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Mophuting in command



Outgoing commander of the Botswana Defence Force, Lt Gen. Placid Segokgo (right) handing over the sword of authority to incoming Commander, General Mpho Mophuting during the change of command ceremony at Sir Seretse Khama Barracks in Mogoditshane yesterday. Witnessing the exchange is President Advocate Duma Boko.

Photo: Phenyio Moalosi

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Ministers lay foundation for reforms

GABORONE – Attention is short. Every need feels urgent. That is Botswana currently. In this fast-paced environment, as two of President Duma Boko's key ministers

have recently shown, short-term good news can buy time for deeper reform.

The 30 per cent water tariff reduction announced by Minister of Water and Human

Settlements, Mr Onneetse Ramogapi, which took effect on April 1, 2025, offered households immediate relief.

The measure applied to domestic customers, while

government tariffs increased by 40 per cent to sustain financial balance.

At the same time, a 50 per cent water bill amnesty for domestic customers owing

more than 90 days, which ran from April to June 2025, helped many families clear their debts.

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President Advocate Duma Boko (left) with His Royal Majesty Ogiame Atuwatse III of the Warri Kingdom, Nigeria, during the courtesy call by the latter and Her Majesty Olori Atuwatse III in Gaborone on Friday. President Boko expressed appreciation to the royal couple, who are the co-founders of a two-day Elevate Africa Convening 2025Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

Warri Kingdom couple visits to deepen ties

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE - President Advocate Duma Boko has expressed appreciation to Nigeria’s royal couple of the Warri Kingdom for visiting Botswana.

His Royal Majesty Ogiame Atuwatse III and Her Majesty Olori Atuwatse III on Friday paid a courtesy call to President Boko.

The couple are the co-founders of the just-concluded two-day Elevate Africa Convening 2025, which was held in Tlokweng recently under the theme: Africa: The Next Chapter.

The visit, President Boko said, would help deepen the ties between, and amongst, all African people, as well as raise the profile of the African continent by ‘bringing us all together, strengthening our ties and our collaborations, deepening trade and indeed elevating the continent’.

“We are humbled and extremely overjoyed to have you here with us. We take it as a great gesture of appreciation of friendship and of extending brotherhood and the boundaries of collaboration. We also send, through you, our greetings and

appreciation to the people of the Warri Kingdom,” he said.

For his part, His Majesty Atuwatse said the visit to Botswana had been a beautiful experience.

“It is an honour to meet you in person. I believe the entire African continent was watching with anticipation and excitement, as you emerged victorious in the elections. Personally, I was glad as a young man to see a young face assume a position of authority on this continent, and we have been monitoring your progress so far,” he said.

This, he said, was also part of why they chose to visit Botswana and host the second convening for Elevator Africa in Botswana, adding that the maiden edition was held in Nigeria.

“We set out to go for the Southern part of the continent and then hopefully work our way back up Eastern, Northern, and go around like that. We are very glad to see that your government opened its doors to us,” he added.

His Majesty Atuwatse said they were also committed to elevating the narrative and perception of the African continent, as a way to reshape the narrative about Africa, including how it moves and trades. **BOPA**

‘Annual mammogram screening key in cancer fight’

By Mothusi Galekhutle

LETLHAKENG - Women over 40 years are urged to undergo an annual mammogram for early detection of breast cancer.

The appeal was made by the District Community Health Nurse, Ms Shirley Kejelepula during a Breast Cancer awareness campaign organised by the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture in Letlhakeng on Friday.

Ms Kejelepula also encouraged women to regularly perform breast self-examinations to identify any unusual changes, emphasising that any abnormalities should prompt them to seek medical evaluation.

She further advised the community to maintain a healthy diet and engage in regular physical exercise to reduce the risk of cancer.

Additionally, she encouraged breastfeeding mothers to breastfeed their babies for up to two years, explaining that the practice could lower the chances of developing breast cancer.

“Mothers who breastfed for a longer period had a lower risk of breast cancer,” she noted.

A community mobiliser at a stop smoking support group, Mr Tswelelo Baalotswe warned that smoking increased the risk of getting cancer and other non-communicable diseases. Mr Baalotswe explained that smokers were exposed to harmful chemicals such as butane and formaldehyde, which negatively affected all organs in the body.

He also said smoking also narrowed blood vessels, making smokers more susceptible to illnesses like high blood pressure, asthma and diabetes.

An official from the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture, Mr Kgotso Oteng, stated that cancer

patients needed support. He emphasised that regular exercise and a proper diet were essential in combating cancer.

Mr Oteng explained that reducing cancer risks also

helped government in cutting overwhelming costs toward cancer treatment.

He said early detection was critical. **BOPA**

Men health awareness pivotal - official

By Calviniah Kgautlhe

LOBATSE - The nation has been called on to unite in the fight against suicide cases, prostrate and testicular cancers as well as lifestyle risks faced by men today.

The call was made by Lobatse District Commissioner, Mr Mpho Mathe during an event to mark end of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to also usher in Movember, an annual event meant to raise awareness and funds for men’s health issues.

Mr Mathe also handed over the baton to Lobatse Town Council’s town clerk, Ms Lenamile Taolo, to kick-start Movember at Lobatse Junction Mall on Friday

He said men tended to avoid visiting healthcare facilities when not well and as such, he encouraged women to actively support men by reminding them to visit healthcare facilities for early screening of non-communicable diseases. Early detection, he stressed, could prevent severe complications or death.

Upon accepting the role to lead district activities for men’s health awareness in Movember, Ms Lenamile Taolo emphasised the importance of women’s encouragement and support in getting men to seek early screening for non-communicable diseases. She said Movember was the time for action, as men often delayed seeking care. Planned activities for Movember themed: Changing the Face of Men’s Health, include a charity football tournament, workplace screenings, faith-based

organisation activations, youth clinic discussions and a Lekgotla la Borre social gathering.

Meanwhile, still at the same event, one of the breast cancer survivors, Ms Kagiso Lonkokile, shared her ordeal with the disease, saying it started after noticing small lumps in her breasts.

With history of cancer in her family, she said she began to suspect that it could be cancer.

Her mother, she said lost her life to cancer while her sister and father received cancer diagnosis.

Later on, she said a medical doctor confirmed her suspicion.

Following her diagnosis, she revealed that she relied on her trust in God and remained determined to fight, refusing to believe she would also die from cancer.

Ms Lonkokile, underwent chemotherapy, describing the period as tough when she lost her hair, but completed it by God’s grace.

She later underwent surgery in which doctors removed one of her breasts. She expressed gratitude to be alive and said she also went through radiotherapy to clear any possible traces.

She stated that battling cancer was difficult, saying it was crucial for one to strictly follow medical advice to improve chances of survival.

She added that maintaining a proper diet and a healthy lifestyle was vital for recovery and long-term health. **BOPA**



Lobatse District Commissioner Mr Mpho Mathe (left) and Lobatse Town Council clerk Ms Lenamile Taolo (right) during a ceremony to mark the end of the Breast Cancer awareness month and usher in Movember, an annual event to raise awareness and funds for men’s health issues. Photo: Calviniah Kgautlhe

Government pursues education transformation

SAMARKAND, Uzbekistan - Botswana has embarked on an ambitious transformation of its education agenda, shifting toward a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) based system, the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Ms Nono Kgafela-Mokoka has informed UNESCO general conference.

Making a statement at the conference in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on Monday, the

minister said Botswana therefore looked forward to working closely with UNESCO in development of this cutting-edge curriculum that would drive the reform.

“Botswana’s education strategy, with its emphasis on digital transformation, inclusive access, lifelong learning and skills development, is aligned with UNESCO’s global mandate to promote equitable and quality education”. Minister Kgafela-Mokoka, who leads a Botswana

delegation to the UNESCO general conference, thanked UNESCO Regional Office for Southern Africa (ROSA) for choosing Botswana to participate in the Tech-Spark Pilot Project through the Botswana International University of Science and Technology.

“This initiative is expected to strengthen STEAM education, enhance digital competencies and foster innovation through simulation-based learning, thereby advancing the aspirations

of the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme,” the minister said.

Therefore, Botswana has expressed support for advancement of standard-setting instruments on open science, innovation and emerging issues in the technology space.

The minister reported that Botswana had successfully validated the Artificial Intelligence Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM), marking a key milestone in the country’s efforts to establish a governance and regulatory framework for the ethical development and deployment of artificial intelligence.

In addition, the Ministry of Communications and Innovation, working closely with UNESCO ROSA and national stakeholders, has advanced development of the national AI policy, Minister Kgafela-Mokoka said.

This reflected Botswana’s transition from planning to implementation in building an inclusive and sustainable AI ecosystem.

In another matter, the minister announced Botswana’s candidature for membership on the World

Heritage Committee.

This would be the first time the country seeks to serve on this body, reflecting not only a national aspiration but also a regional vision rooted in collaboration, inclusivity and shared responsibility.

Members of Botswana’s delegation at the conference are expected to echo the country’s agenda as they participate in commissions on education, natural science, social and human sciences, culture as well as communication and information.

Botswana served as a member of the UNESCO executive board from 2021 to 2025.

This strengthened the country’s voice in shaping global education, science, culture and communication agendas, while also advancing the ideals of multilateral cooperation.

This year’s conference is historic as it is the first to be held outside France in nearly 40 years.

It aims to determine policies, programmes and key lines of work for UNESCO.

The gathering has brought together representatives from 194 UNESCO member states, highlighting its significance on the global educational and cultural agenda.

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Assistant Minister of Communications and Innovations Mr Shawn Ntlhaile (left) and Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority Chief Executive Officer, Mr Martin Mokgware during the Cybersecurity Awareness month official closing in Gaborone recently. Photo: Teko Letsholo

Cybersecurity awareness national priority

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE - The Government is committed to ensuring that cybersecurity awareness remains a national priority aimed at strengthening the country’s cyber resilience.

This was revealed by Assistant Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr Shawn Ntlhaile at the closing ceremony of the 2025 Cybersecurity Awareness Month campaign in Gaborone on Thursday. Building a strong national cyber culture, the assistant

minister said, was key to protecting every citizen.

He also noted that the newly enacted Cybersecurity Bill represented a major step by the government in shaping the nation’s digital future.

The campaign was themed: Building Cyber Resilience for Now And for the Future, which Mr Ntlhaile said underscored the urgent need to safeguard against cyber threats in today’s increasingly digital world.

The Cybersecurity Awareness Month campaign was officially

launched by the Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr David Tshere on October 6 and featured activities such as hackathons and webinars for youth and professionals, as well as kgotla-based education for elders. The activities also included child online protection debates by learners from Mogoditshane, Ledumang, and Gaborone senior secondary schools. The assistant minister also thanked all partners for their collaboration and support, as well as the schools that participated in the campaign activities. **BOPA**

New BDF Commander outlines roadmap

By Booster Mogapi

MOGODITSHANE - The newly appointed Botswana Defence Force (BDF) Commander, General Mpho Mophuting has outlined five pillars, which will anchor the institution as a modern, accountable and people-centred institution.

Speaking at the Change of Command Ceremony at the Sir Seretse Khama Barracks in Mogoditshane yesterday, General Mophuting, said the five pillars, which would define his command ethos, were leadership, modernisation, justice, doctrine and frugality.

General Mophuting, now the seventh BDF Commander since the institution’s establishment in 1977 and previously served as Botswana’s Ambassador to the United States of America, also outlined five strategic priorities aligned with national aspirations and the evolving nature of warfare to guide his tenure.

The priorities, he said included strengthening command structures and leadership relations, modernising and expanding defence capabilities, reforming and implementing the Military Justice System, developing a coherent strategy and doctrine supported by clear policies and controlling escalating operational costs. General Mophuting, who takes from Lt Gen. Placid Segokgo who retires from active service on November 6, following a career spanning over 42 years, further

described his appointment not as a mere administrative transition but as the manifestation of destiny itself, a solemn summons to service once more at a pivotal moment in the nation’s journey, where demands of duty intertwine with the imperatives of national rebirth. General Mophuting also thanked President Advocate Duma Boko, who attended the ceremony alongside Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe, for the confidence he had placed in him.

He applauded the President’s visionary leadership, evidenced by the historic decision to elevate the Commander’s office to a four-star general rank, signalling commitment to institutional growth, modernisation and international alignment.

“You have entrusted me with the leadership of our nation’s most formidable instrument of national power,” he said.

He also paid tribute to former BDF Commanders whose guidance and dedication had shaped the institution’s proud legacy, noting that the ‘solemn burden’ of leadership now rested on his shoulders.

Lt Gen. Segokgo congratulated General Mophuting and expressed confidence that the BDF would achieve even greater accomplishments under his stewardship. He further thanked the men and women in uniform for their support throughout his tenure saying he was leaving the institution in capable hands. **BOPA**



Botswana faces rise in rape, GBV cases

By Kehumile Moekejo

GABORONE - The World Population Review 2023 has cited Botswana as the country with the highest number of rape and Gender Based Violence (GBV) cases in the world, says Assistant Minister for State President, Ms Maipelo Mophuting.

Presenting before Parliament on Wednesday, the draft National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) chapter on Democracy, Governance, Peace and Security (DGPS), Ms Mophuting said the report indicated that 92.93 per 100 000 people experienced rape, while over half of all physical and sexual violence cases recorded in 2023 involved GBV.

She said the statistics, hampered the country’s vision for upholding the Rule of Law and ensuring public safety and protection.

“This is not just a statistic, it is a national emergency that demands urgent, coordinated intervention,” she said. Subsequently, the Assistant Minister said plans were under way to undertake a comprehensive review of the Constitution as a priority in NDP 12 and expand specialised courts in an effort to not only strengthen the Rule of Law but also bridge the gaps in the justice system.

Ms Mophuting said establishing specialised courts for GBV, criminal and commercial crimes would enhance case disposal and address the backlog faced by the courts “For public safety and protection, we will establish holistic GBV support through One-stop-service centres, fast-track development and implement the National Security Strategy, as well as modernise our internal security apparatus,” she noted.

Furthermore, she said plans were underway to digitalise the justice system to effectively expedite court processes. The use of modern technology in the justice system would also assist with accurate statistics and inform decision making. Premised on the theme: Re-Establishing Faith in Government, the sector further aims at strengthening border security and integrating digital systems in crime prevention and policing. She said government was committed to enhancing rehabilitation and re-integration programmes for offenders.

Ms Mophuting said improving surveillance and monitoring at ungazetted points of entry, establishing cyber security and illegal mining frameworks would

also form part of their response strategy for NDP 12.

Additionally, Ms Mophuting said the sector would promote participatory democracy and institute legislative reforms to integrate traditional governance structures with modern systems.

She said instruments such as Parliament Act, Electoral Act and Ntlo ya Dikgosi Rules and Procedures would be targeted by these reforms. “We will proactively engage civil society and youth to integrate our traditional Kgotla system alongside modern mechanisms for wider citizen engagement,” she said.

To enhance transparency and accountability, she said government was committed to promoting Parliament independence and strengthening anti-corruption measures.

She said public institutions would be transparent and held accountable through enhancing evaluation systems and promoting civil society participation in their governance.

“Furthermore, we will strengthen monitoring and evaluation frameworks, enhance civil society participation in oversight and expand ICT - enabled governance tools to ensure that public institutions are transparent, efficient and accountable,” she noted. **BOPA**

Newborn allowance to effect next financial year

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - Government is in the process of introducing a monthly allowance of P300 in the coming financial year (2026/2027). The monthly allowance will cover citizen newborn babies from birth until the child reaches 12 months of age.

Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa told Parliament on Thursday that initiative sought to ease the financial burden on parents and caregivers during the critical first year of a child’s life, ensuring that no child was deprived of essential needs due to economic hardship.

He said this was also part of government’s intent to stay resolute on its mandate of safeguarding the welfare and rights of every child from conception the completion of basic education.

Minister Motshegwa said, in an attempt to promote the wellbeing and dignity of girl learners, government had introduced an initiative to provide free sanitary pads to all female students to eliminate barriers that often lead to absenteeism and dropouts.

All these initiatives, he said were a reflection of government’s unwavering dedication to building an inclusive, caring and equitable society that leaves no child behind.

With relation to school supplementary feeding programme, Minister Motshegwa noted that government will during the implementation of National Development Plan 12 roll out the home grown school feeding program.

“This transformative initiative seeks to leverage the demand for school meals as a power catalyst for local economic development and agricultural transformation,” he said.

He stated that by prioritising the procurement of food from local farmers and producers, the programme aims to create employment opportunities, empower farming communities and stimulate local value chains thereby building stronger and more resilient communities.

Mr Motshegwa stated that school going children would through this intervention receive fresh nutritious and locally sourced meals which would not only enhance their health and wellbeing but also instil

a deeper sense of national pride and self reliance in the country’s food system. Minister Motshegwa highlighted that the successful implementation of this programme was closely linked to the readiness and capacity of the agricultural sector and distribution, hence pleaded for the alignment of agricultural policies and support mechanisms to ensure consistent supply.

He said government would continue to strengthen farmers support programmes and market access facilitation to ensure that local producers were prepared and positioned to meet the increasing demand generated by this initiative.

For his part, Moshupa/Manyana MP, Mr Karabo Gare commended the former ruling party for laying a solid social protection programmes for the benefit of the coming generation.

“Credit to the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) government for establishing a fully functional social protective unit which the current should nurture and ride on,” he said.

Mr Gare also cautioned government to close the double dipping gap indicating that social safety nets were prone to exploitation which could cost government.

Kgalagadi North MP, Mr Reason Lekutlane decried high poverty rates in his constituency considering it a human rights violation, particularly when it stemmed from systemic issues where governments fail to fulfill its obligations to protect economic and social rights.

He said it was pleasing that President Advocate Duma Boko took a firm position that poverty and exclusion were human rights violation, therefore expressed optimism that government would fulfill its obligation to protect economic and social rights particular of people in rural areas.

It is on this background that Mr Lekutlane thus said government should consider resourcing Kgalagadi North with roads infrastructure to enable residents to access resources. **BOPA**



Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa told Parliament that government was in the process of introducing a monthly allowance of P300 in the next financial year to cover citizen newborn babies from birth to 12 months.

Align constitutional reforms with national needs - Kapinga

By Kehumile Moekejo

GABORONE - Member of Parliament for Okavango West, Mr Kenny Kapinga has called on government to institute a comprehensive constitutional review aligned with Botswana’s current needs and trends.

Debating the draft National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) chapter on the Democracy, Governance, Peace and Security, Mr Kapinga said a holistic review of the country’s supreme law should address the interests of the whole nation. “We have been advocating for a comprehensive Constitutional review and it should be prioritised in NDP 12, not only introducing the Constitutional Court. Amending the Constitution is not meant to advance the interests of a single individual but rather address the interests of the nation,” he said.

Mr Kapinga further said there was need to urgently finalise

the National Security Strategy, which he said would facilitate the functions and budget allocated to the country’s security organs.

He noted that the government should avoid misplaced spending within such organisations, particularly in the wake of the current fiscal challenges.

He said priority should be given to funding functions that were aimed at addressing the nation’s current challenges and initiatives that could contribute towards economic transformation.

“You have to look at whether the funding that you are proposing for the DISS is justifiable.

Look and take a decision on whether the funding for the military is still affordable under the circumstances we are in. Look at the funding of the police and make decisions about it, and you can only do that if we finalise the National Security Strategy,” he noted.

The legislator also noted that as

a human rights government, the UDC-led government should adopt a human rights policing approach with minimal involvement of the military. “The military should only be involved where there is a national emergency,” he said.

Additionally, Mr Kapinga said there was need for political party funding as a way of strengthening democracy and bridging the gap between different political parties.

He said owing to financial challenges, the least the government could do was reduce the funding budget instead of disregarding political funding altogether.

Contributing to the debate, Tlokweng legislator, Mr Pheny Segokgo said the Directorate of Intelligence Services (DIS) should be transformed to enable it to play a major role in economic transformation and focus on assessment of security risks facing the country. He said their mandate should be aligned with current and

emerging risks emanating from major national concerns such as high rate of youth unemployment.

Mr Segokgo also said in addition to clearly defining the roles of political leadership, the Constitutional Review should provide for the separation of Parliament and Council elections and direct election of Mayors and Council Chairpersons. He further called for frequent referendums to review various clauses of the Constitution.

“All these would ensure that the citizens are continuously active and also promote accountability for the political leadership,” he noted.

For his part, Good Hope/Mmathethe MP, Dr Edwin Dikoloti raised concerns about the high number of cross border stock theft cases in the villages along the border.

“The rising cases of stock theft in these areas is a great concern,” he said. **BOPA**



Construction of a new Parliament Chamber and offices for Members of Parliament have been cited as some of the priority projects under the National Development Plan 12

New Parliament chamber in offing

By Kehumile Moekejo

GABORONE - Construction of a new Parliament Chamber and offices for Members of Parliament have been cited as some of the priority projects under the National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12).

Proposing the P30 billion Public Investment Programme (PIP) budget on Friday, the Assistant Minister for State President, Ms Maipelo Mophuting said the proposed budget included P5.87 billion earmarked for the National Assembly and Ntlo ya Dikgosi to enhance operations and effectiveness of the two institutions, as well as strengthen the role of Parliament as an oversight body.

“The funds are also for the refurbishment of the Parliament building, establishment of the Parliament training institute, the Parliamentary heritage project, upgrading of network at constituency offices, construction of new Parliament Chamber and MP offices, among others.

“Furthermore, Ntlo Ya Dikgosi

chamber will be refurbished, computerisation and establishment of printing facilities for Parliament, as well as carrying out modifications to facilitate live broadcasting of proceedings, comprising installation of state of the art studio lights and production equipment,” she said.

Additionally, Ms Mophuting said the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) and Botswana Police Service (BPS) had the highest shares of the estimated budget at P12.9 billion and P9.7 billion respectively.

As for BDF, she said the proposed funds would go toward providing infrastructure, equipment, aircrafts and vehicles to address security challenges and emerging threats.

In addition to constructing new police stations and renovating existing facilities, she said the BPS budget was intended to provide officers accommodation and enhance the overall service delivery. “The programme also aims to enhance connectivity and citizens’ access to services, while strengthening the Botswana Police

Service’s intelligence capacity to effectively address cyber security challenges,” she noted.

Ms Mophuting noted that the Department of Broadcasting Services (DBS) has a budget proposal of P3.5 billion, which would be invested in developing transmission systems and equipment for improved service delivery. “The objective of the programme is to provide infrastructure for the media industry, being radio and television, to enable the development of the creative industry and contribute to a knowledge-based economy,” she said. She also highlighted that the Directorate of Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC), with a budget estimate of P248 million will be de-linked from the public service during the plan period.

She said besides strengthening the corruption investigation and prevention measures, the department would also use part of the budget for capacity building to respond to evolving corruption patterns. **BOPA**

International affairs ministry set sights on property

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - The Ministry for International Relations has made a request to Parliament for the approval of P1.2 billion towards funding the Ministry’s projects under National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12).

Presenting the proposed projects, Minister Dr Phenyio Butale said the funds would enable the ministry to procure and maintain immovable property locally and in countries where Botswana has foreign missions.

He said the ministry also requested resources under the plan period to purchase property and carry out renovations and maintenance at some of the missions abroad. These initiatives, he said reflected government’s collective commitment to advancing Botswana’s diplomatic engagement, strengthening strategic alliances and deepening international priorities to achieve national economic growth, create jobs and promote the prosperity of many citizenry.

He said Botswana currently maintained 23 Diplomatic Missions and one Consulate General in Johannesburg, thus the need to streamline the country’s diplomatic representation, not as an expense but as a strategic investment.

Dr Butale stated that the ministry also proposed purchasing properties, starting with the chancery and official residence in Abuja, Brasilia and Berlin.

This, he said would increase mission owned properties from the current complement of 16 chanceries and 48 residences to 19 chanceries and 50 residences, including residences for staff.

“To maintain the value of our assets and enhance the working conditions of those who represent us abroad, we must continuously renovate and improve our properties with care and foresight,” he said.

To that effect, Dr Butale said the Ministry had carefully chosen six new locations for diplomatic expansion. “We propose establishing new embassies in Turkey-Ankara, Qatar-Doha, Malawi -Lilongwe, Russia-Moscow and Oman-Muscat, as well as a Consulate General in Dubai,” he said.

Dr Butale added that each of these missions was strategically positioned to unlock new markets, strengthen bilateral ties and amplify Botswana’s voice in regions of growing geopolitical and economic significance as well as advance cultural and people-to-people connections. “By strengthening our strategic partnerships and expanding our footprint in strategic locations, we are laying the foundation for a Botswana that is not only present on the world stage but also influential, economically empowered and prosperous,” he said.

Dr Butale highlighted that it was in times of economic constraints and fiscal uncertainty, such as the current one that diplomacy becomes the most valuable currency.

He cautioned that diplomacy was not a luxury but rather a catalyst and a strategic investment in Botswana’s future. Diplomatic missions, he said were not merely offices abroad, but instead a physical embodiment of Botswana’s sovereignty, values, culture and aspirations on foreign soil thus the face of Botswana to the world. **BOPA**

Over P20.9 billion for agriculture transformation

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - A total of P20.9 billion is required for a comprehensive roadmap for agricultural transformation under National Development Plan 12.

This was said by the Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti in Parliament of Friday during the presentation of the ministry’s public investment programme during National Development Plan 12.

Dr Dikoloti indicated that the agricultural public investment programme details projects that were aimed at increasing contribution of agriculture to GDP to at least 6 per cent, reduce food import bill by 8 per cent and to increase the share of agricultural exports to total exports to 3.8 per cent. Such projects, he said were centered on promoting enterprise driven empowerment across the arable, livestock, and horticulture sub-sectors.

“This strategic shift is designed to move Botswana away from subsidy-based dependency toward a more sustainable and productive agricultural model to reinforce national food security and sovereignty.

“Over a five-year period, the total estimated cost of the programme is P3.704 billion,” he said.

Dr Dikoloti said the livestock production and processing programme was a key driver in transforming Botswana’s livestock sector by promoting productivity, value addition and market competitiveness.

He cited that key initiatives include the ‘A-di-tsale’ breeding programme, dairy development, beef and small-stock clusters, fodder production and upgrading of abattoirs and marketing facilities.

These interventions, he said would enhance animal health, genetics and processing standards to meet market demands, supporting the national goal of growing the herd to five million cattle and strengthening food security, diversification and exports.

He said the livestock production programme was over the next five years estimated at P379.5 million. With regard to crop production and processing programme, the minister said an estimate of P1.118 billion was made toward mechanisation, irrigation, productivity and post-harvest infrastructure with flagship initiatives including the development of the cannabis industry and the One Country One Priority Product (OCOP) which promotes production of potatoes. Additionally, he said interventions contributing to improved biosecurity, sustaining

market access and protecting both animal and crop health were estimated to cost P334 million.

He said an estimated investment of P127.4 million on research and development programme aimed at strengthening innovation and commercialisation across the agricultural value chain was also ideal toward sustainable agricultural transformation.

“These investments will promote technology-led transformation, reduce production risks, open export opportunities and build a resilient and competitive sector,” he said.

He stated that P4.278 billion was estimated for infrastructure development programme providing critical physical backbone for Botswana’s agricultural transformation. Such infrastructure developments, he said included construction of access routes, irrigation, cold chain and laboratories.

He said these initiatives would collectively enhance an enabling environment for production and catalyse agro-industrial growth through improved infrastructure and an expanded institutional presence across regions.

Dr Dikoloti highlighted a total of P746.1 million was estimated toward technology and innovation programme seeking to accelerate

Botswana’s transition towards smart, data-driven and digitally enabled agriculture.

“The interventions aim to foster innovation-driven agricultural growth and ensure full digital integration of production systems,” he said. To restore degraded rangelands and enhancement of ecosystem the ministry will invest P104 million in the Rangeland Management Programme.

He said P596.7 million was

estimated for Land Management Programme while P9.520 billion was estimated for land facilitation.

Minister stated that the approval of the proposed NDP 12 costs estimation would enable the ministry to deliver measurable improvements in food production, employment creation and export competitiveness, while strengthening land governance, infrastructure and institutional capacity. **BOPA**



Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture Dr Edwin Dikoloti said the agricultural public investment programme detailed projects that would increase contribution of agriculture to GDP to at least 6 per cent and reduce food import bill by 8 per cent.

‘Zotus City credible project’

By Pako Lebanna

GABORONE - Various stakeholders, chief among them the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC), have described the ambitious smart city project to be developed by the Zotus Group in the Ghanzi District as a credible investment.

Allaying fears expressed by various members of the public, particularly on social media, that the Zotus Group is pursuing a fraudulent and unattainable project, BITC chief executive officer (CEO) Mr Keletsositse Olebile stated that, based on their extensive assessment, the project was legitimate.

Addressing a press briefing in Gaborone on Thursday, Mr Olebile said BITC had conducted a comprehensive due diligence appraisal of the company involved and discovered that Zotus Group International, a company domiciled in London, and its subsidiary, Zotus City Development Group Ltd, incorporated in Botswana, were credible.

“Zotus Group International is registered with the Companies House of the United Kingdom, as a holding and investment structuring vehicle, and has maintained a dormant filing status until active operations and revenues begin. This dormant status is the standard for early-stage multinational special purpose vehicles (SPVs), which explains the £1 (over P17) capital reported in their latest accounts. This was compliance to remain active,” Mr Olebile said.

He said the Zotus Group functioned as a master developer entity, designed to mobilise project-specific capital in partnership with sovereign wealth funds, banks, engineering, procurement, and construction partners.

“They first engaged BITC in 2020 through our UK networks, and in 2021, Zotus participated at a high-level round table alongside other UK companies exploring investment in Botswana, and discussions with the company continued,” he said.

He added that Zotus further held discussions with a Botswana delegation in 2023, and in early 2025 at the World Economic

Forum in Davos, Switzerland, where they pitched the proposal to develop the Dubai-style smart city, originally focused around the Okavango Delta, and after considering sensitivities around the delta environment, settled for an alternative site, the Kalahari Desert.

Mr Olebile said subsequent to that proposal, there were extensive consultations with various stakeholders in Botswana before a Memorandum of Understanding was signed.

Mr Olebile said all necessary checks and balances were done for this project, and they were privy to the identities of the two large-scale investment banks and sovereign wealth facilities that had been engaged by the Zotus Group. However, due to a non-disclosure agreement (NDA), they could not publicly reveal their identities.

For his part, Presidential Advisor for Projects in the Office of the President, Mr Omphile Sehurutshu, said the current administration, led by President Advocate Duma Boko, was interested in large-scale mega projects that could transform the country’s economy to shape Botswana for future generations.

