). Objections can be raised within 14 days at Gaborone City Council Physical Planning office Tel: 3657400/ 3657495/ 7496.

CHANGE OF LAND use. The owners of Plot 71045 wishes to inform the public about changing the land use from single family to commercial (self catering apartments). Objections can be raised within 14 days at Gaborone City Council Physical Planning office Tel: 3657400/ 3657495/ 7496.

THE OWNER OF plot 2342, Newstance ward Tatisiding wants to change plot use from single family to multi-residential use. Any objections may be forwarded to North East Council Physcial Planning Office or contact 2482119

I OWNER OF plot 81526, Gaborone North wish to construct a boundary wall. Neighbours objections contact Gaborone city council physical planning 3657571

I, BOIKOBO GAOLEBALWE, owner of Plot No. 12697 in Disaneng Ward, Maun, intend to change the land use from residential to multi-residential, if you have any objections, please contact me at +267 77800880 or contact Maun Physical Planning office within 14 working days of this publication.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's reference: ESHGB-000305/25

IN THE ESTATE of the late **PETER BAKWENA GOPANE** who died at Jwaneng Mine Hospital, Jwaneng District, Republic of Botswana on the **4th March 2025.**

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

DATED at Gaborone on this **24th Day of August 2026.**

Executor Dative Motseothata Gopane
ID NO. 509 912 806
P O Box 374 Gaborone
Cell: 71549047

EXPERIENCED HORTICULTURE FARM workers needed. Apply- Green Globe, Box 40206, Gaborone.

FARM WORKER WANTED Olive Mountain Piggery,Gamalete District. P.O.Box 322 Lobatse.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of The High Court at **Francistown High Court** on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for the purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
ANGELINA MASOLE & SAMUEL MOATHODI	ESHFT-000801-26	24-11-2026	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 01TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

Futprints Group (PTY) LTD

VACANCY: CHINESE COOKER

Date: 31 August 2026

Location: Maun

Futprint Group (PTY) LTD is inviting applications from suitably qualified and experienced candidates for the following position:

Vacancy:
1 Chinese Cooker- 3 years experience, Specializes in Hunan Cuisine

Closing date : 30 September 2026

How to Apply
Interested candidates should submit their applications, including a CV and copies of relevant qualifications, to:futprintsgroup.ac.bw

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KOORUTWE TUMELO & KESEBONYE KOORUTWE	ESHMY 000414-26	19.10.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 27th AUGUST 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KARABO M.KENOSI	ESHMY 000147-26	06.10.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 28TH OF AUGUST 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000107-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **BOINEELO MAUNATLALA** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone- District, Botswana on the **26TH February 2025.**

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this 10th Date of August 2026.

The Executrix Dative Obonaditse
Maunatlala P O Box 262 Mahalapye Cell: 76190129

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000368/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **LESEGO AUDREY CHINHOYI** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on **18th December2023.**

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, Gaborone for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of publication thereof.

DATED at... on the ...Day.....of...2026

Executor Dative
Farai Guy Wellington Chinhoyi
PO BOX 82122 Gaborone
CELL:74139199

FARM WORKER WANTED

Farm worker with a minimum of 5yrs experience in crop production, horticulture and poultry farming is needed to work at our farm at Ditlharapa, Barolong Tribal Area.

Must have traceable references, be physically fit, able to perform manual labour, willing to work long hours and able to work independently.

Need to have a driver's licence and must be aged above 30yrs.

Send application letter & CV to: P. O. Box 1826 info@mongana.co.bw.

Closing date: 18/09/2026

Contact:
Thato B Morule | 73 307 452

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mantsho lands Kweneng District. Contact B. Mudongo 71322648 Box 53092 Gaborone

2 FARM WORKERS NEEDED at Olifants Drift P O Box 404497 Gaborone, Galefele Mapena 71647957.

HERDBOY WANTED AT Tonota contact Tlhabologo Mmolawa 71601233 Box 434 Tonota

1 FARM WORKER wanted in Kanngwe village. Contact Boitumelo Balemoge, P/Bag 0019 Gaborone 71743241

2 FARM WORKERS wanted by Sithembile T. Kombani at Molongwana Box 502418 Gaborone and seasonal farm workers

KE BATLA FARM worker le Modisa ko Letlhakeng. Leletsa Mmapitso Nseula. Mogala 74886263

Adverts booking

365 3591

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

ESHGB 000113/16

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ISAAC MBAIWA-ESHGB 000113/16** who died at **Ntondola Lands, Nswazwi**, Central Tutume District on the **16th day of January 2016.** NOTICE IS HEREBY First and final liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the chambers of the Assistant Registrar and Master of the High Court Gaborone for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of the second publications thereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 31st Day of August 2026.

Onalenna Mbaiwa Po Box 79 ABG, Broadhurst, Gaborone	AND TO	Master of the High Court The High Court of Botswana Private Bag 00220 Gaborone
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NOVA WORKS PTY LTD

CHANGE OF LAND USE

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INFORMED THAT **NOVAWORKS PTY LTD** IS THE OWNER OF TRIBAL GRANT NO. 8609 – KO, IN THE BAKWENA TRIBAL TERRITORY ALONG A12 ROAD – MOLEPOLOLE ROAD, AND WISHES TO CHANGE THE LAND USE OF THE LOT FROM AGRICULTURE (HORTICULTURE) TO MIXED-USE AGRICULTURE. FOR ANY OBJECTIONS OR QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT MOGODITSHANE/ THAMAGA SUB DISTRICT COUNCIL PHYSICAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT. FOR ENQUIRIES, CONTACT GABORONE CITY COUNCIL, PHYSICAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHOBE NO, 3657400 WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE TOWN PLANNER: **MOBILE NO. 74512367**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THE RAMACHANDRAN GOPIKUMAR

Masters Reference – ESHGB-000551-26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, **Bindu Gopikumar**, have been appointed as the Curator Bonis of the Estate of the **Late Ramachandran Gopikumar**. All Debtors of the Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and all Creditors of the Estate to file their claims of whatever nature, with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

By the Curator Bonis
Bindu Gopikumar
gopi.bindu@gmail.com
Plot 15592, Extension 44, **Gaborone**
PO Box 3313, **Gaborone**

KITSISO YA KEREKE – ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH (LOBATSE)

Kereke ya Assemblies of God mo Lobatse e itsise banni ba Lobatse le tikologo ka thero phatlalatsa e e tla a tshwarwang kwa Maokana park kgwedi eno ya Lwetse e ferabobedi go filtha e le lesome le bongwe (08 September – 11 September 2026). Molalediwa mogolo wa tiro e ke **Moruti Mokwadi Rasedikela** wa phuthego ya Moshupa Assemblies of God.

Ditirelo di simolola ka nako ya bothlano maitseboa go filtha ka nako ya lesome mo malatsing a a beilweng ao.
Kitsiso e tla ka mokwaledi wa kereke ya Assemblies of God Lobatse Mme Katlego Sekai.

Mrs Katlego Sekai
General Secretary (75154391/71393129)

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
BOIKAEGO KGOSIEMANG	ESHFT-000649-26	14-10-2026	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
SIMON AIWEI NETSHAPALA	ESHMY 000376-26	19.10.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 27TH OF AUGUST 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

VACANCY: WELDER & RIVETER

Tshepidiso (PTY) LTD
Date: 31 August 2026

Tshepidiso (PTY) LTD is inviting applications from suitably qualified and highly experienced candidates for the following position:

Position: Welder & Riveter

- Number of Positions: 1
- Experience: Minimum 20 years of welding experience
- Qualification: Diploma in Mechatronics Technology
- Additional Requirements: Extensive practical experience in welding and riveting

Closing Date
30 September 2026
How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit their applications, including a CV and copies of relevant qualifications, to:
evochen6@tshepidiso.ac.bw

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT 000325-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Bose Makolo, ESHFT 000325-25 who died at NYANGABWE REFERRAL HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT, BOTSWANA on the 08TH day of FEBRUARY 2025.