Zotus Group chief executive officer Mr Davison Simango, said their role was to facilitate reputable banks, sovereign wealth funds, legal and technical experts who have extensive experience working on similar projects elsewhere, working in partnership with the Botswana government, BITC, Ghanzi District Council, and the Trans-Kalahari Corridor.

“We have assembled the right people who have the relevant expertise and knowledge to work on this project. The Zotus City vision has been endorsed by those who have worked with similar projects in the Middle East, and the deputy mayor of New York has discussed the possibility of the two cities collaborating,” Mr Simango said.

Ghanzi District Council Chairman, Mr Shane Keadile, said the area chosen for the location of the city, Junction 44, at the intersection of the road to Ghanzi township and the A2 highway to Charles Hill and Mamuno, had always been foreseen as a potential location for investment. **BOPA**



BITC chief executive officer Mr Keletsositse Olebile (left) and Ghanzi District Council chairperson Mr Shane Keadile during a press conference on the Zotus City development project in Gaborone recently. Mr Olebile said BITC had conducted a comprehensive due diligence appraisal of the company involved and discovered that Zotus Group International, a company domiciled in London, and its subsidiary, Zotus City Development Group Ltd, incorporated in Botswana, were credible. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

Mindset change key for competitive market - official

By Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

MAUN - Business owners in Maun have been urged to sharpen their business management skills and embrace a mindset change if they are to thrive in today’s competitive market.

Speaking during the official opening of the Maun Trade Expo’s first edition, in Maun on Friday the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) North West regional manager, Mr Edward Magosi, stated that while many entrepreneurs in the region possessed great potential, most were hindered by poor management skills.

“Many of our entrepreneurs are passionate and hardworking, but they lack basic business management skills, and this weakness often becomes the main reason their businesses fail to grow,” he said.

Mr Magosi emphasised that small and medium-sized business owners should utilise LEA’s training programmes to acquire skills to turn their businesses around.

“The challenge is not that people cannot run businesses; it is that they have not learned how. Business management is not a talent. It is a skill that must be learned. Business owners should be proactive in seeking support,” he said. He stressed that entrepreneurs must adopt a new mindset, recognising that

long-term success relied equally on discipline and planning, not just innovation.

“Many times, the business owner is the weakest link. We must unlearn the idea that passion alone is enough. Knowledge and consistency are what sustain a business,” he said.

Mr Itumeleng Kelebetseng, Chairperson of the North West District Council, urged business owners to take proactive steps in marketing their products, emphasising the importance of intentional visibility.

“You cannot wait for customers to find you. Businesses must expose themselves, go out, mobilize resources, and reach potential clients,” he said.

He reassured local entrepreneurs that the Council was committed to improving the road infrastructure to business centres, acknowledging that access issues directly limit customer reach.

“Once funds reach our accounts, we will start constructing proper access roads because we understand that the current conditions discourage clients from visiting certain business areas,” he said.

In addition, Mr Kelebetseng stated that the council would not remove street vendors but would instead focus on keeping their selling spots clean and presentable. He explained that street vendors are vital for the

local economy.

“These small vendors are the ones uplifting our economy at the grassroots, and our role is to make their environment more appealing to investors,” he added.

For his part, Mr Temo Ntapu, Executive Director of Export Development and Promotion at the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre, stated that the Maun Trade Expo could serve as a springboard for collaboration and innovation amid the country’s current economic challenges.

“As our economy faces one of its toughest periods, we must identify new sources of income and growth. Platforms like this expo create connections that lead to real results,” he said.

Mr Ntapu said Botswana’s goal was to become a high-income, diversified, and digitally driven economy. He added that this could happen only through citizen empowerment and education reform.

“We need to build an education system that drives productivity. Communities must also learn to be independent from the government. They should create their own income-generating projects for sustainable growth,” he emphasised.

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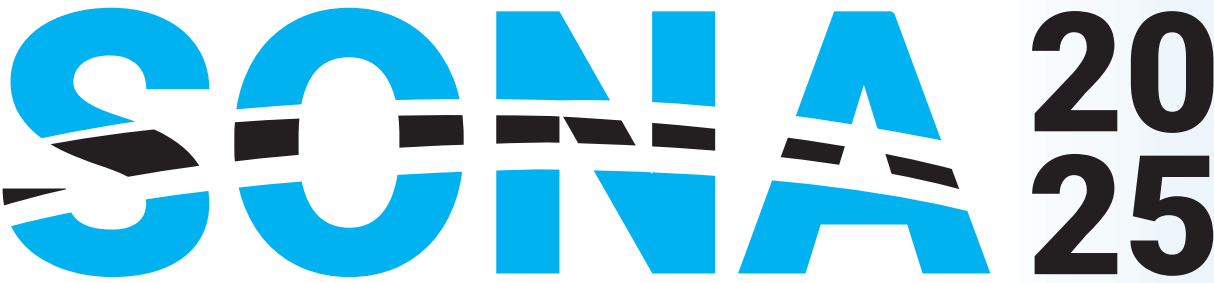
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Revitalising tradition

...a new era for the Bogosi and Customary Court Acts in Botswana

By **Thamani Shabani**

FRANCISTOWN - Consultations on the proposed amendments to the Bogosi Act of 2008 and Customary Court Act of 2013 are said to be at an advanced stage.

Since assuming office last year, government has been working on several initiatives, including proposed amendments to the Bogosi Act of 2008 and Customary Court Act of 2013.

This saw the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshwegwa, and his assistant, Mr Ignatius Moswaane embarking on a nationwide consultation tour, engaging Batswana from all walks of life on the matter.

The exercise, which has received support from different stakeholders, aims to among others, restore the respect and dignity of the institution of Bogosi and assess the relevance of customary law in the present-day Botswana.

Dikgosi across the country have shared with *BOPA*, their views on the initiative and what they hope it would yield.

Kgosi Goletwang Letsholathebe of Tsau emphasised the necessity of updating the acts, noting the historical importance of dikgosi in Botswana's journey to independence in 1966.

He recalled the vital contributions of prominent figures such as Kgosi Khama III of Bangwato, Kgosi Sebele I of Bakwena, and Kgosi Bathoen I of Bangwaketse, whose contribution in developing Botswana is well documented.

"Dikgosi are integral to our democracy, and their powers should be restored, free from political interference," he stated.

He expressed a concern about the current institution of Bogosi, saying their powers had been lessened, all the more reason he thought the exercise was long overdue.

"Dikgosi have been stripped of their powers since independence, and it's time we reinstated their authority," he said, emphasising the crucial role traditional leaders played in democracy and the administration of justice and dispute resolution.

Reviewing the acts he reckoned, was a significant step towards promoting good governance, democracy, and the rule of law in Botswana.

Kgosi Letsholathebe wishes to see the duties as appointment and

dismissal of traditional leaders, as well as resolution of Bogosi issues being the responsibility of kgosikgolo.

"Our presence is essential, without us, would our society function as it does today? This review comes at a time when many of us were losing hope in our roles as dikgosi," said Kgosi Rebecca Banika of Pandamatenga when asked to comment about the exercise.

She proposed a referendum that would allow Batswana to decide whether customary courts should try all criminal cases, citing their accessibility and convenience which made it easier for parties to attend.

Kgosi Banika highlighted the success of customary courts in handling stock theft cases, which Batswana have long requested, adding that Batswana had trust in their dikgotla, sometimes over modern court, which often required lengthy and costly travel.

By giving customary court's jurisdiction over more cases, Kgosi Banika believed that justice could be more accessible and efficient for the people.

The proposal aims to empower the traditional justice system and reduce the burden on modern courts, Kgosi Banika said.

Kgosi Piet Manyoro of Khawa, believed that the proposed changes would enable Basarwa to participate meaningfully in Botswana's democratic framework.

Similarly, Kgosi Lobatse Beslag of New Xade, called for the review process to be



Minister Ketlhalefile Motshwegwa



Kgosi Piet Manyoro



Kgosi Rebecca Banika

expedited, expressing concern over the neglect of their traditional institutions.

The discussions have also centred on revisiting the salary structures of traditional leaders, with calls for parity with other local authorities.

"Dikgosi, who have served their communities long before independence, deserve better compensation. It is essential that we are valued appropriately for our contributions. This initiative is crucial. It will ensure that traditional leaders enjoy the same rights and benefits as every other citizen of Botswana," stated Kgosi Beslag.

As consultations near the end and plans advance, many are hopeful that a new chapter in Botswana's legal and cultural framework is on the horizon, one that respects tradition while embracing modernisation.

It is expected to have a positive impact on the lives of Batswana, particularly those in rural areas who rely on traditional leaders for support and guidance.

Kgosi Beslag explained that the review of the two acts would promote a more effective and efficient administration of customary law and traditional affairs as well as increase participation and representation of marginalised communities in the democratic process.

In addition, he said it would strengthen social stability and cohesion through the

promotion of traditional values and practices.

Minister Motshwegwa said the consultation process was almost complete and the review nearing the final stages.

The outcome will not only benefit traditional leaders but the entire nation since it will give prominence and potency to the role of traditional leaders, in modern democracy.

"We are engaging with Batswana to ensure the laws are relevant and effective in addressing contemporary challenges. We had an overwhelming support from communities, with many expressing their views and concerns," said Mr Motshwegwa in a recent interview.

Besides empowering traditional leaders, the review seeks to align the laws with modern realities and make them more relevant to contemporary society.

Through the exercise, the ministry also ensured that the process was inclusive and reflective of the values, aspirations, and evolving governance needs of communities.

Mr Motshwegwa explained that to date, the ministry had successfully engaged dikgosi, local leaders, and community members across 29 out of 31 districts and consultations were expected to conclude before the end of the financial year, after which the ministry would consolidate the feedback and

submit recommendations to Cabinet for consideration.

"The response has been overwhelmingly positive, with Batswana actively contributing insights on how these laws can be strengthened to preserve cultural identity while aligning with modern governance principles," said the minister.

"Once the review process is finalised and approved through the legislative framework, the revised acts will be tabled before Parliament for enactment," Mr Motshwegwa added.

In the envisaged Bogosi Act, the title of kgosikgolo would be incorporated into the act because currently, it is not recognised by the act.

It will also look to do away with the title, dikgosana and replace it with a more dignified one.

The Bogosi act in its current state, has a structure as follows; kgosi, mothusa kgosi, moemela kgosi o mogolwane, moemela kgosi and kgosana.

Minister Motshwegwa in previous consultative meetings explained that in the envisaged act, the structure would be, kgosikgolo, mothusa kgosikgolo, kgosi, moemela kgosi wa ntlha, moemela kgosi wa bobedi and kgosi ya tetlanyo.

The Customary Court Act guides dikgosi on prosecution issues pertaining to criminal and civil cases hence were consulted on how to best to transform the act, Minister Motshwegwa stated. *BOPA*



Kgosi Lobatse Beslag

Ministers lay foundation for reforms

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Minister Ramogapi, speaking on Radio Botswana yesterday, described the tariff cut and amnesty as part of a wider plan to modernise the ministry and make basic services affordable without compromising long-term sustainability.

Meanwhile, Health Minister, Dr Stephen Modise, who addressed the media last week, gave a cautiously upbeat assessment of the recovery in medicine supply, a crisis that had once threatened to paralyse the country’s public health system.

Together, the two ministers’ reports reveal a government finding its footing, balancing urgent fixes with enduring reform.

Ramogapi’s Long Game: Relief Today, Resilience Tomorrow

Minister Ramogapi’s appearance on Radio Botswana carried the confidence of a man whose ministry is both delivering in the present and building for the future.

His portfolio’s reach - from water to housing and sanitation - places it at the centre of the government’s long-term transformation agenda.

Through the Bonno National Housing Programme, launched in March, government aims to deliver 100 000 homes over three years, mostly through private-sector partnerships.

Already, according to the ministry, 817 housing units have been completed following the Presidential launch of 61 000 homes in July 2025.

But the minister’s ambitions stretch far beyond housing.

Botswana’s age-old challenge of water security is being tackled through bold projects like the Chobe-Zambezi Water Transfer Scheme, the Lesotho-Botswana pipeline, and feasibility studies for Atlantic desalination through Namibia.

These are complemented by the Total Water Management System (TWMS)- a digital innovation expected by March 2027 that will track, manage, and conserve



President Advocate Duma Boko launching Bonno National Housing Programme.

water resources in real time.

Mr Ramogapi’s message was one of measured optimism: that it is possible to deliver relief today while building resilience for tomorrow.

His ministry’s approach blends social empathy with fiscal discipline-an example of reform that is both compassionate and pragmatic.

Modise’s Steady Recovery: From Crisis to Confidence

Where Mr Ramogapi’s story is one of construction, Dr Modise’s is one of recovery.

Since the declaration of a State of Public Health Emergency by President Boko on August 25, 2025, the Health Ministry has been under pressure to stabilise medicine supplies after stock



One of the houses built through Bonno National Housing Programme.



Central Medical Stores staff packing much needed medicines.

levels collapsed to 17 per cent in public hospitals and clinics.

By October, Dr Modise had raised that figure to 36 per cent, with a target of 97 per cent by December.

The rebound has been driven by emergency procurement and distribution initiatives involving the Botswana Defence Force, Botswana Post, and the Central Medical Stores.

The crisis also drew international solidarity, with support from Cyprus, the United Arab Emirates, the World Health Organization, and neighbouring states that loaned Botswana essential antiretroviral (ARV) drugs.

More importantly, Dr Modise is turning the corner from emergency management to institutional reform.

His ministry is developing new systems of pooled procurement, exploring local pharmaceutical production, and designing innovative financing models to ensure that Botswana’s health sector ‘is never this vulnerable again’.

His message last week was confident yet grounded: the worst is over, and a more resilient system is emerging.

The tone was one of quiet assurance, rooted in action rather than rhetoric.

A Preview of the President’s Broader Vision

The timing of the two presentations is not accidental.

They can be seen as a preview of President Boko’s forthcoming State of the Nation Address (SONA), where he will be expected to account for both the emergencies of today and the investments for tomorrow.

For citizens still bleeding now, Dr Modise’s recovery plan represents hope and tangible progress.

For those with hidden internal challenges, such as ageing water infrastructure and housing shortages, Mr Ramogapi’s initiatives show that solutions are in motion. And for the sectors that seem healthy today, both ministers’ reforms build systems strong enough to prevent the crises of the future.

From Urgency to Stability

The Boko administration appears to be moving from the turbulence of its first year toward a rhythm of pragmatic reform.

Mr Ramogapi’s work in housing and water is shaping the long-term landscape of national development.

Dr Modise’s leadership in healthcare recovery is restoring trust in government capacity and compassion. Between them, they embody a government learning to balance the urgent with the important, the immediate with the enduring.

As Botswana awaits the President’s SONA, these two ministries stand as early indicators of a state not just reacting to crisis, but beginning to govern with purpose, discipline, and vision. **BOPA**

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A re ba tlhoka maloko a banana gore mokgatlho o gole, a tlhalosa fa bagolo ba sa tsene bokopano sentle. **BOPA**

A photograph of Moruti Bathamile Boitshepho, a man wearing a bright orange suit and sunglasses, speaking into a microphone. He is standing in front of a group of people seated on colorful plastic chairs in an outdoor setting. The background shows a simple building with windows and some trees.

Moruti Bathamile Boitshepho wa kereke ya Royal City International Ministries kwa moletlong wa go ipelela phenyo ya sekole se sebotlana sa Matlhakola. Photo: Portia Rapitsenyana

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Ka Chendzimu Manyepedza

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supile fa Mme Mohwasa a ne a tshwenngwa ke bolwetse jwa pelo.

Tautona Boko, o gateletse botlhokwa jwa popagano ya masika, bogolo jang mo dinakong tse di thata di tshwana lesa.

A re ba ikaege ka Modimo mme ba amogele fa sengwe le sengwe se na le thulaganyo.

Tautona Boko o supile fa lephata la botsogo le lebanwe ke dikgwetlho jaaka tlhalelo ya melemo le tse dingwe, mme puso e dira ka gotlhe go batla ditsela tse di maleba go di rarabolola, gore setshaba se bone thuso.

A re Batswana ba nne ka tsholofelo gore le fa theko ya

diteemane e wetse tlase, seemo se se amileng itsholelo, dilo di tlaa boela mannong. Tautona Boko a re puso le ba-na-le-seabe ka go farologana, ba tlaa tswelelela ba thulanya ditlhogo, go tsaya ditshwetso tse di maleba e bile di tsisa pharologanyo.

A re puso e tswelitse ka go tsisa ditlamelo tsa botsogo tsa botlhokwa di akaretsa diipone tsa maranyane (X-ray and Scan) gaufi le batho go leka go fokotsa mesepele e bangwe ba e tsamayang go bona ditlamelo tseo le gone go fokotsa nako e telele ya go leta pele motho a ka bona thuso. **BOPA**

Mophuting assumes command



Outgoing Commander of the BDF, Lt Gen. Placid Segokgo (right) handing over the baton to General Mpho Mophuting.

The Commander in Chief of Botswana Defence Force (BDF), President Advocate Duma Boko presided over the Change of Command at Sir Seretse Khama Barracks in Mogoditshane yesterday. The ceremony marked the handover of command from the outgoing Commander, Lieutenant General Placid Segokgo to incoming seventh Commander of the BDF, General Mpho Mophuting. The change of command follows retirement of Lt Gen. Segokgo. General Mophuting pledged to propel the BDF, emphasising that the pillars of modernisation, justice, doctrine and frugality would define his command ethos. He underscored his commitment to shaping the BDF into a modern, accountable and people-centric institution. General Mophuting also urged members of the armed forces to remain vigilant, professional and unwavering in their loyalty to the nation.



President Boko (right) handing over the BDF flag to General Mophuting as the latter resumed his duties as the seventh commander of the BDF.



A flag parade during the instrument of authority exchange.



President Boko (centre), General Mophuting (left) and Lt Gen. Segokgo signing the Change of Command certificates.



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (left), General Mophuting (right), Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Maj. Gen. Pius Mokgware (second row right) and Directorate of Intelligence and Security director general, Mr Peter Magosi at the ceremony.



General Mophuting's family and other dignitaries witnessing the change of command.



President Boko inspecting a guard of honour.



Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse (right) and Acting Minister for State President, Ms Maipelo Mophuting also graced the event.

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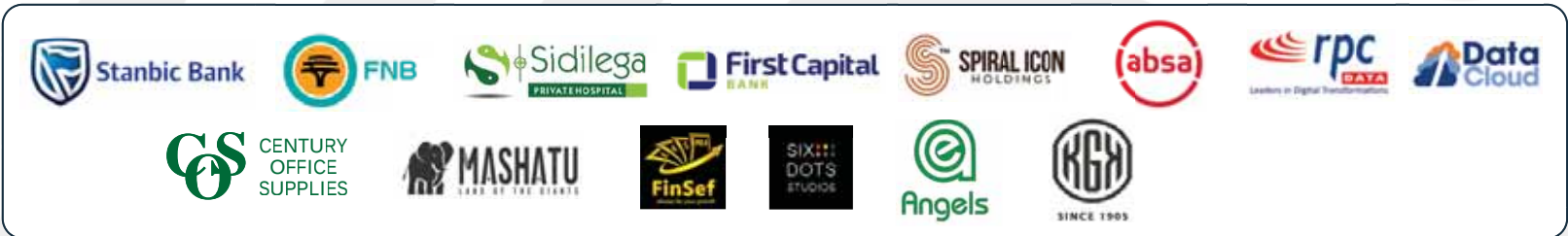


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FARM WORKER MCPHERSON CHIBANA Box 2598 Gaborone 72444048

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FARM WORKER WANTED. Apply to Kealeboga Tsialo,Box 250, Moshupa. Cell 72302209. Closing date 26/11/2025.

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Urgently needed 1 x tractor operator, **3** x Farm workers. Apply / call 73609346 / 77363630 NELSEG AGRO Investments Box 561 Kasane Kachikau- Matompolo

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FARM WORKERS WANTED. Contact T Rathogo 77621316

FARM WORKER REQUIRED in Kanye. Experience in mixed farming. Apply- Walebatla Lekgoa, Box 183, Mmathethe. (Closing 17/11/2025

FARM WORKER WANTED in Lelotang Gabane. Apply to Boyce Oboile Mhutsiwa. P.O Box 50088 Gaborone. Closing date 14/11/2025

GENERAL/SEASONAL FARM worker wanted. Apply at Maosadi Nato P O Box 231 Kopong

2 FARM WORKERS wanted at Marapong Tebogo Phatshwane Box 68 Marapong 71764770

THE FARMERS BEYOND-BORDERS will require the services of 5 enthusiastic farmers who have experiences with snail farming. Qualified candidates should send their CV's and motivation to farmersbeyondborders@gmail.com

TSHIAMO FARM PLOT No. 7637 Bokaa looking for a male farm worker. Call 71451804

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FARM WORKER IN Mochudi wanted, P O Box 226 Gaborone. Contact 71377135/ 71483438

WANTED 3 FARM WORKERS at Mojasagagwe farm P O Box 2661 Mahalapye Cell 7144672

WANTED 3 FARM WORKERS at Mmasegotso farm P O Box 2661 Mahalapye Cell 71444672

FARM WORKER REQUIRED with experience of at least 5 years in Cattle farming. Preference to holders of class B Driving Licence. Apply to : 777 Cattle Ranch Proprietary Limited, P.O Box 923 Ghanzi or email to 777cattleranch@gmail.com. Tel : 73659960. Closing date : 15 days from the publication.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

I PUSETSO KEIPIDILE of ID#: 821225716, owner of plot 16087 Palapye, Extension 11 Ward, would like to propose the construction of a boundary wall on stated plot.

OWNER OF PLOT 24272 Mmopane Block 10 change of land use from single family to multi family. Any objection contact Mogoditshane District Council Planning Office at 3960773.

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, 2018)

NOTICE is hereby given that **BLY TRADINGS PROPRIETARY LIMITED** have entered into an offer to purchase agreement with **HONG FU TRADING PROPRIETARY LIMITED** (the "Transaction"), in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN : Unit Consisting of Section No. 20;
SITUATE : on Tribal Lot 12086 Mogoditshane (Cadastré 89) in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : 116 m² (One Hundred and Sixteen Square Meters);
HELD UNDER: a Certificate of Registered Sectional Title No. ST 602/2023 dated the **13th of November 2023**. Hereafter referred to as **(the "Property")**

Purchase Consideration is the sum of **BWP 1,000,000.00 (One Million Pula)** excluding any **VAT/Transfer Duty** consequential to the Transaction.

Notwithstanding the Transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the Property.

All persons objecting to the Transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objection with reasons, in writing, with the **Mogoditshane Sub Land Board within 30 (Thirty) days** from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 30th DAY OF OCTOBER 2025



LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 972/89 dated **22nd day of November 1989** made in favour of **WILLEM JACOBUS HERBST** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN : piece of land being 71/271 st share in and to the Remaining extent of the Farm Ardagh No. 23-JO

SITUATE : in the Lobatse Administrative District;

MEASURING : 232,8444 ha (Two Three Two Comma Eight Four Four Four Hectares);

WHICH PROPERTY : is held under **Deed of Transfer No. 972/89** dated **22nd November 1989** made in favour of **WILLEM JACOBUS HERBST**

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 22nd DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

MINCHIN & KELLY (BOTSWANA) | Attorneys for Applicant

The Fields Precinct, Plot 54349, CBD P.O. Box 1339, GABORONE | (TD/rf/M007248)

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO: 13 of 2025
REF: DMS 4/8/3 IV (11) Date 16 October 2025
TO: All Permanent Secretaries
All Heads of Departments

VACANCY: PRINCIPAL METEOROLOGIST I- D2

The Department of Meteorological Services exists to provide quality meteorological information and advisory services for the protection of life and property and for sustainable development.

A talented, experienced, proactive, innovative, and self-driven citizen of Botswana is sought to fill the above-mentioned position in the Department of Meteorological Services**Salary Scale:** D2 (P337,008- P371,628 per annum)

Leave: 30 working days per annum.

Benefits:

- i. Optional Medical Aid Scheme with the Botswana Public Officers Medical Aid Scheme (BPOMAS - Government pays 50% and employee pays 50%)
- ii. 36 months contract.
- iii. Gratuity at the rate of 30% of contract earnings.

Qualifications: BSc in Meteorology or related Atmospheric Sciences.

Experience: A of minimum of ten (10) years post qualification experience with at least two (2) years served at D3 salary scale.

Main Purpose of the Job

To plan and manage the implementation of Divisional plans, programmes and projects to ensure that weather and climate information is disseminated to all stakeholders for better decision-making and planning.

Key Performance Areas

- Manages the implementation of the operational goals and objectives of the Division.
- Assesses existing legislations, policies and procedures for their adequacy/efficiency and makes recommendations for their reviews.
- Monitors adherence to standards, technical regulations and procedures relating to observations and communication of meteorological data at national, regional and international level.
- Ensures provision of meteorological services to the international aviation industry and to fulfil the international obligations of the Government under the Convention (Chicago Convention) of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).
- Develops and guides research on weather, climate and related fields as well as case studies on extreme weather and climate events.
- Manages the exchange of weather and climate data with World Data Centres.
- Monitors the implementation of a comprehensive multi-hazard early warning system.
- Monitors Provision of meteorological information for safety, efficiency, regularity and economic operations of the National and International Air Navigational Services.
- Manages public awareness and education on meteorological information.
- Investigates and resolves customer queries and complaints.
- Engages stakeholders on technical and operational matters as well as those related to the development of meteorology.
- Reviews to ensure the alignment of all Divisions policies, procedures and interventions to comply with SHEQ legislation and protocols and the MDA's quality management systems.
- Undertakes any other related duties as required to meet exigencies of the service.

Competencies:

- Formulating strategies and concepts
- Planning and Organizing
- Delivering Results and meeting customer expectations
- Coping with pressures and setbacks
- Relating and Networking
- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Leading and Supervising
- Analysing
- Applying expertise and Technology

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO 14 of 2025 VACANCY: PRINCIPAL METEOROLOGIST II- D3

Salary Scale: D3 (P293,652- P323,748 per annum)

Leave: 30 working days per annum.

Benefits:

- i. Optional Medical Aid Scheme with the Botswana Public Officers Medical Aid Scheme (BPOMAS - Government pays 50% and employee pays 50%)
- ii. 36 months contract.
- iii. Gratuity at the rate of 30% of contract earnings.

Qualifications: BSc in Meteorology or BSc in Physics and Mathematics with Post Graduate Diploma in Meteorology.

Experience: A of minimum of eight (8) years post qualification experience with at least two (2) years served at D4 salary scale.

Main Purpose of the Job

To manage activities and productivity of staff in the unit to ensure optimum performance and service delivery. Apply meteorological knowledge for socio-economic development of the country.

Key Performance Areas

1. Monitors and issues weather and climate information and reports to the media and users.
2. Prepares and issues special forecasts and briefings for various users.
3. Attends to special requests for weather and climate information.
4. Packages and meteorological information for flight operations and other uses.
5. Provides technical guidance in both graphical and text format to staff and other users.
6. Provides guidance on the use and interpretation of meteorological and remotely sensed information to users.
7. Communicates and coordinates with users of aviation weather forecasts, authorizes and assesses the adequacy of such forecasts.

8. Monitors and issues severe weather warnings and advisories.
9. Implements and maintains Quality Management System on meteorological products and services.
10. Allocates duties and manages performance of junior staff.
11. Coordinates the installation, testing, monitoring and upgrading of weather, climate and remote sensing models/ software.
12. Provides guidance in data analyses and during weather discussions.
13. Monitors and ensures compliance to licenses and permits issued by the department.
14. Conducts and oversees induction training for new staff and also conducts refresher courses to staff.
15. Undertakes research in meteorology and related disciplines to keep abreast with latest developments.
16. Undertakes any other related duties as required to meet exigencies of the service.

Competencies:

- Leading and Supervision
- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Presenting and Communicating Information
- Delivering Results and meeting customer expectations
- Applying expertise and Technology
- Writing and Reporting
- Working with People

Applications:

Applicants should quote the reference and vacancy circular number and provide the following:

- Detailed
 - and updated Curriculum Vitae.
 - Certified true copy of the National Identity Card
 - Certified true copies of Certificates (academic and professional)
 - Two (2) recent work related references
 - Date of first appointment, current position, date into current position and salary scale

Important:

All applications from serving public officers should be routed through their Heads of Departments and Permanent Secretaries. Applications not so routed will not be considered.

Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements stipulated above will not be responded to.

Applications should be addressed to:
The Director
Department of Meteorological Services
P. O Box 10100
Gaborone

OR

Hand deliver to:
Department of Meteorological Services
Records Management Unit
Plot No: 54216
Corner Maaloso/ Metsimotlhabe road

Closing Date: 10 November 2025

For any further enquiries contact the
Human Resource Management Division at
3612211/3612267

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNERS OF PLOT 3505, Mmopane Block 1, would like to erect a boundary wall and wants to consult neighbours on that. Any objections may be forwarded to Mogoditshane council building control on 3105615 or to the consultant on 72986804

OWNER OF PLOT 18600 Phase 2 Gaborone wishes to change land use from single family residential to civic and community (Day Care Centre). Any objection should be forwarded to Gaborone District Council Physical Planning Office Telephone 3166601.

OABITSA MODISAOTSILE OWNER of a ploughing field in Ramaphatle wishes to change land use from agriculture to mixed use. For any objections, contact Mogoditshane / Thamaga Physical Planning Office or call +267 74200948.

I PELAELO TAMAKI of ID #: 821123800, owner of plot 6642 Metsemotlhabe, Block 4 would like to change land use from residential use to multi-residential. Anyone who has an objection is to visit Mogoditshane Sub-District council within 14 days of this publication.

DINEO NTHOBATSANG BEING owner of residential plot (Moribagwane Ward) Sefhare, intends to change landuse from single family residential to multi-family residential. Objections are advised to contact Physical Planning Office, Mahalapye (4712145) within 14 days of this notice.

THE OWNER OF plot 19077 in Gaborone West Extension 12 wishes to erect a boundary wall. Any objections to be forwarded to Gaborone city council’s physical planning department or call 3657400 within 14 days of this publication

OWNER OF PLOT 10949 at Mahalapye wishes to change land use from residential to multi residential. Objections should be forwarded to Mahalapye District Council Physical Planning Office on 4718636.