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 01TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

GLORIA MAKOLO, EXECUTOR DATIVE, P O BOX , SEROWE, 71544515 / 76991892
AND TO: Master of the High Court, Private Bag F13, FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GASEITSIWE RADICHABA	ESHMY 000435-26	06.10.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 31ST AUGUST 2026
MASTER OF THE COURT

1. NOTICE BE AND IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance and due compliance with section 34 (1) (a) to (e) of the Tribal Land Act (as amended), that Greenam (Pty) Ltd, intends to conclude such controlled transaction with a noncitizen individual, being Sumo Electronics (Pty) Ltd, subject to payment of a consideration (purchase price) in the sum of **P280 000.00 (Two Hundred and Eighty Thousand only)** in respect to the property described below as follows:

CERTAIN	: Piece of land Being Tribal Lot No. 13678, Kanye;
SITUATE	: Tloung Ward in the Ngwaketse Tribal Territory;
MEASURING	: 35.10 x 59.89 x 39.24 x 61.78m;
AS HELD UNDER	: Customary Land Grant by resolution dated 27 th May, 2026 granted by Kanye Sub-Land-board in favour of Greenam (Pty) Ltd.

2. FURTHER NOTICE that:

- 2.1. Any Botswana citizen willing and able to conclude a similar transaction in respect to such property described above shall be given priority, notwithstanding the agreement reached by the above-named parties regarding the controlled transaction.
- 2.2. Should any such person wish to object to the proposed controlled transaction, notice of the objection with reasons thereof should be addressed to the Kanye Sub-Land Board, with copies to the undersigned party below, **within 30 days** from the date of publication hereof.

P.O. BOX 113, KANYE. CONTACT 72 842 031

Farm Worker
wanted in

Marotobolo Lands,
Kgatleng District for
poultry farming, planting
fruit trees and to do some
farm activities in the
field. Kindly contact Ellen
Mokalake on 72248553.

Please send applications to
P O Box 81658 Gaborone
Closing date 18th September
2026

WE ARE HIRING

BOHUA (Pty) Ltd is looking for suitably qualified and experienced candidates to fill the following positions:

Vacant Positions

- Foreman
- Strategic Infrastructure Specialist
- Chinese Chef

Requirements

- Minimum 5 Years Of Relevant Work Experience
- Relevant Qualifications For The Position Applied For
- Candidates Must Meet The Specific Requirements Of The Position.

Apply to : Human Resources
BOHUA (Pty) Ltd
Private Bag BR59
Broadhurst, Gaborone

Closing Date : 12 September 2026
BOHUA (Pty) Ltd
Plot 6253, Broadhurst, Gaborone

STRATEGIC PROJECT MANAGER

Seeking a Strategic Project Manager with 15+ years' experience, strong knowledge of smart metering and Point-of-Sale (POS) systems, and solid legal and regulatory experience. Proven ability to manage complex projects, contracts, compliance, stakeholders, strategic planning, business transformation, risk management, governance, and successful project delivery.

Please send CVs to edgarp@ideal.co.bw.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED intends applying for a certified copy of DEED OF TRANSFER NO. 242/2019 dated 18th day of February 2019 made in favour of FREEDOM

DIMHAIRO in respect of the following property:

CETAIN : piece of land being Lot 9302, Gaborone;
SITUATE : in the Gaborone Township Extension 23;
MEASURING: 572m2 (Five Hundred and Seventy Two Square Metres);
HELD UNDER: Deed of Transfer No. 242/2019 dated 18th day of February 2019 made in favour of FREEDOM DIMHAIRO;

MOYO LEGAL PRACTICE
PLOT 19111, PHASE 2
ARESUTALANE WAY
P O BOX AE 451 AEH
GABORONE

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 28TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference:-ESHGB 000888-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late KERENG KEWAGAMANG Who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane Kweneng, District, Botswana on the 29th April 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 Okgabile Kewagamang
P O Box 50299 GABORONE Cell: 76042093

IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF GABORONE HELD AT BROADHURST
BEFORE H/W M R KHUTO

CASE NO. CCMBR-000808-24

In the matter between:
BIKI ACE NKOLA

APPLICANT

And
MOOKETSI MOALOSI

RESPONDENT

NOTICE OF SET DOWN

Be pleased to take notice that the above quoted case has been set down for hearing (STATUS UPDATE) on the 14th day of October 2026 at 08:30 hours, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard at Broadhurst Magistrate court, room 7.

DATED AT BROADHURST THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

CLERK OF COURT
MAGISTRATE COURT
BROADHURST

TO: BIKI ACE NKOLA
APPLICANT

AND TO: MOOKETSI MOALOSI
RESPONDENT

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

High Commission of India in Gaborone invites bids for providing unarmed Local Security Guards at two premises of High Commission of India, Gaborone located at Plot No. 5375, President's Drive and at India House on Plot No. 2498, Extension 9, North Ring Road, Gaborone.

Tender notice can be downloaded (free of charges) from the High Commission of India's website <https://www.hcigaborone.gov.in> under "Media>Tenders" tab or <https://www.hcigaborone.gov.in/tenders/>

Last date for submission of bids is 21 September 2026 (Monday) till 1700 Hrs.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Therisa Ramasa	ESHMY 000251-26	14.10.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 26TH AUGUST 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

Farm Worker
wanted

Farm Worker wanted in Tlokweng to plough vegetables, plant fruit trees and to do some farm activities in an integrated farm.

Kindly contact Mrs Ramasedi on 77878840.

Please send applications to
P O Box 402304 Gaborone

Closing date
18th September 2026

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

KEIPONYE MONTSHIWA OF plot No 890 Dinokwane Ward, Serowe would like to inform my neighbours about the intention to erect a boundary wall. Any objections contact Serowe Physical Planning Department, telephone No: 4631138 within 14 days of publication.

UNITED BRANDS (PTY) Ltd owner of Plot 8722 at Oodi, wishes to change land use of their plot from single residential to multi-residential. For any clarity or objection, contact Kgatleng District Council-Physical Planning on 5777411 or owner on 72331644 within 14 days of publication.

CHANGE OF LAND USE Ngaipue Elsie Muzikiza owner of plot No. 11303 in Charles Hill intends wishes to change land use from single family residential to multi-family residential. Any objections should be forwarded to physical planning office, Charles Hill, within 14 days of the publication of this notice.

HARRIET M. MAHLOANE of Plot 11936 in the Plantation, Lobatse wishes to erect a boundary wall and therefore wishes to inform her neighbors of the following plot: 11935, 11936, 11922, For any objection contact Lobatse Town Council, Physical Planning office within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

CHANGE OF LAND use: owner of plot 2625 Moshupa, Mmasetsese ward intends to change land use from residential to multi family residential and erect a boundary wall. Any objections should be forwarded to Moshopa district council on 5447000, with 14 days of publication

I ONNEILE SETUKE, owner of a horticultural plot in Sekgwasentsho Lands Bokaa wish to change the land use from horticulture to industrial. For any queries, contact Kgatleng District Council, Physical Planning office on telephone no. 5773512, within (14) days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 11714 wishes to erect a boundary wall around his plot, Tlokweng Mothapa ward. For any objections contact Mr Milton on 71429820/ 71775626

THE OWNER OF plot 4986 Kopong intends to change the land use from commercial shops to multi family residential and construction of boundary wall. For any objection contact Kweneng District Council Physical Planning Office. Tel : 5915122 within 14 days

CHANGE OF LAND USE , OWNER for residential Plot situated at Manga ward Mmadinare wished to change land use from single family residential to commercial plot. For any objection contact Bobonong Physical Planning Office 2619274 / 2619282

OWNER OF PLOT 2040, Matebele intend to change land use from single residential to multi residential. Anyone with objections, contact Mochudi Council Physical Planning at 5777411 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

I M. CHILUME OWNER of plot 583 (1715) at Extension 4 in Palapye intend to build a double storey and boundary wall. I invite my neighbours (582, 571, 572 & 573) to view design and get clarity from Palapye District Council & Physical Planning Unit-4930800, 4930889 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of Section 8 (1) (f) of Married Persons Property Act, 2013)

1. ZIBANE PAPHANE and GOFAONE MARAPE, married in community of property on the 21st August 2020, in Tlokweng, Gaborone 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 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, Cele Lebakeng Attorneys, before the expiration of the said 3 weeks period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04th DAY OF JULY 2026