FRANK MALEFO SEEKS to change land use of ploughing field at Makoro, Palapye from agriculture to mixed use (industrial & agriculture). Contact Palapye District Council on 4921092 for objections.

CHANGE OF LAND USE Vincent lloanya owner of plot 13200 Broadhurst Gaborone would like to change from single-family to multi family residential. Persons with any objection should forward it to Gaborone City Council Planning Office within 14 days of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND USE Merchant Trade Holdings (Pty) Ltd. Owner of plot 7143 Broadhurst Gaborone would like to change from single family to multi family residential. Persons with any objection should forward it to Gaborone City Council Planning Office within 14 days of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 7492 Mmaratanang Tlokweng change land use from single family to multi residential family. Any objections contact Palapye District Council Planning Office at 3695000.



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

ESHFT 000002-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE who of the late AGNES DIKELEDI PULE ESHFT: 000002-25 who died at NYANGABWE REFERRAL HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN, and FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT on the 05TH SEPTEMBER 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 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

TICKEY PULE
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 80904
GABORONE

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13
FRANCISTOWN

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

ESHFT-000160-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Obonye Matabate- ESHFT-000160-25 who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District Republic of Botswana on the 01st 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 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

MOOKETSI MATABATE
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 199
BOBONONG
77566329

MARANG MATABATE
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 199
BOBONONG
74239810

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG F13
FRANCISTOWN

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

ESHFT 000230-22

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY of the late ETSILE SHOMANAH- ESHFT000230-22 who died at South Africa District on the 19 October 2013

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 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2024

Oratile Shomanah | The Executor Dative
P.O Box 1203, LETLHAKANE
Cell Number: 75972197

AND TO: Master of High Court
Private Bag F13
Francistown

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

ESHFT-000006-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Keleapere Rasetankole- ESHFT-000006-24 who died at Mosokolo Ward, Mmadinare, Central- Bobonong District Republic of Botswana on the 19th day of September 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 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

KAGISO MODIMOPELO
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 819
MMADINARE
AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG F13
FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE LAND TO A NON-CITIZEN

This notice is sued in terms of Tribal Land Act 2018, section (I) (a-e) in respect of the following property

CERTAIN : Piece of land being residential plot

SITUATE : Molepolole, Mogokotswane Ward

MEASURING : 55.88m by 49.86m by 45.03m by 47.75m

HELD UNDER : Certificate of customary land grant issued by Molepolole sub land board dated 12 June 2013

The transaction is between Humayun Kabir Biswas and Malebogo Vino Mashabane for the sum of P 250.000.00 (Two hundred and Fifty thousand Pula) this is subject to such other terms and conditions as available for the inspection and consideration of the plot

By virtue of this notice, any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar offer of the above property must give their submission to Molepolole Sub-Landboard within thirty (30) days of this publication of this notice.

Malebogo Vino Mashabane Applicant

Cellphone: 75 734 988 / 76 480 022

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The candidate should have CPD’s in Education at Primary Level. Candidate should be computer literate.

Qualification

Degree or Diploma in Primary Education.
Minimum 3 (three) years of experience.
Closing Date: 11 November 2025

Candidates must send their application letters, CV’s with copies of Academic Qualifications to:

ethanenglishmediumschool@gmail.com or
The Principal at Plot 5627 Lejara Road,
Broadhurst Industrial
P. O. Box 47472,
Gaborone.

Contact Details

+267 72 482 679/ +267 72 971 769

Warm regards,

Administration

Ethan English Medium School.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB-000722/24

In the Estate of the late HERBERT MALAKE SEBITLA who died at Tloung Ward, Kanye, Ngwaketse District, Botswana on the 3rd day of December 2021.

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

DATED AT ...GABORONE ON THE...30thDAY OFOCTOBER....2025

The Executrix
Keboetswe Tebo S.T. Sebitla
PO BOX 1977
GABORONE
Cell: 72977636/74737064

VACANCY

CANDIDATE ATTORNEY/ATTORNEY – CORPORATE

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Requirements:

- Master of Laws (LLM) and Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from recognised institutions
- Exposure to or strong interest in Artificial Intelligence, technology regulation, and digital innovation
- Skilled in Corporate and Commercial law
- Strong knowledge and experience in cross-border matters
- Excellent drafting, analytical, and communication skills
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- Prior legal work experience in a corporate law firm as an intern/paralegal
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Please submit your application and accompanying curriculum vitae to alex@desailawgroup.co.bw before 18th November 2025. Successful applicants will be notified in writing on 21st November 2025.

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FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master’s Reference: ESHGB—000009-19

IN THE ESTATE of the late EDWARD JAMES KEMSLEY who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 15th day of April 2018.

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

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

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025

The Executrix | Tebogoo Donah Kemsley
c/o Akheel Jinabhai & Associates
P. O. Box 20575 , GABORONE
TEL: 316 3125

The Executrix | Kelathe Kemsley
c/o Briscoe Attorneys
P. O. Box 402492, GABORONE
TEL: 395 3377

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE MARITAL PROPERTY REGIME

(In Terms of Section 8 (1) of the Married Persons Property Act, 2014)

1.MRS SENTHO SETOUTWE (Nee SEEISO) and MR SAMUEL SETHOKGO SETOUTWE, married in community of property on the 3rd October, 2013 at Molepolole, wish to change their marital property regime to “out of community of property.”

2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change their marital property regime as aforesaid, after the expiration of three (3) consecutive publications hereof.

3. Any person who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties’ joint estate, or who may object to the proposed change in the marital property regime, is hereby requested to communicate their objections to the undersigned Attorneys, University of Botswana Legal Clinic, in writing, before the expiration of the said three (3) weeks period, at the address provided below.

DATED at Gaborone this 8th day of October, 2025.

C/O UB LEGAL CLINIC, OFF MOBUTO ROAD
PRIVATE BAG 00705, GABORONE | Cellphone: 76 196 840

APPLICATION FOR LOST DEED OF TRANSFER

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of: lost Deed of Transfer 133/2003 dated 21st day of January, 2003 made in favour of TLHOPHO LOUIS KETSHABILE in respect of:

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Lot 16931, Gaborone

SITUATE : in Gaborone West Extension 2;

MEASURING : 450m² (Four Hundred and Fifty Square Metres)

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

BRISCOE ATTORNEYS | Plot 133, Independence Avenue
P O Box 402492, GABORONE
Tel: 395 3377 | Our Ref: M.7979 – DKB/gk



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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

I KENALEPE C. MHUSIWA owner of Plot 27851, Mogoditshane Block 5, would like to change land use from civic and community to recreational. For any enquiries objections please contact Physical Planning office, Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council at 3105615 in writing within 14 days from the date of publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 20699 Extension 2 Palapye changes land use from single family to multi residential family. Any objections contact Palapye District Council Planning Office at 4930889

OWNER OF LOT 20580 at Serowe/Kgope ward would like to change land use from Civic & Community use to Industrial use. Any objection contact Serowe District Council, Physical Planning Department 4631138 within 14 days of this publication.

CHANGE OF LAND use. Boineelo Lydia Balebile of plot 23749A Boseja ward Palapye would like to change land use from single family residential to multi-family residential. Any objections, contact Palapye District Council or private planner at 75298529 within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT No. 25494, Block 9 (Gaborone) wishes to change land use from residential to commercial. For any objection, contact Gaborone City Council Physical Planning office, Tel 3657400.

MISCELLANEOUS

LOOKING FOR DINDIWE Shadreck owner of B571 AVW for change of ownership. contact KeleBILEONE 71996646/72578526

VACANCIES

ICONIC IMAGING T/A ultra sound clinic is looking for a radiographer. Qualifications : Diploma and above, nurse registered in Botswana. Health card Registration. Experience 2 years and above. Closing date : 14.11.25 Send CV to eddysnqr14@gmail. com

KEBABHISH RESTAURANT- 2 CHEFS : requirement 8 - 10 years experience as a chef specialising in Mughlai Awadhi, Lukhnowi & North Indian cuisine. Ability to work in a fast paced, high pressure environment, knowledge of indian- pakistan culinary techniques ingredients and flavours. Valid drivers license. Send CV to HAMZAGABS@GMAIL. COM / RISCO13@GMAIL.COM. Closing date : 17/11/2026

KARIBU MEDICAL CENTRE in Letlhakane is seeking a qualified and dedicated medical doctor with minimum 5 years of experience. Must hold a degree in Medicine and be registered to practice in Botswana. Email your application to karibumedicalcentre@gmail. com (deadline: 12th November 2025)”

TEACHERS WANTED= QUALIFICATIONS Preschool & primary certificates. 73628914/ 75774836- Ntswelathuto Schools.

WANTED PANEL BEATER with CV's .Ten years experience. Cell 76389050/75925980. DOTMETRICS PTY LTD Lobatse.

EXTRA HEAVY DUTY International Driver, Business Unfold (Pty) Ltd Box 11003 Lobatse 73894668 P.R.D.P knowledge of international routes. Closing date : 17/11/2025

TAILOR WANTED AT OLD WESTT TAILORING BUSINESS, Box 47127 and Plot 32365 Phakalane is looking for qualified tailor with 3 or more years experience and certificate qualifications in sewing or fashion. Duties include sewing and designing clothes. Contact Director John Kevin Mogaga on 75595533. Closing date December 17th 2025.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Title **Deed No. TG37/2003** dated the **17th November 2003** made in favour of **MACLEAN CORTEZ LETSHWITI** in respect of :-

CERTAIN: Piece of land being TRIBAL GRANT NO. 94 KP
SITUATE: In the Bakgatla Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 13. 1571 ha. (One Hundred Three Decimal One Five Seven One Hectares

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 30TH October 2025



S. KHAN LAW ATTORNEYS
PLOT 2851, South Ring Road, P O Box 72, Gaborone

PIYUSH SHARMA ATTORNEYS | VACANCY NOTICE | RISK AND COMPLIANCE ADVISOR

Piyush Sharma Attorneys invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Risk and Compliance Advisor.

The successful candidate will provide legal and compliance consulting services to clients, appear in court when required, and assist with the development and implementation of compliance frameworks and risk management strategies. The position further requires an individual capable of conducting training and mentorship to promote ethical practice and professional development.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide legal and compliance advisory services to clients.
- Conduct risk assessments and ensure compliance with AML/CFT, insurance, and regulatory frameworks.
- Represent clients in court and manage compliance-related litigation.
- Draft and review legal policies, contracts, and compliance reports.
- Facilitate training and mentorship on compliance, ethics, and risk management.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- LLB (Law) from a recognized institution.
- Admitted Attorney of the High Court of Botswana in good standing with the Law Society of Botswana.
- Postgraduate qualification or certification in risk management, compliance, or insurance will be an added advantage.
- Sound knowledge of court procedures and litigation processes.
- Strong communication, analytical, and training skills.

Applications with a detailed CV and cover letter should be sent to: info@sharma.co.bw Closing Date: 12 November 2025



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H/W KHUTO
IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF GABORONE
HELD AT BROADHURST

CASE NO: CCMBR-001571-24

In the matter between:

MASTER MINDS (PTY) LTD
PLAINTIFF

AND

ORNI EVAN MULTITRADING (PTY) LTD t/a CHEAP BUILDERS
1ST DEFENDANT

SHAILFUL ISLAM
2ND DEFENDANT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO: ORNI EVAN MULTITRADING (PTY) LTD t/a CHEAP BUILDERS:
A company duly incorporated with and registered according to the laws of the Republic of Botswana, whose registered address is **PLOT 18466, RAPOO WARD, MOCHUDI**, and whose better and further particulars are at present unknown to the Plaintiff (“**Herein referred as the “1ST Defendant”**”)

AND TO: SHAILFUL ISLAM: An adult male of full legal capacity resident in Plot 18466, Rapoo Ward, Mochudi, and whose better and further particulars are at present unknown to the Plaintiff (“**Herein referred as the “2nd Defendant”**”)

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that by Writ of Summons issued out of this court, you have been called upon to give notice within seven (7) days after publication hereof to the Clerk of the Magistrate Court and the Plaintiff’s attorneys of your intention to oppose (if any) in a writ of summons where the Plaintiff seeks the following order:

- a. Payment of the sum of **BWP 19,349.02;**
- b. Interest thereon at the rate of 10% a tempora morea;
- c. 10% Collection Commission;
- d. Costs of suit on attorney/client scale;;
- e. Further and/or alternative relief

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that you are required to appoint in such notification of opposition an address within Botswana at which you would accept notice and service of all documents in these proceedings.

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that if you fail to give such notice Judgment may be granted against you without further reference to you.
DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.



Piyush Sharma
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TO: CLERK OF COURT
Magistrates Court
Private Bag X01
GABORONE

AND TO: ORNI EVAN MULTITRADING (PTY) LTD t/a CHEAP BUILDERS
1ST Defendant
PLOT 18466, RAPOO WARD, MOCHUDI

AND TO: SHAILFUL ISLAM
2ND Defendant
PLOT 18466, RAPOO WARD, MOCHUDI

APPLICATION FOR LOST DEED OF TRANSFER

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of: **lost Deed of Transfer 888/90** dated **26th day of July, 1990** made in favour of **JOSEPH TSONOPE** in respect of:

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Lot 10119, Gaborone
SITUATE : in Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING : 10, 2000 (Ten Comma Two Zero Zero Zero Hectares)

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

BRISCOE ATTORNEYS | Plot 133, Independence Avenue
P O Box 402492, GABORONE
Tel: 3953377 | **Our Ref:** DKB/s d/Conv

Application for a Certified Copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant **No. 423/2011** dated **10th day of March 2011** passed in favour of Estate Late **Lebani Ndanda Cephas** in respect of the following:

CERTAIN: piece of land being **Lot 27165 Gaborone;**
SITUATE: in **Gaborone West Extension 30;**
MEASURING: **783m2 (Seven Hundred and Eighty Three Square Metres);**

All persons having objection to the issuance of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same, in writing, with the **Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone** within three **(3)** weeks of publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

SEROLE & PARTNERS, Plot 54513, Unit 1, The Courtyard, P. O. Box 1679 ABG, Sebele, Gaborone.

Vacancy

A reputed long established Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians in Letlhakane requires candidates for the following positions:

1. **Optometrist:** Candidates must be a Bachelor of Science in Optometry or of equivalent qualification with a minimum of three years post qualification experience and be eligible for registration as such with Ministry of Health and Wellness.

Remuneration not a constraint to the right candidate.

Please send applications to The Manager, P O Box 379, Plot 1154, Gaborone, or email to ocbmedical@gmail.com.
Closing date is 18th November 2025.
Contact: 3933874

Application for certified copy of Deed of Transfer

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of Deed of Transfer **No. 269/82** dated **15th day of June 1982** passed in favour of **Magwasi Gaangokwe and Marcus Gaangokwe** in respect of the following:

CERTAIN : Farm **No. 129-NL** called “**Arak**”
SITUATE : in the **Ghanzi District of Botswana**
MEASURING : **4126.4741 (Four Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Six decimal Four Seven Four One) Hectares**

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge their Objections in writing with the Registrar of Deeds for Botswana, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within three **(3) weeks** of publication of this notice.

DATED at Gaborone this 16th day of February, 2025

SEROLE & PARTNERS, Plot 54513, Unit 1, The Courtyard, P.O. Box 1679 ABG, Sebele, Gaborone.