CELE LEBAKENG ATTORNEYS
Ntote House, office 4
Opposite Thapama cresta
P.O Box 11389 FRANCISTOWN

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION
THE owner of plot No. 18712 Ramotswa village at Mothubakwane ward would like to erect a double storey building. For any queries or further information please contact Gamalete District Council Physical Planning Department on telephone no (+267) 5381200 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

PROOERTIES

MOGODISTHANE: 858 SQM, along tarred. Plot for sale 71549865/ 71794974
RESIDENTIAL PLOT NO:12703 for sale at Mokgobelele/Letlhakane, meaursing 45.61X30X37.64X41.08 SQM with customary Land Grant. Price P250,000.00. Contact 71636863

VACANCIES

BATCHING PLANT TECHNICIAN, Global Infratech (Pty) Ltd is looking for 2 batching plant technicians with proven batching plant erection and commissioning experience. Requirements- Previous batching plant erection and commissioning experience. Send your CVs to: NSBINDIA@GMAIL.COM or call +267 77030100

WE ARE LOOKING for an experienced team in charge to lead a team in the erection of a rolling mill at Pula Steel. Requirements: Proven experience leading teams in rolling mill erection projects, strong leadership and team management skills, relevant rolling mill/ steel plant experience. Send your CV to: info@sherashiya.com

VACANCY: DENTAL THERAPIST. Location: Northgate Mall, plot 61750 Unit 22B. Kgalalelo Dental Clinic. Requirements: At least 2 years experience, should be registered with the Botswana Health Professional Council. Contact: 72609076/ 74297486 and 3117422. Closing date 01/03/2027. Email: kgalalelodentalclinic@outlook.com

FASHION DESIGNER,DIPLOMA in fashion designing.10 years experience. Box 511 Thamaga. 75722723. Closing date: 18/09/2026

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ADVERTS
COME TO OUR
OFFICES
IN GABORONE,
SELEBI-PHIKWE
AND
FRANCISTOWN

MISCELLANEOUS

TIROYAONE EDWARD KEBABONYE is transferring his field at Suping, Molepolole measuring 306 x 182 x 356 x 180 metres (5, 9315 Hectarer) to Jonah Chimedza

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)
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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KERILENG MOSWETSI	ESHMY 000521-26	05.10.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 01ST SEPTEMBER 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference: ESHMY 000248-26
IN THE ESTATES of the late **MANTSWE PHUDUHUDU** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 1st September 2025.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication thereof.
DATED at Mahalapye on this 1st Day of September 2026

The executrix dative
Nlingi Phuduhudu
P. O. Box 3830 **Serowe** Cell: 71136078

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 on the date and time specified below 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 the deceased relative.

Estate Number	ESHMN-000099-26	Meeting Date of meeting	24-11-26 at 10:30HRS
Name of deceased Person.	Estate Number.	Date of Meeting	Time
Daniel Tshabo & Ikalaheng Tshabo	ESHMN-000099-26.	24-11-26	10:30HRS

DATED AT MAUN THIS 24 DAY OF August..... 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Name of Deceased Person:	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MOGAKOLODI OLOPENG THOBOSI	ESHMY 000523-26	05.10.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 01ST SEPTEMBER 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]
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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GOITSEONE MATHODI	ESHMY 000235-26	13.10.26	0900HRS	SARM

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ESHFT 000762-24
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN THE ESTATE of the late **MATSHWENE BOSHOMANE, ESHFT 000762-24** who died at **MOGAPI WARD, BOBONONG PRIMARY HOSPITAL DISTRICT ON THE 08 day of JULY 2012.**
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.
DATED AT SELIBE PHIKWE 1st DAY of SEPTEMBER 2026
ERNEST MOSHOMANE, Executor Dative, P.O. Box 216, Tsetsebjwe
AND To: Master of High Court, Private Bag F13, Francistown

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000361/25

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **POLOKO FELIX MOTOANE** who died at Moneko Ward, Seolwane, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on **10th March 2025**.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026

Executor Dative
Russil Gaolefufa Motoane
P O Box 574
LETLHAKENG
CELL: 77518596

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE

MOLEFE KHOMBANE
- ESHGB-000760

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of the Estates Act {Cap 31:01} the heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased persons specified above hereby invited to attend a Next of Kin meeting on **26th day of October 2026 at 1030 hours** at the before - **B. P. Kemorwale**. At the Master's Office, Gaborone High Court Building.

At the respective meeting, the next of kin meeting are to recommend person(s) to be appointed as Executor(s) /Executrices Dative, identify beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to the estate of their deceased relative.

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000326/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **Victor Motshoge & Kakanyo Rancholo** who died at Princess Marina Hospital & Plot 35818, Block 8, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on **14th June 2020 & 10th January 2018** respectively.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026

Executrix Dative Phemelo Rancholo
P O Box 231 **MOGODITSHANE**
CELL: 74468307

Executor Dative Obakeng Motshoge
P O Box 321 **MOGODITSHANE**
CELL: 72969197

H/W SETSHEGETSO

IN THE MAGISTRATES COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT BROADHURST
CASE NO: CCMBR – 000633 – 25

In the matter between:

EDITH LEBURU

and

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ONKARABILE PHUTHEGO

PLAINTIFF

1ST DEFENDANT

2ND DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO: ONKARABILE PHUTHEGO, an adult male of full legal capacity whose last known address is Kopong, Botshabelo Ward, otherwise further and better particulars are to the Plaintiff unknown.

TAKE NOTICE THAT a summons has been issued against you in this court by the Plaintiff whose address for service is c/o Otto Itumeleng Law Chambers, Unit 2A, Zhong Gan Building, Block 3 Industrial, P. O Box 46291, Gaborone for the following claims:

- a) Payment in the sum of **P37 198.20**;
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And that an order has been made that the publication of notice of such summons shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the summons on you. You are required to enter an appearance to the summons within 21 days of publication of this notice, and, if you do not do so, judgement may be given against you in your absence.

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 27th DAY OF JULY 2026.
CLERK OF COURT

OTTO ITUMELENG Law Chambers - Plaintiff's Attorneys
Zhong Gan Building, Block 3 Industrial, Plot 20607, Unit 2
PO Box 46291 GABORONE **CELL: (+267) 318 7699**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000248-26

IN THE ESTATES of the late **MANTSWE PHUDUHUDU** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 1st September 2025.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication thereof. DATED at Mahalapye on this 1st Day of September 2026

The executrix dative
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Youth seek to transform vocational education image

WINDHOEK - In a workshop in Ongwediva, northern Namibia, fabric rustles as Wilhemina Amadhila measures, cuts and stitches material. “Each stitch comes together to form a stunning outfit,” said the 22-year-old trainee at the state-run Valombola Vocational Training Centre.

Her work brings her closer to representing Namibia at the upcoming WorldSkills Competition in Shanghai, China, scheduled from September 22 to 27. Since starting vocational training in 2023, Amadhila has learned fashion design, cutting, sewing and quality control.

“Every piece I create has the potential to transform lives,” she told Xinhua in a recent interview. “The technical skills empowered me to build something valuable and contribute to my community.”

Her performance at Namibia’s 2025 National Skills Competition earned her a place in the country’s 17-member delegation to the 48th WorldSkills Competition. Selected from more than 180 contestants, the team will compete in 16 categories.

Preparing for fashion technology, Amadhila is sharpening her precision, speed and ability to work under pressure. The journey, she said, has also taught her problem-solving and confidence.

Her path from a local workshop to an international arena is shared by other young Namibians. At the Namibia University of Science and Technology’s Hotel School in Windhoek, hospitality trainee Sakeus Lifo, 22, channels his creativity into culinary arts.

As he prepared a pear-and-wine-inspired dessert, he joked, “The chef is practising to compete at the highest level in Shanghai.”

Initially unsure about his career, Lifo found a passion for hospitality after enrolling at Nakayale Vocational Training Centre in 2023.

Training at Etosha Safari Lodge this year also introduced him to professional kitchen equipment and food preparation. In Shanghai, he hopes to showcase his culinary skills and learn from international peers.

Electrical installation trainee Abel Ashimbanga sees a similar opportunity. Inspired by his father, Ashimbanga enjoys automating electrical devices and is training at Namibia’s national power utility, NamPower.

He hopes to use his skills to provide safe and reliable power solutions. Although they work in different fields, the competitors share an ambition to test themselves at a high level and return home with new knowledge.

For them, WorldSkills is more than a contest for medals. It provides a platform to measure their abilities against international standards, exchange techniques and learn about new technologies and working methods.

Ashimbanga hopes to bring home practices that could improve vocational training, while Amadhila wants to challenge perceptions of vocational education. “Many people believe that vocational training is for those who cannot succeed academically.

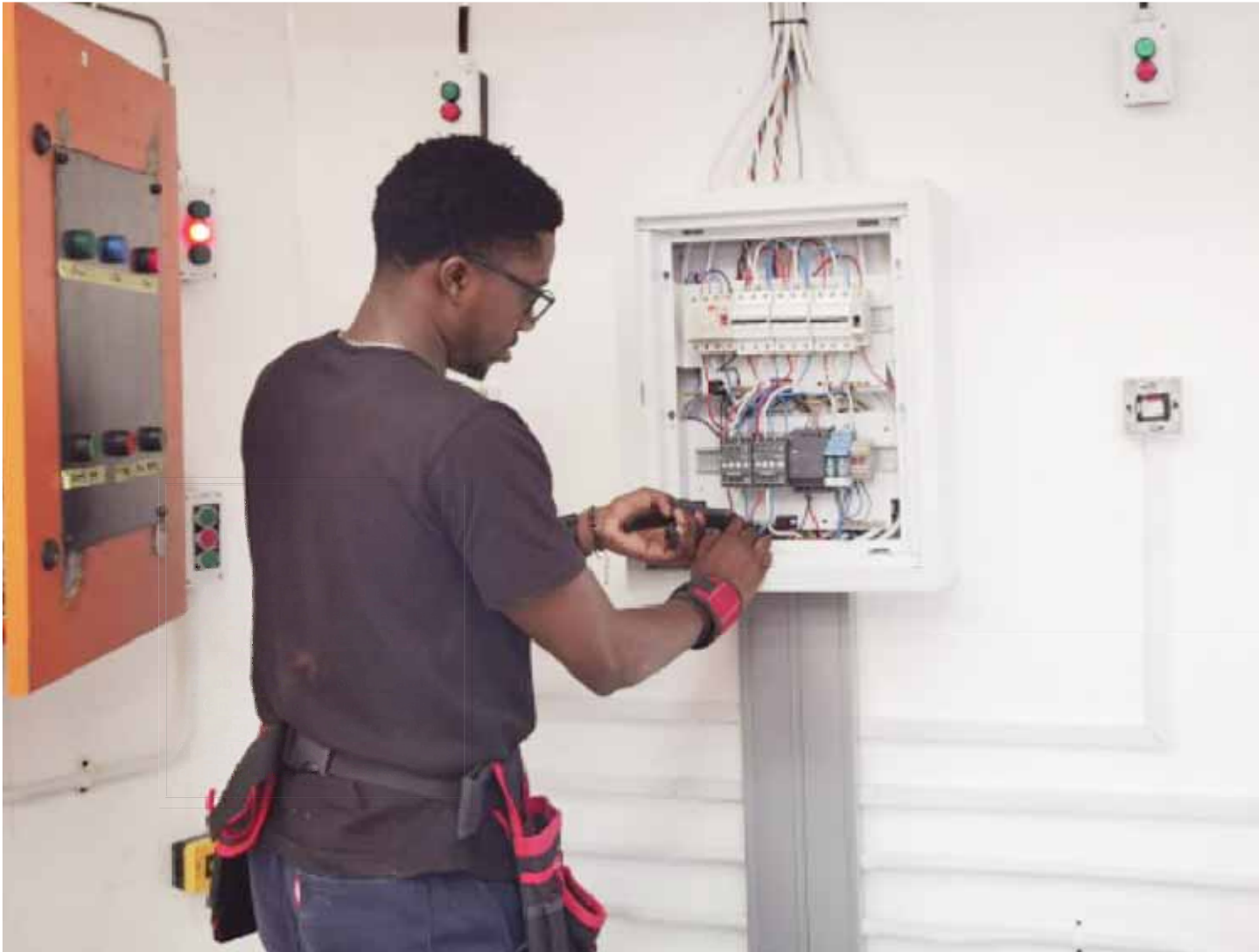
“We must demonstrate that technical skills require intelligence, creativity and discipline,” she said. Beyond competition, the event offers participants a chance to broaden their horizons through exchanges with young professionals from different backgrounds.

Citing China’s expertise in manufacturing and skills development, Amadhila said it could also strengthen China-Namibia cooperation in technical and vocational education and training.

Risto Kapenda, a bricklaying and plastering trainer at Eenhana Vocational Training Centre, said the contestants pursue personal success while seeking to uplift their communities and reshape perceptions of vocational education.

The benefits extend beyond the competitors. Namibia, a full WorldSkills member since 2015, also uses the event to assess its vocational training system against international benchmarks. Namibia Training Authority CEO Erick Nenghwanya said this helps the country compare its artisans with peers from over 70 countries and promote skilled trades.

Back in the workshop, Amadhila continues to guide fabric beneath her sewing machine. For her and her teammates, Shanghai will be more than a place to compete, serving as a global classroom where they can test their skills, learn from their peers and bring new ideas home. *Xinhua*



WINDHOEK - Abel Ashimbanga during a training session at the training centre of state-owned power utility NamPower in Namibia. Photo: Xinhua

Britain launches US\$13.5 million hospitality support scheme

LONDON - Britain has launched a £10 million (US\$13.5 million) three-year hospitality grant scheme to support qualified firms in the sector, a statement from the government’s official website showed Wednesday.

Recognising the vital role hospitality plays in supporting local economies and communities across the country, the grant scheme is aimed at boosting the businesses of village pubs, family-run restaurants and neighborhood cafes, said the statement.

The fund will be invested into projects that help get new hospitality ventures off the ground, bring vacant premises back into use, or support training programmes that help people develop the skills, confidence and work ethic to open doors to future careers, it said.

The scheme comes as part of the government’s commitment to promoting economic growth across the country and enabling more communities to benefit from it.

It follows on from the announcement in late July that pubs, clubs and live music venues are set to receive a 20-per cent cut to their business rates bills from April 2027, saving a typical pub around US\$1,350 next year. *Xinhua*

Public Notice/
Kitsiso Ya Sechaba

03 September 2026

NOTICE OF CONSENT

CONSTRUCTION OF SOWA WATER SUPPLY UPGRADE
SCHEME, TENDER NO. WUC 007 (2023)

The Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) is in the process of upgrading the Sowa Water Supply System to better serve its esteemed customers. Part of the project involves improvement and enhancement of the Dukwi Water Treatment Plant.

In this regard, WUC intends to construct a junction from the Francistown – Nata Road (A3) leading to the Dukwi Treatment Plant. The proposed junction will be located about 7.1 km on the right-hand side from the Dukwi Animal Control (Veterinary Gate) as one drives towards Nata and about 2.5km from the turn off to Sowa Town.