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (SECTION 34 of the Tribal Land Act, 2018)

NOTICE is hereby given that **NAMETSO BONANG MACAULEY** has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with **KENIC HOLDINGS PROPRIETARY LIMITED** (the “Transaction”), in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN :piece of land being Tribal Lot 4352 Mmopane;
SITUATE : at Mmopane in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;
MEASURING :787m² (Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven Square Metres);
HELD UNDER :Notarial Deed of Cession and Delegation No. MA 910/2016 dated the 15th day of December 2016 made in favour of **NAMETSO BONANG MACAULEY;**

hereafter referred to as (the “Property”)

The consideration of the property is the sum of **P420,000.00** (Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pula) excluding any VAT/ transfer duty consequential to the Transaction.

Notwithstanding the Transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the Property.

All persons objecting to the Transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objection with reasons, in writing, with the Kweneng Land Board, Private Bag 006, Molepolole within 30 (Thirty days) from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025



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 31:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are hereby called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Maun on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relative/s for purposes of recommending for appointment a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting:	Time:
1. Kedirilwe Letsogo and Gaeswedwe Kedirilwe	ESHMN-000099-25	09-12-2025	11:30 HRS

DATED AT MAUN THIS 07TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

SUNRISE BEVERAGES

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunrise Beverages invites suitably qualified and experienced candidates to apply for the position of Technician.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Diploma in Fitting and Turning
- Certificate in Hydraulics and Pneumatics
- A minimum of 10 years’ working experience in the operation and maintenance of Automatic Filling, Labelling, Packaging, and Purification Machines
- Extensive knowledge of Instrumentation, Electronics, Electrical Systems, and Variable Speed Drives (VSDs)
- Sound understanding of Food Industry Testing and Compliance Procedures
- Possession of a clean Driver’s Licence

Applications, together with a detailed Curriculum Vitae and certified copies of relevant qualifications, should be addressed to:

The Technical Director
Sunrise Beverages
P.O. Box 624, Gaborone
Plot 61128, Unit 4, Block 8, Gaborone

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Breast Cancer health concern - Aaron

By **Kedirebofe Pelontle**

GUMARE - Breast Cancer is a growing public health concern in Botswana.

This was said by Member of Parliament for Ngami Mr Philemon Aaron at the Pink Umbrella walk organised by Okavango District leadership to mark the end of breast cancer awareness month on Friday.

Mr Aaron stressed the importance of early detection of breast cancer since it would help save lives, saying there was need for regular physical examination and screening for early detection and successful treatment.

He said that breast cancer was the most diagnosed in women with Sub Saharan Africa experiencing high mortality rates because most cases were detected late.

The contributing factors, he said

were challenges such as limited awareness, stigma, inadequate screening programmes and delayed access to treatment.

He said the disease caused over 670 000 deaths globally in a year, noting however that early detection contributed to effective treatment and about 70 per cent chances of survival.

In Botswana, he said breast cancer was ranked among the highest number of cancer deaths, followed by cervical cancer.

He said advised people to regularly examine their breasts at least once a month and look for any changes such lumps and discharges from their breasts.

Meanwhile, MP Aaron said although breast cancer mainly affected women it equally affected men, therefore raising the need to have campaigns that targeted the boy child and men on breast

cancer and other cancers affecting men such as prostate cancer.

He said such campaigns should

sensitise men on the importance of regular screening and early detection since prostate cancer

caused loss of lives in men as many lacked knowledge and thus failed to go for regular screening. **BOPA**



Men in Hukuntsi swapped their usual shoes for stilettos and dresses, joining District Commissioner Ms Veronica Rabakane (centre) during a breast cancer awareness walk recently. The event, spearheaded by Hukuntsi Primary Hospital in partnership with the Hukuntsi District Council was aimed at sparking conversation and compassion around cancer. The hospital’s physician, Dr Tumisang Masheleng urged communities to take an active role in the fight against the disease. Photo: Thuso Kgakatsi

TECA, Chinese medical team bring health services to Mmokolodi

By **Lindi Morwaeng**

MMOKOLODI -Elderly residents of Mmokolodi and Tloaneng received rare access to specialist medical services on Saturday when the Theopathy Elderly Care Association (TECA) in partnership with the 17th China Medical Team and the Charity Association of the Chinese Community in Botswana held a medical outreach aimed at strengthening village healthcare and easing pressure on Princess Marina Hospital.

The outreach held under the theme: Taking specialists to the villages, strengthening community health and de-clustering Princess Marina Hospital, brought free medical consultations, screenings and health education sessions to more than 100 beneficiaries with a strong emphasis on elderly and vulnerable residents who often struggle to access specialist care due to distance and cost.

Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana applauded the initiative, describing it as a model of what community-centred partnerships can achieve when guided by compassion.

“Taking specialists to the people ensures that no one is left behind, particularly our elderly who have laid the foundation of the society we enjoy today,” he said.

He also said that this collaboration was proof that when government, civil society and international partners unite, dignity and healing can be brought to those who need it most.

Chinese Ambassador to Botswana Mr Fan Yong highlighted that the outreach came at a significant moment as Botswana and China celebrate 50 years of diplomatic relations, rooted in cooperation and mutual respect.

He noted that since 1981 China has deployed 17 groups of medical professionals to Botswana serving in major hospitals and transferring medical skills.

“Our two nations are good friends and good partners. The China Medical Team’s work in communities such as Mmokolodi demonstrates the spirit of friendship and shared purpose,” Ambassador Yong said.

Medical experts delivered sessions on conditions that commonly affect the elderly, including anaemia, cancer risks, and the importance of nutrition and physical activity in preventing chronic illnesses.

Princess Marina Hospital specialist Dr Tshepo Machacha urged community members to adopt healthy lifestyles and adhere to prescribed medication, particularly for chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and HIV.

“AIDS remains the leading cause of death in Princess Marina Hospital, largely due to poor treatment adherence. Prevention is better than cure. We encourage every patient to take their medication consistently,” Dr Machacha cautioned.

Meanwhile, area MP Mr Kagiso Mmusi appealed to government to deploy at least one full-time medical doctor to serve Mmokolodi and neighbouring Tloaneng, saying the current system forces residents to travel long distances for basic consultations.

He also welcomed the involvement of the Chinese medical team and appealed for more such outreach programmes in rural communities.

The event saw participation from various supporting institutions including Princess Marina Hospital, NAHPA, Mogoditshane–Thamaga District Council, Salvation Army, Duma FM, Radio Botswana, BTV, Serenity Rehabilitation Centre and Seriti Wellness Centre.

TECA reaffirmed its ongoing mission to improve the quality of life of elderly persons across Botswana guided by its motto: To Serve Our Elderly With Love. **BOPA**

Official urges community engagement

By **Thamani Shabani**

TATISIDING - Knowledge institutions such as universities and other tertiary organisations have been encouraged to not only educate, but also to monitor and evaluate the impact of their programmes on community living standards.

Failure to do so, director of Outreach and Engagement at Botswana University of Science and Technology, Dr Haniso Motlhabane, said could render them irrelevant.

Dr Motlhabane said this during a four-day Sustainable Livelihoods Approach (SLA) workshop organised by the North East District Council for its social and community development officers in Tatisiding.

He argued that beyond educating students and producing academic

research, knowledge institutions should be involved in communities to ensure the practical application of their teachings.

Furthermore, Dr Motlhabane, who was addressing social and community development officers, highlighted their significant role in promoting socio-economic advancement in Botswana.

Their role in community development, he said was not just a job, but a calling.

Therefore, he urged them to recognise their importance in promoting sustainable livelihoods and community development in the communities they serve.

Dr Motlhabane, who defined development as a managed change aimed at fostering growth, further urged the officers to leverage local assets and resources in their communities, such as dams and heritage sites.

With the backdrop of a global landscape dominated by rapidly advancing technology, he called upon participants to consider what could drive economic transformation through science and technology in their respective areas. He also encouraged them to adopt an innovative mindset.

He reminded the officers that while they played a critical role in community development, they should recognise that community members themselves were experts in their own contexts.

However, he cautioned that numerous obstacles hindered development, including legal issues, policy misalignment, insufficient knowledge or skills for enacting change, inferiority complexes, and a lack of intrinsic motivation.

For his part, North East District Council, acting chief community development officer, Mr Moitshepi Dibotlhale emphasised that social and community development officers should see themselves as change agents, rather than simply following the crowd.

He stressed that these officers should never allow themselves to be swayed by community norms that were contrary to their code of conduct. Mr Dibotlhale cited an example of an officer who was assigned to a settlement where excessive alcohol consumption was prevalent, and the officer ended up participating in the behaviour.

He emphasised that such behaviour was unacceptable and could not be condoned, as it undermined the officer’s role and the integrity of the community development profession.

He urged social and community development officers to maintain their professional integrity and remained committed to their role as agents of positive change in the communities they served. **BOPA**



Botswana University of Science and Technology, Dr Haniso Motlhabane addressing a four-day Sustainable Livelihoods Approach workshop organised by the North East District Council for its Social and Community Development officers in Tatisiding recently. He said knowledge institutions should engage with communities. Photo: Thamani Shabani



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

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AWARENESS MONTH

GROW A MO,

SAVE A BRO!

Join the movement to raise awareness on prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men’s mental health.

How To Get Involved:

- 1.Grow your moustache with pride
- 2.Get screened — early detection saves lives
- 3.Check in on your brothers, fathers, and friends





BENEFICIARY ASSESSMENT NOTICE



CALL FOR BENEFICIARIES - DEATH BENEFITS CLAIMS

In line with the provisions of the Retirement Funds Act (2022) (the Act) which require retirement funds administrators to trace beneficiaries of death claims, NMG Administrators Botswana is currently assessing beneficiaries for deceased members of the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund listed below. Therefore, all possible beneficiaries/dependants should liaise with the Administrator. This is to ensure that all beneficiaries or dependants are known and considered by the Trustees in apportioning the Death Benefits in pursuit of their fiduciary responsibility.

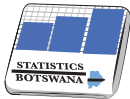
Kindly contact NMG Administrators Botswana within 14 days from the date of this Publication.

MEMBER NAME	DATE OF DEATH	MEMBERSHIP STATUS
Kago Kago	14/05/2025	Active
Moffat Keamogetse	17/10/2025	Active
Bushey Kenosi	15/09/2021	Deferred
Bompoetse Kapaletswe	06/02/2024	Active
Florence Kgotlaesele	06/07/2025	Active
Tshepo Maikano	11/08/2025	Active
Junnette K. Malope	15/09/2024	Deferred
Topo Maruping	20/01/2014	Deferred
Noni Mhlauli	02/10/2025	Pensioner
Motsholathebe Mokgalo	07/01/2025	Active
Ebopeng Mokotedi	12/06/2025	Active
Elliot Mongwato	24/06/2025	Active
Thato Morapedi	17/12/2024	Active
Butie A. Moseki	26/01/2021	Deferred

MEMBER NAME	DATE OF DEATH	MEMBERSHIP STATUS
Tinny Mosiane	26/09/2025	Pensioner
Khutsafalo Mosweu	08/08/2025	Active
Njebi K Mosweu	23/05/2024	Active
Mmakhumo Ngakane	02/10/2024	Active
Njamela Njamela	21/12/2020	Deferred
Gotsilemang Ompoditse	08/02/2011	Deferred
Rebecca Phiri	25/03/2025	Active
Tumisang Sebako	23/08/2025	Active
Mokgabo Seganabeng	30/10/2024	Active
Joseph Seloko	16/02/2025	Deferred
Misani Sephetsolo	31/05/2025	Pensioner
Percy Serati	28/12/2021	Deferred
Keotshephile Shabane	05/05/2025	Active
Oaitse Taolo	24/03/2025	Active

Please contact NMG Administrators Botswana at: **+267 318 6820/ 241 2562/ 588 1236/ 686 0597** or Toll Free: **0800 600 177**

Finding a better way



STATISTICS BOTSWANA

Statistics Botswana is a Parastatal established under the Statistics Act of 2009. As the pre – eminent agency responsible for the development and management of official statistics and the coordination of the National Statistics System its duties include but are not limited to;

- The collection, processing, analysis, publishing, disseminating and archiving of official statistics in areas such as, commercial and industrial activities agricultural social, economic, environmental, energy, communications and household conditions.
- Advise Government and other agencies on policies and procedures relating to statistics.

Statistics Botswana is now seeking to recruit highly motivated, innovated, and experienced professionals to fill the following positions

REF NO: 1/2025 – KNOWLEDGE RESOURCES OFFICER

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB

- Coordinate the activities of the Information Resource Centre (IRC) through provision of comprehensive library and information resources to support the information and knowledge needs of Statistics Botswana and its stakeholders.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Analyse and identify information needs of users, build and maintain a dynamic collection of information resources at the IRC in accordance with the identified content and technological needs of Statistics Botswana
- Negotiate and liaise with relevant stakeholders to acquire or procure information materials and documentation for the IRC
- Ascertain timely renewal of subscriptions and licences for information services and products
- Supervise the overall process of (a) cataloguing, labelling, indexing, classifying and shelving resources, (b) issuing and receiving returned materials, (c) stock and inventory control, and (d) weeding out and disposal of records as per established retention policies
- Prepare user manuals for database and online facilities in the IRC
- Evaluate technology and media support for the IRC, and liaise with the Information Systems division for the development, implementation and maintenance of an appropriate system
- Promote the use of IRC services among Statistics Botswana employees, stakeholders and the general public.

QUALIFICATIONS

- At least a Degree in Library and Information Science from a recognised institution.

EXPERIENCE

- At least five (5) years practical and progressive experience of working in a library or resource/documentation centre

COMPETENCIES

Technical competencies

- Knowledge of library operations, procedures, systems and rules
- Computer literate.
- Experience with systems and applications relevant to the specific work area

Other competencies

- Team building, leadership and motivation
- People management and interpersonal skills
- Planning, organising, budgeting and resource management
- Results oriented and performance driven
- Service oriented and client focus
- Creativity, innovation, flexibility and analytical thinking
- Communication, influence, impact, and relationship building
- Decisiveness and assertiveness

REF NO: 2/2025 – GIS/CARTOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB

- Provide technical and administrative assistance to the GIS Specialists in the production of enumeration area maps and maintenance of the GIS database

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Undertake all logistic arrangements for mapping survey work
- Training of mappers as and when required
- Supervise of fieldwork and data capture for mapping surveys
- Perform surveying and mapping duties, under the direction of a GIS Specialists to obtain data used for mapmaking, and boundary location among others
- Help calculate mapmaking information and create maps from source data
- Check accuracy and completeness of maps before submission to GIS Specialists
- Update maps during the inter-censual periods
- Operate and help to maintain GIS system hardware, software, and the database
- Assist in the production of Population Census Atlas and other supplementary documents

QUALIFICATIONS

- At least a Diploma in Geography, GIS, or Cartography from a recognised institution or any other related field acceptable to Statistics Botswana

EXPERIENCE

- At least three (3) years of progressive work experience in GIS/mapping/cartography preferably within a statistical office

COMPETENCIES

Technical competencies

- Knowledge of a national statistics office operations
- Knowledge of principles, practices and GIS software systems, data collection.
- Computer literate.