Should anyone have any objections to the construction of the proposed junction, please submit such objections in writing to the following:

The Project Manager
Sowa Water Supply Upgrade Scheme
Private Bag 00276,
Gaborone
Email: kmothoka@wuc.bw
Tel: 73 555 034

All submissions to be received not later than 16th September 2026

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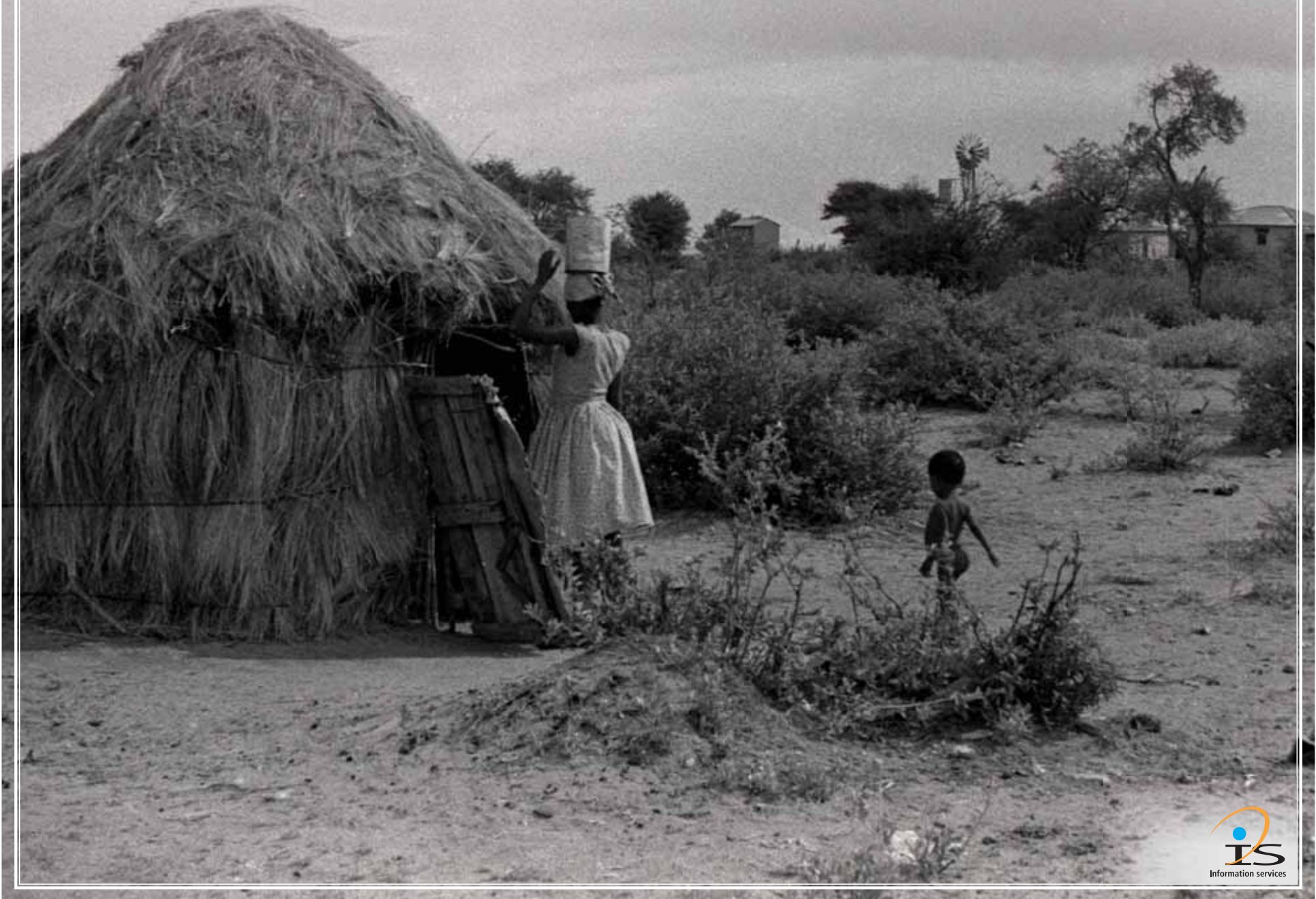


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Thomas takes Botswana diamond story to Miss World

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

Adorned in a striking Delayna Scott ensemble sprinkled with pearls and 60 natural Botswana diamonds, each marking a year of the nation’s independence, Ruth Thomas is taking a piece of home to the Miss World finale in Vietnam tomorrow.

Yet beyond the shimmer of her Diamond Jubilee gown lies the ultimate test, will 60 diamonds prove enough to propel the 24-year-old queen to victory?

Botswana is no stranger to placing its diamond heritage in the international spotlight. Former queens, Lesego Chombo and Anicia Gaothusi, previously showcased the country’s rich gem heritage on the Miss World stage. Chombo wore a breathtaking 110-carat diamond necklace at the 71st dition in Mumbai, India while Gaothusi dazzled audiences with a 190-carat jewellery ensemble.

This time, however, the strategy focuses on symbolic depth rather than raw carat weight, 60 stones for 60 years of independence.

According to Miss Botswana director, Ben Raletsatsi, the natural diamonds are relatively small and scattered across the gown as delicate embellishments, unlike the more pronounced statement pieces worn by her predecessors. Coupled with intricate pearl detailing, the gown tells a subtle yet powerful story interwoven with Botswana’s history.

However, winning the coveted

crown will require more than a show-stopping dress. Thomas faces a challenging field after missing out on early victories across the fast-track events, which included Beauty With A Purpose, Head-to-Head, Sports, Cooking, Top Model, Multimedia and People’s Choice.

A win in any of these challenges guarantees contestants an automatic spot in both the quarter-finals (Top 40) and the Top 12. The People’s Choice Award, which closes today, offers a vital glimmer of hope. After previously holding fourth place on the African leader board, Thomas has slipped to sixth in recent days.

A late surge in voting before the deadline could deliver the boost she needs to skip the selection queue and secure a guaranteed spot in the top tier. Should she miss out on the People’s Choice slot, Thomas will have to rely on her overall performance score. Fortunately, consistency plays a significant role in the judges’ evaluation and the 24-year-old has already earned valuable points by securing a Top 2 finish in the Cooking Challenge and a Top 6 placing in the Top Model Challenge within Africa.

With her solid track record across sub-challenges, her chances of being selected by the judging panel to fill the remaining Top 40 slots remain strong. But as the countdown to tomorrow’s grand finale in Vietnam comes to an end, all eyes will be on whether her historic 60-diamond gown and her steady performance, can carry Botswana all the way. **BOPA**



Ruth Thomas

Mophato transforms town hall into realm of pure magic

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

The Gaborone City Council Town Hall stage transformed into a realm of pure magic Wednesday at the premiere of Mophato Dance Theatre’s highly anticipated four-day production, CHABA.

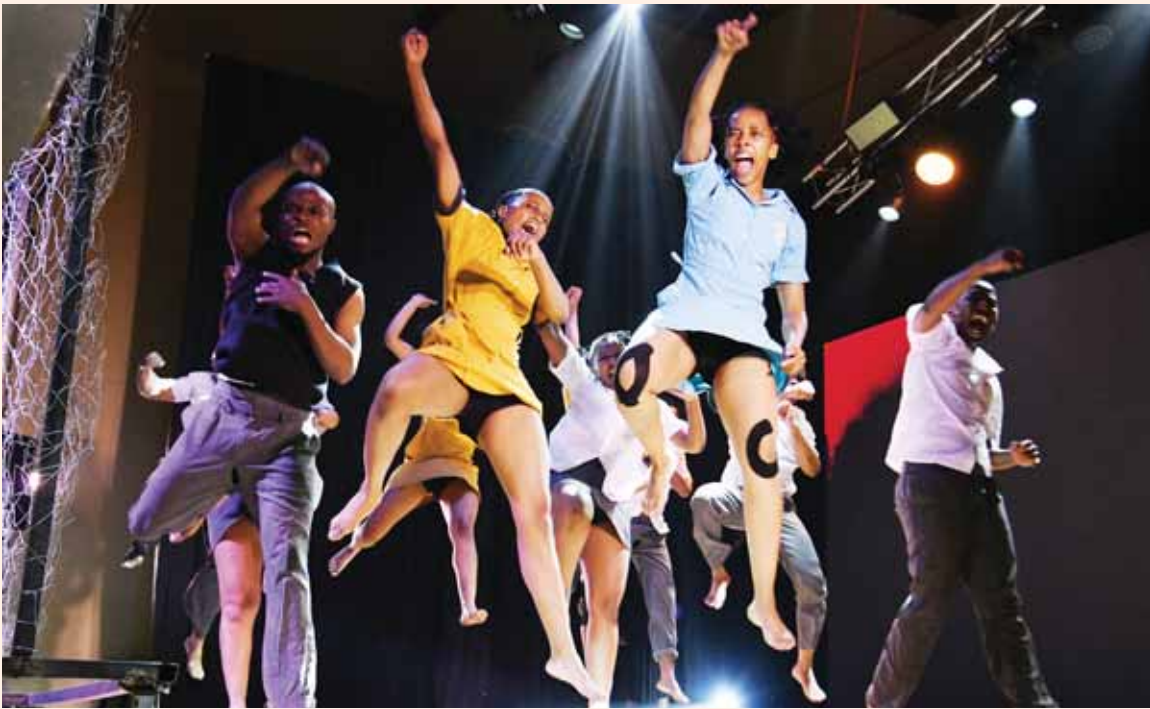
The CHABA performance, blessed with the attendance of Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe, was not merely a play, but a beautifully orchestrated theatrical journey that left the opening-night audience awestruck and emotionally invested from the first cue to the final curtain.

Gaolathe acknowledged the group’s contribution to enhancing contemporary performances and underscored the vitality of dance as a medium of remembrance and expression. He said the message of CHABA celebrates preservation, development, and economic potential of the country’s cultural heritage. Fans of Mophato Dance Theatre would have recognised theatrical dance snippets of Inyaya, Borwa, Teemane, and Pula woven

into a collage production to create CHABA.

A masterpiece of narration and pace, directed by Andrew Kola and Kalima “Lima” Mipata, CHABA compresses 15 years of dance by Mophato Dance Theatre while telling 60 years of Botswana’s story.

The set used for the entire production transformed through different lighting effects, with the backdrop changing alongside the themes of the dance, signifying the transformational development of Botswana from 1966 to the present day. The set visuals helped bring ‘vivid’ colour and energy to the Town Hall stage. When the lights went off for a showstopper by director Kola, the once-deserted stage became a spectacular location for Kola to emerge from. Kola closed the show with a spiritual solo rainmaking performance and unleashed his passion for the craft. CHABA continued its run at the Gaborone City Council Town Hall yesterday, with tomorrow, marking the final performance of the four-day play. **BOPA**



Gaborone City Council Town Hall stage transformed into a realm of pure magic, Wednesday at the premiere of Mophato Dance Theatre’s production, CHABA. Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe who attended the premiere commended the group for its contribution to contemporary performance and said dance remained a vital medium of remembrance and expression. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Dithubaruba Cultural Festival tomorrow

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Dithubaruba Cultural Festival is back with multitudes expected to gather at Ntsweng heritage site in Molepolole tomorrow for the celebrations.

Over the years, the festival has grown into one of the country's premier cultural events.

Dithubaruba Festival Coordinator and Curator of the Kgosi Sechele I Museum, Power Kawina said this year's event features about 40 traditional groups, including both emerging performers and renowned cultural icons who will keep the audience entertained with 24 hours of uninterrupted cultural performances, until Sunday morning.

He said Kgosi Kgari III has invited Bakwena from other countries including those from Phokeng, Ba-ga-Moletje, Ba-ga-Mogopa, Ba-ga-Modimoosana and Ba-ga-Phalane from South Africa.

Kawina said the event organisers had also invited performing groups from South Africa.

He said Dithubaruba was without doubt an ideal and unchallenged entertainment spot for Bakwena.

The event is sponsored by ABSA Botswana, with additional support from Kalahari Breweries Limited (KBL) and the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (MVA). The festival will officially open with Dikgafela before the official opening ceremony, which will be officiated by the Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeg.

A highlight of this year's programme is a cultural competition where elders will showcase their talent in a fierce competition of borankana jwa Sekwena where the winner will receive a goat instead of a cash prize.

Kawina said this year's festival was significant as it coincided with Botswana's 60th Independence celebrations. Additionally, he said the month of September was memorable in the Bakwena history as it was time when the fought to protect the country's territorial integrity during the Battle of Dimawe in 1852.

Held under the theme: Unlocking Our Heritage, Transforming Our Destiny, he said the festival sought to demonstrate how culture could contribute to economic development and improve the livelihoods of Batswana.

"In my view the cultural festival is growing in various aspects including the attendance, attraction of investors with vested interest in the development of culture, cultural development, interest from other countries as well as the increase in partners who are sponsoring the festival and the boost of cultural tourism," he said.

Reflecting on the name Dithubaruba, Kawina said according to some oral historians, it was coined during the battle of Bakwena with other tribes.

He said Dithubaruba is also the name of a location where Bakwena fought at, also known as Dihejwane. "Some say, it was a safe place, where women, children, the elderly and the sick would harbour when enemies attacked," he said.

Tickets are priced at P75 for children, P200 for general admission and P750 for VIP access. BOPA



Culture enthusiasts are expected to gather at Ntsweng heritage site in Molepolole for the 18th edition of the annual Dithubaruba Cultural Festival, a celebration of Bakwena heritage.



Ncube turns healing journey into podcast

Lindi Morwaeng
MOLEPOLOLE

After years of carrying personal pain behind a smile, Pearl Ncube has decided to turn her healing journey into a platform where people can speak openly about similar struggles. Ncube, (40) will officially launch her podcast, *Healing with Ms Pearl*, at Aquarium Tide Hotel tomorrow.

The podcast is born out of what Ncube describes as a deeply personal journey of confronting wounds, rebuilding and learning to live beyond the pain of her past.

A native of Mathangwane, Ncube says her decision to speak publicly about healing was not because she had everything figured out, but because she became tired of carrying pain in silence.

"Life taught me that unhealed wounds don't disappear. They show up in how we love, work and lead," she says. She believes healing is a subject that needs to be brought into everyday conversations because emotional and mental struggles are often hidden behind outward appearances.

"For me, healing is wholeness. It's when your mind, heart and spirit begin to align again. It doesn't mean the pain never happened. It means it's no longer controls you," she says. Ncube's understanding of healing is rooted in her own experiences.

She survived a cardiac condition

at the age of 12 and later survived an attempted suicide at 18, following her first experience of rape. She also went through a difficult marriage which she eventually left while her children were still very young.

For a long time, she appeared to be functioning normal, working, serving others and smiling, while privately dealing with exhaustion, anger and numbness.

A turning point came when she was forced to confront a question she says changed her perspective: "Who are you when no one is watching?" "That question broke me. I realised I had been managing pain instead of healing it," she says. It was through journaling, prayer and honest self-reflection that she began what she describes as the real work of healing.

Through *Healing with Ms Pearl*, Ncube hopes to extend that conversation to others who may be going through similar experiences but unable or unwilling to speak about them.

She says signs that someone may need to begin their own healing journey can include constantly feeling tired, anxious or disconnected, reacting more strongly than a situation warrants, repeatedly experiencing the same relationship patterns or using work, food, social media or people-pleasing to numb difficult emotions. She believes the first step toward

healing is acknowledging the wound rather than pretending it does not exist.

"Name it. This hurt me. Stop pretending it didn't," she says. She encourages people to create a safe environment where they can process their experiences, whether through prayer, therapy, a trusted friend or another genuine support structure. Ncube also stresses that healing is not something people should expect to accomplish overnight.

"You don't have to heal everything today. Start with one step," she says. The podcast will explore issues including faith, mental health, relationships, forgiveness, grief, self-worth as well as healing in

business and leadership.

Ncube says she is particularly looking forward to conversations around issues that people often discuss quietly, including healing after disappointment, developing a healthier relationship with money and navigating healing as a woman or man in leadership.

She intends to feature both men and women on the platform, arguing that healing is a human issue rather than something that should be viewed exclusively as a women's concern. Beyond the podcast, Ncube plans to organise healing retreats and create safe spaces for people who may not yet be ready to publicly share their experiences.

Ncube acknowledges that healing is rarely a straight journey. She describes it as a spiral in which people sometimes revisit old wounds but with greater understanding and wisdom.

"When old pain resurfaces, I do not panic anymore. I ask, 'What is this trying to teach me now?'" she says. As she prepares to introduce the podcast to the public, Ncube hopes it will become more than a platform for conversation. She wants it to become a community where people can find practical tools, encouragement and the reassurance that they are not alone. BOPA



Pearl Ncube



TAFIC chairperson Mogomotsi Thomas (left) and PST Bet CEO, Advocate Mokoko Gaboutloeloe during handover of sponsorship in Gaborone on Wednesday. Photo: Washa Bofelwang.