Other competencies

- Creativity, innovation, flexibility and analytical thinking
- Results oriented and performance driven
- Decisiveness and assertiveness
- Communication, influence, impact
- Service oriented and client focus
- Teamwork and interpersonal skills

REF NO: 3/2025 GIS/MAPPING SPECIALIST

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB

- Assist Senior Statistician to plan, implement, guide, supervise, analyse and produce statistical reports on the production and maintenance of sampling frames and maps for GIS data, censuses and household surveys.
- Prepare up to date enumeration area maps and manage data that are geographically referenced

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Liaise with subject matter divisions to define data and mapping needs
- Collect geographical information system coordinates using methods such as GPS, satellite imagery, surveying, mapping etc.
- Produce accurate and complete enumeration area maps for censuses and surveys
- Research, analyse and evaluate source data for use in the preparation or revision of maps
- Collate spatial and environmental data, and determine how best the information can be displayed using GIS
- Revise and keep maps up to date
- Provide and disseminate spatial data and digital maps to all departments and external users as and when required
- Develop, populate and maintain a GIS database
- Clean, process and manipulate data sets as need arises to enable data integration, analysis, display and dissemination
- Interface with key stakeholders to enable efficient data sharing
- Suggest to Subject Matter departments on mapping and GIS related matters that could possibly help enhance decision-making in census and survey design, data collection and data analysis;
- Provide assistance to internal and external stakeholders on issues related to mapping
- Produce Population Census Atlas and thematic maps
- Operate and maintain GIS system hardware, software, etc.
- Supervise, monitor and motivate GIS Technicians and other GIS and Mapping Specialists to ensure high-quality output, adherence to standards, timely delivery and continuous professional development.

QUALIFICATIONS

At least a Degree in Geography, GIS, or Cartography from a recognised institution or any other related fields acceptable to Statistics Botswana

EXPERIENCE

At least five (5) years of progressive work experience in GIS/mapping/cartography, preferably in a statistical office

COMPETENCIES

- Knowledge of a national statistics office operations
- Creativity, innovation, flexibility and analytical thinking
- Results oriented and performance driven
- Decisiveness and assertiveness
- Communication, influence, impact and relationship building
- Team building, leadership and motivation

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CLOSING DATE: 20th November 2025

Ookeditse takes up BPF presidential seat

By Keith Ket

SEROWE - Mr Lawrence Ookeditse has been declared the winner of the Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF) Presidential race after garnering 678 votes at the National Elective Congress, marred by controversy in Serowe over the weekend.

Mr Ookeditse is the current Assistant Minister of Health nd Member of Parliament for Nata/ Gweta constituency.

His competitor, Mr Mephato Reatile, collected 59, while 46 were spoiled. A total of 783 votes were cast for the position.

The results thus affirm Mr Ookeditse as BPF President after the electoral board declared the election process fair.

In his acceptance speech, Mr Ookeditse thanked BPF members for entrusting him with such a responsibility.

He expressed gratitude to members who had exhibited dedication and loyalty to the party through thick and thin.

Furthermore, he advised the newly elected National Executive Committee that being entrusted with a position of power does not grant them the license to overstep boundaries and violate the rights of others.

The primary focus for members, he stated, should be to serve people with utmost humility, dedication, and distinction.

“Let us all hit the ground running and be agile and move with speed,” he said.

In addition, he stated that it was his priority to make the party

visible throughout all seasons, not just during election years.

He pledged that within the next two months, the party would establish permanent office structures where issues affecting the party and other matters of public interest would be addressed.

Furthermore, he said that in the next two months, the party would be printing membership cards, among other things.

He is of the view that everybody’s views in the party were very important, noting the national executive committee would focus on building a formidable party that would compete fiercely at the 2029 polls.

He expressed his party’s intention to work hand in hand with the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) and that their partnership and friendship with UDC does not mean that the name BPF would not exist, but rather was meant to ensure his party receives the maximum support it deserves to grow.

He spoke of the need to amend the party constitution, which grants the president excessive powers that could lead to abuse of power.

Meanwhile, Mr Lazarus Lekgowanyana won the position of Vice President with 615 votes, while 32 were spoiled.

Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe won the position of National Party Chairperson with 642 votes, while 50 were spoiled.

The Secretary General position went to Dr Kolaatamo Malefho, who garnered 625 votes, while 44 were spoiled.



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Ms Neo Oagile won the position of Deputy Secretary-General with 653 votes, while 60 votes were spoiled.

Mr Onneile Segwai emerged victorious for the position of Treasurer General with 647 votes, while 41 were spoiled.

Ms Tuelo Kgosiemang triumphed for the position of Deputy Treasurer with 634 votes, while 48 were spoiled.

As for the national organising secretary position, Mr Mompoloki Moiteela emerged victorious, amassing 612 votes, while 37 were spoiled.

Mr Ogaufi Nthobelang gathered 588 votes for the position of

Secretary for Information and Publicity, while 55 votes were spoiled.

The Secretary of Economic Affairs visited Mr Batsetswe Gontlafetse, who had garnered 555 votes, while 80 were spoiled.

The Secretary for Public Education went to Ms. Tessa Kgomokhumo with 578 votes, while 97 were spoiled.

Major Bayendisi Thabano emerged victorious with 561 votes for the position of secretary of political education, while 93 were spoiled.

Secretary for Labour Affairs went to Moiseraela Lasarwe after he amassed 601 votes, while 75

were spoiled.

Mr Buffalo Ikanyeng won the position of secretary for sports, arts, and culture with 602 votes, while 92 were spoiled.

Mr Kesaobaka Sesinyi won the position of secretary for constitutional and legal affairs with 530 votes, while 134 were spoiled.

Ms. Veronica Kamodidi won the position of secretary of health with 559 votes, while 88 votes were spoiled.

The Secretary for International Affairs position went to Ms Tebo Gokatweng with 564 votes, while 102 votes were spoiled. **BOPA**

Letsididi trial next year

By Bonang Masolot

GABORONE - The trial of double murder accused and convicted serial rapist, Tshepiso Letsididi, has been scheduled to continue next year in March and April.

The case, which is before Justice Oteng Motlhalala of the Gaborone High Court, will continue from March 3 to 4, 2026 and from April 7 to 13, 2026.

Earlier, the state prosecutor, Ms Gaotlalelwe Mokhondo, informed the court that the state could only call three witnesses to testify, as the rest would follow after the forensic scientist had testified.

However, she said the forensic witness would be available in March next year, as he was outside the country studying.

Overall, Ms Mokhondo said the state was left with about thirteen witnesses to complete its case.

Hence, Justice Motlhalala stated that the court would convene at the beginning of March to hear the testimony of the three witnesses, while the remaining witnesses would await the forensic witness.

Meanwhile, one of the state witnesses, Bakwena Deputy Paramount Chief Kgosi Lawrence Mhaladi, who is the brother of the deceased, Penekane Mhaladi, stated that he had never met Letsididi and did not know him.

When recounting the events of his sister’s demise, he said he was called by his niece on November 13, 2022, who told him that

Penekane and Laofa Mmamorepo had been murdered.

Upon arrival, Mr Mhaladi found the police at the scene. Three days later, he identified Penekane and Laofa’s bodies at the mortuary for postmortem examination.

Another witness, Mr Moemedi Mhaladi, also said he had not met the accused person, adding that he was also called to the crime scene on November 13 and was told of the deaths of Penekane and Laofa.

He stated that on Monday, as he was en route from Gaborone, he spotted Penekane’s vehicle, a Toyota Camry, at the Kopong-Metsimothabe junction, and there was no one in the car.

He said he then alerted the police, who informed him to wait by the car until they arrived.

He added that the police arrived alongside other family members to identify the car, noting that one of the front lamps was damaged.

He noted that prior to the dent, he had not known the car to have any damage.

The state is represented by Ms Mokhondo and Ms Seeletso Ookeditse of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, while Mr Michael Itumeleng represents Letsididi.

Letsididi is charged with the murder of Penekane and her grandchild, Laofa, on November 11, 2022, at Magokotswane in Molepolole, as well as stealing their items valued at around P5 000, a Toyota Camry, and raping the minor child. **BOPA**



Mr Tshephang Brooks



Mr Dumelang Saleshando

BCP leader canvasses votes for Brooks

By Naomi Leepile

SEROWE - The Botswana Congress Party (BCP) leader, Mr Dumelang Saleshando has described Mr Tshephang Brooks as the right candidate for the Kgalagadi South community.

Addressing a political rally in Werda on Saturday in preparation for the November 15 by-election, Mr Saleshando pleaded with electorates to vote for Mr Brooks.

Mr Saleshando asserted that Mr Brooks was the rightful candidate to fill the vacancy, following the passing on of Dr Micus Chimbombi of the ruling, Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC).

He highlighted Brooks’ extensive background in both business and land administration.

The BCP leader said Mr Brooks previously worked with at Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), amassing experience to enable the candidate to effectively assist

youth entrepreneurs in applying for CEDA loans, a resource many in the district would benefit from.

Furthermore, he said Brooks’ experience at the Landboard was touted as essential for helping community members acquire land and resolving persistent land disputes.

Mr Saleshando positioned Mr Brooks, a local economist, as a key figure who would ultimately help improve the local community’s livelihoods.

Mr Saleshando also said the UDC government was failing Batswana by not delivering on key election promises.

Specifically, he cited the undelivered P300 allowance for nursing mothers, the pledge of 100 000 jobs, and the lack of improvement in Ipelegeng salaries.

Mr Saleshando also urged electorates to be patient and not give up on the BCP, drawing an analogy to the biblical story of Sarah.

Taking the podium, Mr Brooks

focused his address on tackling youth unemployment and economic diversification within the district.

He pledged that if given the opportunity, he would see to it that the long-awaited Tsabong multi-species abattoir was opened and expanded into a meat processing plant, which would significantly boost local job creation.

Addressing the critical issue of land, he promised to ensure more young people acquire land.

“Most of you stay with your parents because you are not able to acquire land,” he said.

Mr Brooks also stressed his plans to promote large-scale fruit and vegetable farming for commercial markets.

He committed to expanding existing horticultural projects, such as the Lucara garden in Kolonkwaneng, into larger operations where people could plant diverse produce, thereby creating more employment opportunities. **BOPA**

Pact to spur innovation, economic growth

By Keamogetse Setilo

SEROWE - Serowe District Council has begun to revive its twinning agreement with Jiujiang City of China to enhance income

Monarch primary celebrates 50 years

By Kelebogile Taolo

FRANCISTOWN - Monarch Primary School in Francistown on Friday celebrated 50 years of existence, producing exceptional members of the society.

Speaking at the event, Acting Director North East Region in the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Ms Kedisaletse Tshukudu said a reasonable number of great people in the country were nurtured at the school.

“We celebrate not only the schools aid but its enduring impact on the tapestry of Botswana.”

Ms Tshukudu said while celebrating such milestone, teachers should be given credit as they were true heroes who spent countless hours teaching not just subjects but character and perseverance.

“We need to give teachers their flowers when they are still alive, they are heroes of excellence and growth, including non teaching staff and PTA members,” she said.

She further said the school would continue to equip learners with critical thinking, creativity and compassion needed to tackle tomorrow’s challenges.

Therefore, urging all concerned stakeholders to continue doing their best to ensure the school’s excellence.

For his part, Monarch Primary School Head, Mr Milner Morapedi said the school had the potential of performing well.

Mr Morapedi highlighted that over the years, the school’s results had been fluctuating but the intention was to change the narrative.

Sharing the history of the school, Ms Josephine Gaolatlhe, a member of Botswana Council for Women (BCW) said the school came into existence after the 1972 floods, which caused havoc in the City, destroying houses, property, disturbing normality for two weeks with children unable to go to school.

Ms Gaolatlhe said with the influence of Lady Ruth Khama through BCW, some members of the affected community went to the office of the District Commissioner and other government departments asking for construction of a school.

She said the floods were an eye opener, their plea was successful and after further consultations and assessment, a decision was taken for the construction of the school in the location.

Currently, Monarch Primary School has a total of 881 students and 35 teachers and other non-teaching staff. The school secured 75.7 per cent in last year Primary School Living Examinations Results (PSLE). **BOPA**

generation

The twinning agreement was reinstated in Serowe after the 2012 partnership was disrupted by COVID-19 and global lockdowns.

The Chinese delegation recently paid a courtesy visit to the Serowe District Council to discuss the roadmap and identify key focus areas for the agreement.

Appreciating the delegation, Serowe District Council chairperson, Mr Atamelang Thaga said the twinning agreement was an advancement that had the capability to enhance the district’s economy and enable them to access the immense technological wealth of China.

“This agreement is sealed at

an opportune time, as we aim for economic diversification and optimisation; it creates an opportunity for investment and skills exchange that we urgently require,” said Mr Thaga.

He said recent reopening of the council’s abattoir might prove beneficial, as he hoped that the Chinese would invest in the project and enhance the existing abattoir to expand it into a larger facility, which could attract more businesses to the Serowe district.

In addition, Mr Thaga advocated for staff exchange to support knowledge transfer and strengthen cultural ties between the nations.

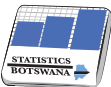
For his part, Serowe District council Secretary, Mr Mogorosi

Kokoro said significant aspects of the twinning agreement included tourism and cultural heritage, agriculture and technology, education, health, urban planning and infrastructure, wildfire management, investment promotion and local economic development, technology transfer, affordable housing, and waste management.

He said Serowe possessed plentiful agricultural land apt for both crop and livestock production. Mr Kokoro anticipated that the agreement would enable knowledge sharing and the adoption of climate-smart agricultural technologies, as well as opportunities to replicate programmes similar to Jiujiang’s smart Farmers Market.

Deputy Chairman of the Jiujiang City Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, Mr Wang Fengpeng, remained optimistic that the twinning agreement would share practical technology to optimise production. He observed that technological advancements enabled many industries to enhance outputs while sustaining profitability and sustainability.

Furthermore, he said it would be beneficial for both nations to exchange information on farming techniques, animal breeds, crops, pest management, and water conservation strategies to aid in agricultural modernisation and maximise profits. **BOPA**



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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The position will be responsible for among other things the following;

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- Ensuring proper allocation to allocated budget lines.
- Administering monthly staff payroll and salary payment including authorised deductions such as PAYE.
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- Preparing consolidated draft budgets and forecasts for Statistics Botswana and submitting to the Head for review.
- Preparing detailed reports as requested providing analytical information and recommendations relating to the financial status of Statistics Botswana.
- Preparing work plan, schedule work, allocating and delegating tasks to subordinates.
- Monitoring Projects reconciliation to ensure that projects funds are properly recorded.
- Ensuring that project managers receive monthly project expenditures and balances.
- Ensuring that projects costing is accurate.

QUALIFICATIONS CONSIDERED NECESSARY

- At least a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting or Finance or equivalent. Or a professional qualification, CIMA, ACCA, CPA or any other equivalent/related qualification from a recognised institution or any other equivalent/related qualification will be an added advantage.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- At least seven (7) years of post-qualification practical and progressive work experience in financial management and/or accounting, including four (4) years supervisory experience.

COMPETENCIES

- Results oriented and performance driven
- Effective interpersonal and communication skills
- Leadership skills
- High levels of integrity
- Good planning and organisation skills
- Assertive
- High attention to detail

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CLOSING DATE: 20th November 2025

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Nkashi clubs keep heritage alive

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Graduates of the Nkashi storytelling clubs have been applauded for actively promoting Botswana's cultural heritage, including traditional practices and indigenous knowledge through photography and storytelling.

Batawana tribal authority senior chief representative, Kgosi Oleyo Ledimo, praised young storytellers at the official opening of a photography and storytelling exhibition at the Nhabe Museum, Maun on Friday.

The event also celebrated their voices and creativity.

He recognised that storytellers from Okavango Delta villages were helping sustain Botswana's heritage by producing artwork that reflects both the environment and cultures of local communities.

"What we see here proves that our young storytellers use the camera to speak the language of our ancestors and share their own authentic experiences.

They have turned memories into images and lessons into art. This is how heritage survives, through those who inherit it."

Kgosi Ledimo emphasised that storytellers promoted cultural heritage at community and international level, further elevating Botswana's tourism image.

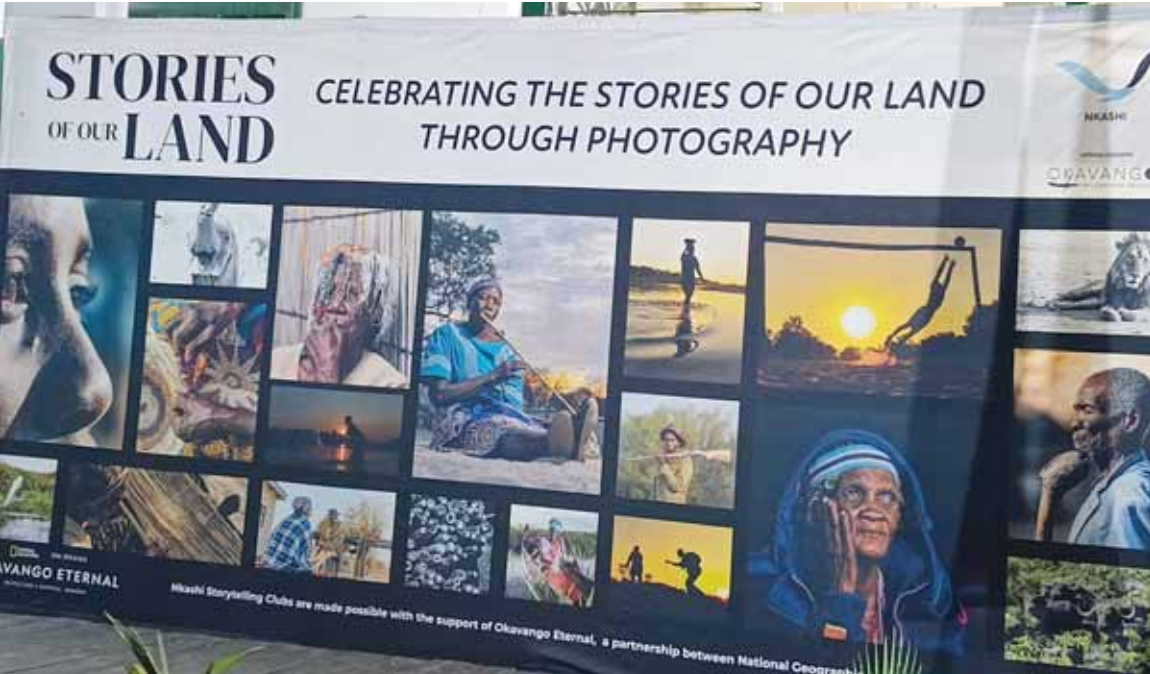
He highlighted that storytellers were photographers, historians, teachers, and guardians.

He urged stakeholders to support them by partnering and providing platforms for their work.

He also acknowledged Nkashi Trust and Okavango Eternal for supporting storytelling clubs. He said they are committed to protecting the delta and supporting communities.

He said the organisations embodied a core conservation principle: it must be led by those who live the story.

"This is impressive, as you are doing important work that keeps culture and conservation alive."



Artworks by young storytellers from Nkashi clubs on display at the ongoing photography and storytelling exhibition organised by Nkashi Trust in collaboration with Nhabe Museum in Maun. Photo Esther Mmolai

Kgosi Ledimo also hailed the role of Nhabe museum in carrying the legacy of the Okavango Delta, Ngamiland, and Botswana with

dignity and strength.

The museum, he said, was not only a place for objects but a home for memory as it focused on

the preservation of local history and diverse cultural expressions.

In addition, Kgosi Ledimo stated that oral history and traditional knowledge were fragile threads that held the community's identity together and emphasised the need to teach the youth to guard, share, and take pride in them.

Themed: Stories of our land, the exhibition, which will run for several days, provided a platform for young storytellers to showcase their work to local and international audiences, connect with potential partners and sponsors, and earn income from photography.

Monthusi Mokhanda's picture stole the audience's attention and was up for auction.

The picture depicted how palm trees support livelihoods in the region.

Nkashi Trust managing director, Nlisi Motshusi, explained that the Trust was a non-profit organisation, noting that their work in the delta entailed conservation, focused on advancing knowledge through scientific research, as well as promoting sustainable community development.

The trust also engages in capacity building, community empowerment, and impact storytelling.

"Our work is highly made possible with the support of Okavango Eternal, a partnership between the National Geographic Society and De Beers Group. These are the people who enable us to do our work, including finding these young storytellers and having resources to train them," he stated.

He thanked the Nhabe museum management for hosting the event and appreciated all the organisations that contributed toward its success. **BOPA**

Ntsima launches income generating platform

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE – Botswana musician and entrepreneur Kgotla Ntsima, popularly known as Jujuboy, officially launched a new digital platform, ImpressUs, aiming to help Botswana's creative community turn their talent into income.

At a recent press conference, Ntsima explained that ImpressUs encouraged artists, influencers, and everyday content creators to upload original videos and photos.

A P1,000 cash prize is awarded daily to the post with the most likes.

This concept was inspired by Ntsima's realisation that the current social media environment does not favour Botswana creatives, despite their content generating revenue on global platforms.

Ntsima highlighted that, unlike most social media platforms where algorithms decided what users see based on popularity or engagement history, ImpressUs gave all content an equal

opportunity to reach viewers. Every post, no matter the creator's size or past success, has an equal chance of being seen, making the platform uniquely fair for all participants, he said.

He further explained, "The app's visibility engine is designed not to be influenced or manipulated by external factors such as paid promotion, engagement posts, or user biases. Instead, it uses a rotation-based feed that randomly displays content, ensuring even first-time or lesser-known creators receive the same exposure as popular ones."

In addition to fair exposure, Ntsima noted that the application supported audience engagement through interactive comment sections.

He revealed that the team had already paid sixteen creators for their

content, with

some, like Desmond Gaeemelwe, earning multiple payments.

Highlighting community impact, Ntsima added, "We have already approached 10 thousand more users," and stated that the application mirrored his appreciation for Botswana's creatives and passion to offer everyone a fair chance to earn through entertainment.

"And not only that, but also to give business owners a chance to advance themselves."

Currently available exclusively on Google Play, ImpressUs is partnering with Mascom, a mobile network and digital service provider.

To earn real cash rewards, users must have Mascom's SIM card and use the MyZaka payment platform, which also provides access to special data bundles ranging from a daily package of P5 to a monthly package of P100.

"We empower initiatives that empower and offer solutions to challenges in the community. It's our desire to enhance online content platforms," said Lindy Ramontshonyana, Mascom digital products manager.

For Ntsima, the ultimate goal is for ImpressUs to one day pay up to one hundred creators a day.

He concluded, "It's finally time to get paid for your talent." **BOPA**



Botswana musician and entrepreneur, Kgotla Ntsima popularly known as Jujuboy at the launch of his digital platform called ImpressUs application in Gaborone on Thursday. He said the application was designed to help Batswana creatives turn their talent into income. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

BDF dominates table tennis meet

By Keetile Bontsibokae

MOLEPOLOLE - The 2025 Phoenix Assurance Molepolole Open, an initiative of Dithubaruba Table Tennis Club, showcased top-class performances from clubs across the country in a thrilling ping pong spectacle held at Molepolole Institute of Health Sciences on Saturday.

The tournament attracted a strong field of participants, featuring 56 men, 42 women, 17 veterans, 14 junior girls, 13 junior boys, as well as brackets of doubles comprising 16 men and 13 women.

The Botswana Defence Force (BDF) Table Tennis Club once again proved dominant, overpowering their opponents in several categories.

In the senior men's singles, BDF players swept the medals, with Tshireletso Samuel clinching gold,

Bakang Maloka taking silver, and Thobo Matlhatsi and Mompoti Chabe were lace up with bronze.

A similar trend was seen in the women's singles, where Constance Kuswani of BDF claimed gold, followed by Tshepiso Rebatenne of Nhabe Table Tennis Club with silver, while Sibongile Six and Emmah Lelatisitswe, both from BDF, settled for bronze.

In the men's doubles, the BDF pair of Thobo Matlhatsi and Mompoti Maloka won gold, while teammates Tshireletso Samuel and Opelo took silver.

Bronze medals went to Nhabe Table Tennis Club and Dithubaruba Table Tennis Club.

For the women's doubles, Tshepiso Rebatenne and Emmah Lelatisitswe of Nhabe Table Tennis Club won gold, followed by BDF's Constance Kuswani and Sibongile Six with silver, while Carol David

(Bontleng) and Boitlamo Nkele from Bontleng Ithuteng table tennis clubs took bronze medals.

The tournament's media liaison officer, Hayden Nyambe hailed the event as a major success, noting its growth and competitiveness compared to other Botswana Table Tennis Association feeder tournaments this year.

He added that the BDF men maintained their league dominance, while Bontleng's junior girls impressed by reaching the doubles finals and achieving podium finishes in individual categories.

Nyambe noted that the tournament's large scale made scheduling a challenge, as matches concluded in the early hours of Sunday.

He further revealed that another event, the Jwaneng Open, was scheduled for November 29.

The tournament was made possible through sponsorship from Phoenix Assurance of Botswana, The Make Over Place, Workshop Lines (Pty) Ltd, and Mo's Luxury Soft Tissues, who contributed prizes, refreshments and amenities.

BOPA

Ethiopia athletes triumph at Beijing Marathon

BEIJING - A record of over 4 700 runners completed the 2025 Beijing Marathon within three hours on Sunday, while Ethiopia's Lemi Berhanu Hayle and Anchinalu Dessie Genaneh won the men's and the women's events respectively.

Hayle clocked 2:8.10 seconds to defend his title, which was more than one minute faster than his last year's performance.

His compatriot Desalegn Girma Debel finished second, followed by DPR Korea's Han Il Ryong in third. In the women's event, Genaneh registered 2:26.8 seconds to secure victory, just 7 seconds ahead of runner-up Marion Jepkonga Kibor of Kenya, while another Ethiopian runner Kuftu Tahir Dadiso placed third.

Featuring a record 32 000

participants this year, the Beijing Marathon, spanning from Tiananmen Square to the Beijing Olympic Park, provided more opportunities for runners to show themselves in the dual Olympic city. According to the organisers, over 4 700 runners finished the 42.195-kilometer race within three hours, which broke the record of 3,004 set last year. *Xinhua*



BEIJING - Participants running past Tian'anmen Square during the 2025 Beijing Marathon on Sunday. Over 4 700 runners completed the 2025 Beijing Marathon within three hours while Ethiopia's Lemi Berhanu Hayle and Anchinalu Dessie Genaneh won the men's and the women's events respectively.

Photo: Xinhua



RIYADH - Iga Swiatek of Poland returning a ball during the women's singles round robin match against Madison Keys of the United States at the WTA Finals in Saudi Arabia on Saturday.

Photo: Xinhua

Swiatek secures opening win at WTA Finals

RIYADH - This year's Wimbledon champion Iga Swiatek eased past Australian Open winner Madison Keys in straight sets in the opening singles group match of the WTA Finals in Riyadh on Saturday.

This encounter turned out to be one-sided as Swiatek, in top form, won 82.1 per cent of points on her first serve while Keys struggled with her serve, committing seven double faults and being broken five times. Swiatek ultimately cruised to a 6-1, 6-2 victory to claim her opening win in the group stage.

Swiatek and Keys had met twice earlier this season, each winning once, with both matches going to three sets.

In the Australian Open semifinals, American Keys edged her Polish opponent in a third-set super tiebreak before going on to claim the title. However, after suffering a first-round exit at the US Open, Keys had not played any competitive match for more than two months.

"I am kind of pleased with everything, but mostly with my serve and overall focus," Swiatek said afterward.

"I was in the zone from the beginning till the end, and really wanted to keep it that way." The two singles groups at this year's Finals are named after WTA legends Steffi Graf and Serena Williams.

Swiatek and Keys are drawn

in the 'Serena Williams' group, along with Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan and Amanda Anisimova of the United States.

Also on Saturday, Rybakina fired seven aces and needed only 57 minutes to defeat Anisimova 6-3, 6-1. Earlier in the day, Belarusian ace Aryna Sabalenka received the year-end world No. 1 trophy from the WTA, having already secured the top ranking before the tournament.

It marks the second consecutive year that Sabalenka finishes the season as the WTA's year-end singles world No. 1.

"This means a lot to me," said Sabalenka.

"We've put a lot of hard work in this year, and hard work pays off.

Every final and every match was incredible. I am super proud of the season and hopefully I can finish on a very good note here in Riyadh."

Matches in the 'Steffi Graf' group, led by Sabalenka, began on Sunday, with the top seed facing Italy's Jasmine Paolini first.

Later that evening, defending champion Coco Gauff took on Jessica Pegula in an all-American clash.

This is the second consecutive year that the WTA Finals are held in Riyadh. In last year's final, China's Zheng Qinwen finished runner-up to Gauff. Hampered by injuries, Zheng did not qualify for the tournament this year. *Xinhua*



Botswana’s top ranked chess player, Women FIDE Master Natalie Banda secured a bronze medal following an impressive performance at the 2025 Zone 4.5 Africa Chess Championships in Angola recently. Photo: Courtesy of Botswana Chess Federation

Banda shines in Angola

By Keetile Bontsibokae

MOLEPOLOLE - Botswana’s top ranked chess player, Women FIDE Master Natalie Banda delivered an outstanding performing at the 2025 Zone 4.5 Africa Chess Championships held in Angola.

Following an intense and nail biting competition, Banda earned herself a Bronze medal and managed to collect seven points out of possible nine.

She drew two games, one

against title holder, Caxita Esperanca (Angola) and lost one game to Angola’s Ednasia Junior who finished second, even though both of them having accumulated seven points each.

“Overall I think it was a good tournament, I performed really well and gained a lot of experience. Finishing third in a zonal tournament is amazing and I’m so happy,” said Natalie.

She said prior to the tournament she had prepared and trained a lot hence glad with her achievement.

The Botswana Chess Federation (BCF) Development Director, Lorato Thapelo said Banda’s invitation to the Angola championship came as recognition of her remarkable ranking and potential within the African chess community.

“Beyond this tournament, Natalie’s journey is a story of passion, discipline, and resilience. Her hard work and commitment to the sport have also earned her an elite scholarship through sport, and she will be pursuing

her studies in the USA starting January 2026,” said Thapelo.

She said the remarkable opportunity reflected her balance of academic excellence and sporting achievement.

Thapelo said Banda’s success had been made possible through the support of her family, the chess community, her coaches and the BCF.

She also said Banda’s determination was truly unmatched as she continued to inspire many young players in

Botswana, proving that with focus and perseverance, success knew no limits.

She said the BCF was proud of Banda’s accomplishments and remained committed to nurturing and supporting more young talents like her across the country.

Seven Southern African countries competed in the tournament being the host Angola, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia and Botswana. **BOPA**



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