TAFIC FC secures P2m sponsorship deal

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Francistown-based TAFIC Football Club (FC) has landed a major boost of P2 million sponsorship deal from PstBet Botswana, ahead of their upcoming league campaigns. The three-season partnership is designed to drive the club’s long-term sustainability and enhance its competitiveness on the pitch. Unveiled in Gaborone on Wednesday, the package includes full playing kit support covering home, away and third kits. Speaking at the launch, PstBet Botswana chief executive officer, Mokoko Gaboutloeloe noted that

the investment honoured TAFIC’s rich legacy and vital role in local sport development. Gaboutloeloe paid tribute to the club’s founding in 1959 and the past legends who shaped the iconic Matjimenyenga brand. He also highlighted an alignment between the two organisations, pointing to TAFIC’s core philosophy, “Ndipe ndi kupe” (give me and I will give you) and PstBet’s motto, “You play, we pay.” TAFIC chairperson, Mogomotsi Thomas expressed gratitude, emphasising the weight of the deal for a club that had maintained its relevance for over six decades. Thomas noted Francistown’s

strategic position as the gateway to northern Botswana, where TAFIC continued to enjoy a loyal fanbase. He added that the partnership extended far beyond the field, pointing to football’s broader economic footprint in creating local business opportunities and jobs for the Francistown community. Both organisations stressed that the agreement was beyond traditional advertising as it represented shared commitment to building a competitive future. As TAFIC approaches its 70th anniversary, PstBet confirmed its intention to stand by the club as it embarked on the next chapter. **BOPA**

Zimbabwe hosts anti-corruption games

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Zimbabwe will host the 2026 Southern African Development Community (SADC) Anti-Corruption Expo and Games in Victoria Falls from September 17 to 19, bringing together more than 800 anti-corruption practitioners from eight SADC member states. The Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission (ZACC), in a statement on Wednesday, said the event, to be officially opened by Vice President Kembo Mohadi on September 17, will be held under the theme “Scaling Up Integrity Actions Across SADC.” According to ZACC, the three-day programme will combine anti-corruption advocacy, cultural activities, sport and knowledge-sharing, with the games featuring men’s and women’s volleyball, soccer and netball. ZACC said the sporting activities were intended to strengthen cooperation among anti-corruption practitioners, while the exhibition would provide a platform for member states to showcase and exchange innovative approaches to combating corruption. “The games are designed to foster camaraderie, networking and team spirit among anti-

corruption practitioners,” ZACC said. The event will be preceded by an anti-corruption procession to raise awareness of the SADC Protocol Against Corruption and demonstrate regional cohesion. ZACC said the exhibition and games would also leave a lasting legacy in Victoria Falls, following collaboration with the Victoria Falls Municipality and other stakeholders to construct two netball and two volleyball courts at Chinotimba Stadium. The infrastructure development will transform the stadium into a multi-disciplinary sporting facility and provide a long-term community asset for Victoria Falls and Matabeleland North. ZACC said hosting the event demonstrated the country’s commitment to the SADC Protocol Against Corruption, as well as continental and global anti-corruption frameworks, including the AU Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption and the UN Convention Against Corruption. Zimbabwe will enter the event as one of the previous year’s top performers, having won the best exhibitor award and three silver medals in netball and volleyball at the 2025 games held in Swakopmund, Namibia. **New Ziana**

Ogaketse ready to face Mboyiya for IBO title

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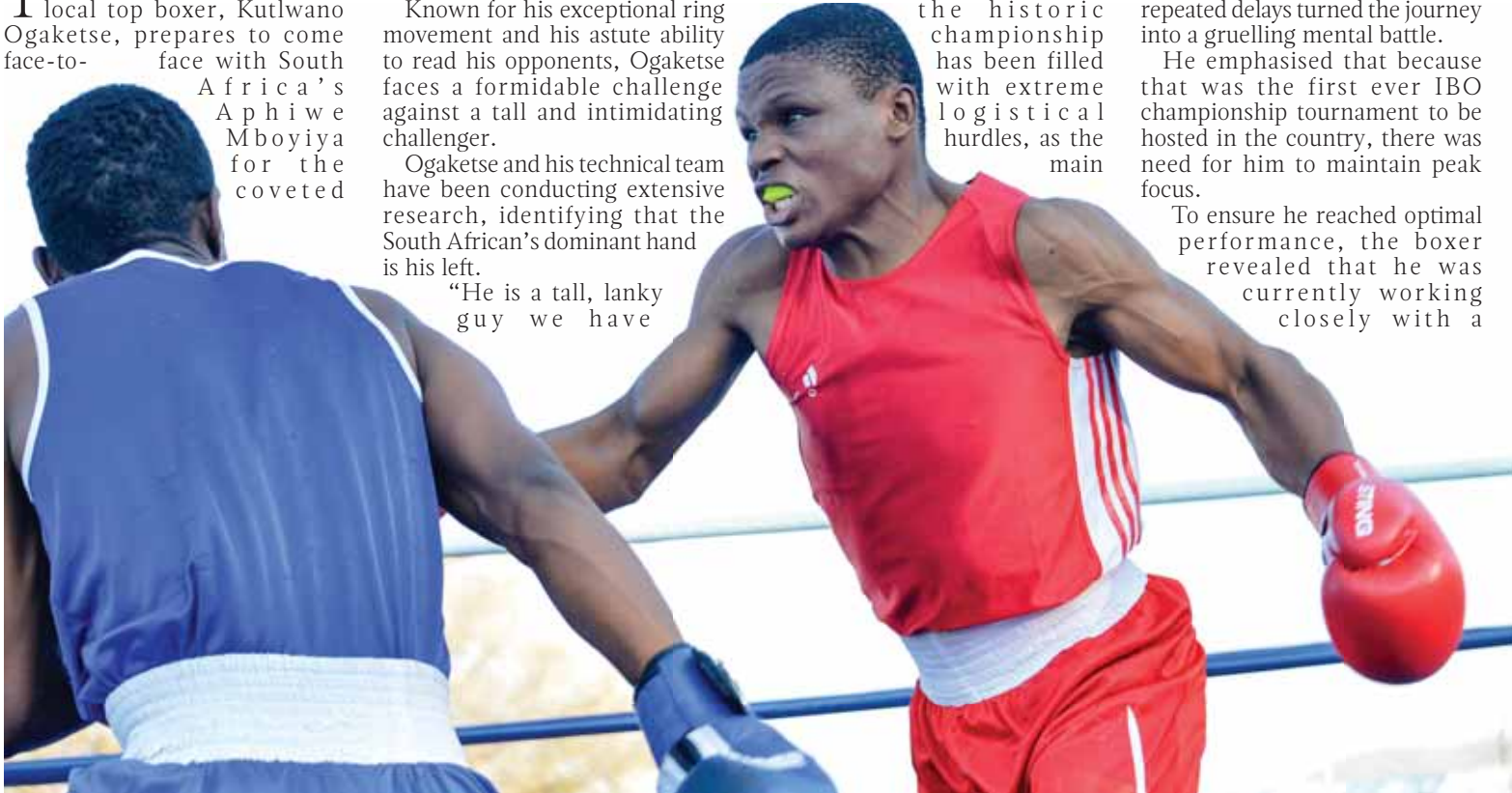
The battle lines are drawn as local top boxer, Kutlwano Ogaketse, prepares to come face-to-face with South Africa’s Aphiwe Mboyiya for the coveted

International Boxing Organisation (IBO) All Africa Championship title belt in Gaborone on September 18. Known for his exceptional ring movement and his astute ability to read his opponents, Ogaketse faces a formidable challenge against a tall and intimidating challenger. Ogaketse and his technical team have been conducting extensive research, identifying that the South African’s dominant hand is his left. “He is a tall, lanky guy we have

watched his tapes, so we should be in tip-top shape and be ready for him,” Ogaketse stated. The road to the historic championship has been filled with extreme logistical hurdles, as the main

event was originally scheduled for May 18 before being postponed to May 29, only to be deferred again. Ogaketse admitted that the repeated delays turned the journey into a gruelling mental battle. He emphasised that because that was the first ever IBO championship tournament to be hosted in the country, there was need for him to maintain peak focus. To ensure he reached optimal performance, the boxer revealed that he was currently working closely with a

strength and conditioning specialist to maintain peak physical fitness ahead of the big date. Beyond the tactical and physical training, Ogaketse acknowledged the daunting task of making weight ahead of the official pre-fight weigh-in card. He said that shedding the final pounds was often the most gruelling part of a fighter’s camp, stating that losing weight was more painful than stepping inside the ring and getting a punch on the face. Meanwhile, the local pugilist must strictly tip the scales at the junior welterweight limit of 63.5 kilograms on fight night to guarantee the championship bout proceeds. **BOPA**



Local top boxer, Kutlwano Ogaketse (right) will come face-to-face with South Africa's Aphiwe Mboyiya for the coveted International Boxing Organisation All Africa Championship title belt in Gaborone on September 18.



Mmusi Matthews (left) powered through the water in the 50-metre breaststroke, locking in an elite time of 29.44 seconds to deliver Botswana's second gold during the XXII Africa Aquatics Zone IV Swimming Championships in Gaborone on Wednesday. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

Botswana starts strong with six medals haul

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Team Botswana started the Africa Aquatics Zone IV Swimming Championships on a high note winning six medals on day one of the competition on Wednesday.

Fueled by passionate local support, the team, captured two gold, three silver and one bronze to signal their fierce intent on the regional stage.

The two gold medals were won by Melodi Saleshando and Mmusi Matthews. Competing in the girls' 15-16 age group, Saleshando put on a technical clinic in the 50-metre breaststroke, leaving her rivals in her wake to touch the wall in a 34.63 seconds

Moments later, the momentum surged in the boys' 17 and over category as Matthews powered through the water in the 50-metre breaststroke, locking in an elite time of 29.44 seconds

to deliver Botswana's second golden moment of the night.

The local contingent further cemented their dominance in the pool by racking up a trio of impressive silver medals.

Saleshando returned to the water to claim her second podium of the day, securing silver in the girls' 15-16 100-metre backstroke after clocking 1:09.53. In the boys' 17 and over 50-metre breaststroke, the fierce competition saw Kalil Sethi push hard to capture silver with a time of 31.20 seconds.

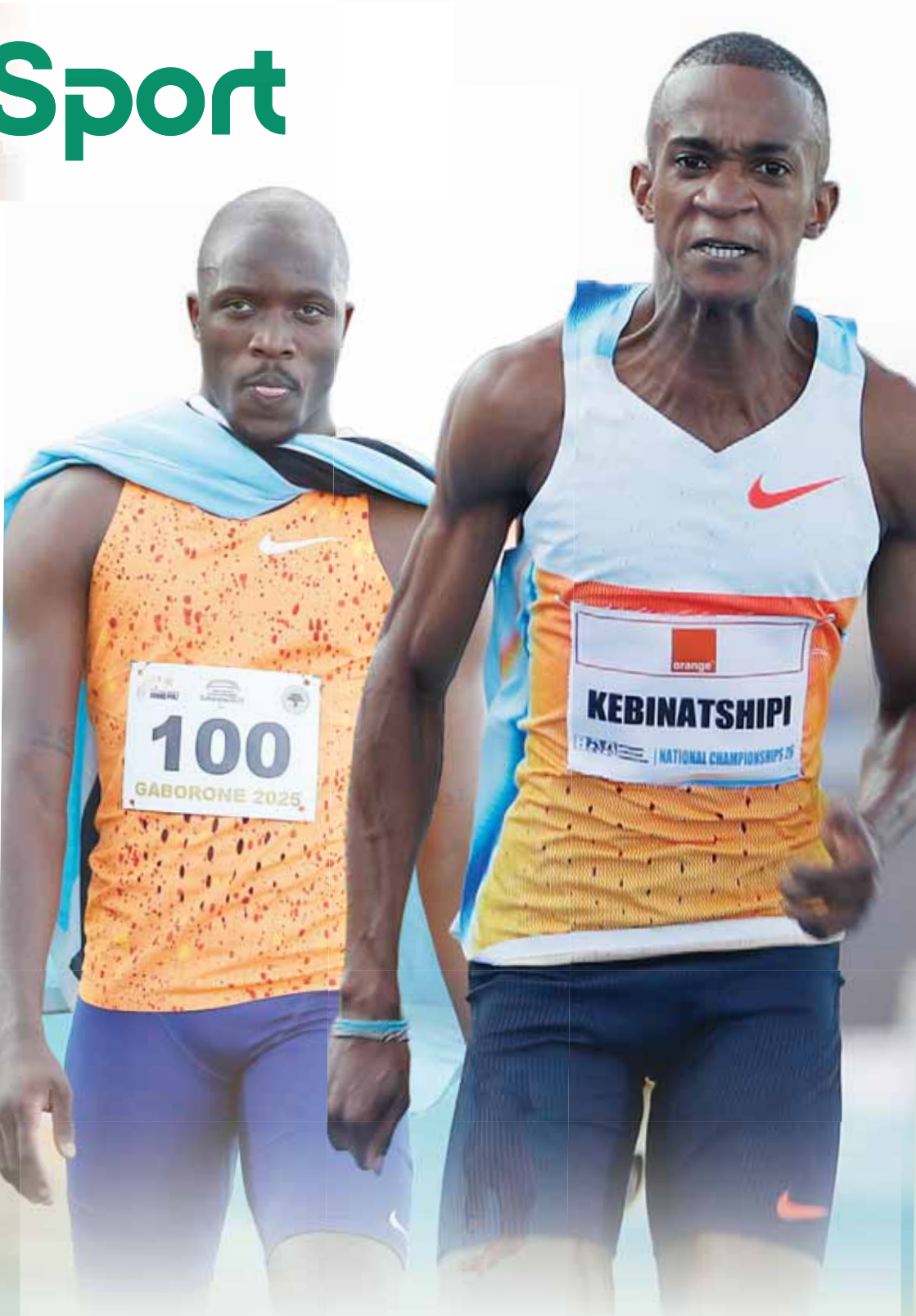
Meanwhile, distance specialist Benco van Rooyen exhibited tremendous endurance in the grueling boys' 17 and over 800-metre freestyle, stopping the clock at 9:42.91 to seal a second place finish.

The country's opening day medal haul was rounded out by Yun-Sun Chang, who competed in the girls' 17 and over 50-metre breaststroke to touch the wall with a time of 33:91 to secure a bronze medal.

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Melodi Saleshando competing in the girls' 15-16 age group, left her rivals in her wake to touch the wall in 34.63 seconds, getting first gold for Botswana during the XXII Africa Aquatics Zone IV Swimming Championships in Gaborone on Wednesday. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu



Tebogo and Kebinatshipi eye historic Diamond League trophies

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Botswana's track and field athletes face their ultimate test this weekend as they land in Belgium, aiming to bring home a historic pair of Diamond League titles.

For the duo of Olympic 200m champion Letsile Tebogo and reigning 400m world champion Collen Kebinatshipi, the Allianz Memorial Van Damme meeting represents the final peak in what has been a dominant global season.

The two-day final starts on Friday evening, with Kebinatshipi lining up as the favorite in the men's 400m.

He faces a competitive field that includes Chris Bailey, Khaleb McRae and Jacory Patterson from the United States, alongside Great Britain's Matthew Hudson-Smith, South Africa's Zakithi Nene, Trinidadian track star Jerem Richards and Belgian sprinter Daniel Segers.

Kebinatshipi's objective remains clear: to translate his season-long dominance into his very first Diamond League trophy.

Sharing an update from their training camp, his coach, Chilume Ntshwarang said that the athlete was fully prepared for the final, adding that they had successfully finalised all intended training blocks and targets.

On Saturday, the torch passes to Tebogo, who also enters his event as the favourite

to win.

Having narrowly missed out on the season crown by mere fractions of a second in past campaigns, he enters Brussels determined to banish old ghosts and claim the missing jewel in his athletic crown.

Speaking about his readiness, coach Kebonyemodisa Mosimanyane said preparations had been going well.

He noted that they had done exactly what they were supposed to do, declaring that the Olympic champion was ready for the challenge.

Tebogo will line up against American speedsters Kenneth Bednarek and Courtney Lindsey, as well as Zimbabwe's Makanakaishe Charamba.

The lineup also features South Africa's Sinesipho Dambile, Cuba's Reynier Mena, Swiss sprinter Timothé Mumenthaler and Puerto Rico national record holder José Figueroa. **BOPA**