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Living between vigilance and hope in tense security climate

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

For Wame Maruatona, mornings in Qatar often begin with a quiet moment of reflection before the day's routine starts. Like many expatriates, she moved abroad in search of opportunity and stability. But in recent days due to the war between Israel/United States of America and Iran, life has taken on a different rhythm one shaped by vigilance, uncertainty and resilience.

For the Motswana who has lived in Qatar for the past five years, daily life still appears calm on the surface. Supermarkets remain stocked, communication networks function normally and people continue with work, often from home. Yet beneath this sense of order lies a subtle but persistent tension.

"Coming from a place where I am not accustomed to war, missiles or interceptors, hearing loud bangs sometimes early in the morning or while asleep is emotionally draining and very unsettling," she says in an interview with BOPA.

For Ms Maruatona, the sounds are often the most unsettling part. When buildings tremble and windows rattle, instinct takes over.

She explains that when buildings shake and glass rattles, her first reaction is often shock,



Ms Wame Maruatona has been living in Qatar for the past five years.

followed by prayer and a quick check of official updates.

Authorities in Qatar have urged residents to remain indoors when necessary, avoid standing near windows and rely only on verified information. While such guidance is meant to ensure safety, Ms Maruatona admits it does little to ease the emotional strain.

"Every little sound can make you jump."

Despite the anxiety that occasionally surfaces, life continues with a degree of normalcy. Supermarkets operate around the clock, pharmacies remain open and many businesses have shifted to remote work arrangements.

"There are no visible shortages of food or medicine," she explains. "The biggest change is movement. People are encouraged not to go out unnecessarily, so like many others I work from home."

But beyond the routines of daily life lies the psychological weight of living in a region experiencing heightened tensions.

"It is the heightened awareness, the unexpected sounds, the occasional fear and panic. Even watching the news can increase anxiety," notes Ms Maruatona.

In moments like these, community has become a vital source of comfort.

Among Botswana living in Qatar, there is a strong sense of solidarity. Social media platforms and messaging groups have become lifelines, connecting people who check on one another regularly.

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"On a daily basis we check on one another, which is reassuring," says Ms Maruatona, adding that colleagues at the commercial bank where she works and members of her church have also provided emotional support.

Yet amid the reassurance, an unspoken question lingers among many expatriates: what would happen if tensions escalate further?

Still, she says one of the most striking aspects of her experience has been the empathy shown by ordinary people.

"Most people I interact with clearly distinguish between military targets and civilians. There

is a shared understanding that ordinary people are often caught in broader geopolitical tensions beyond their control."

While uncertainty remains, she believes the situation is being managed responsibly.

Her hope, like that of many others, is for diplomacy and de-escalation.

"Clear and sustained de-escalation would allow us to feel fully at ease again," she quips.

Until then, life continues structured, cautious and supported by community, even as the background hum of uncertainty persists.

Thousands of kilometres away in Kuwait, another Motswana shares similar feelings.

Mr Kabo Matsapa, originally from Molepolole, has spent years

working across the Gulf region, including time in Saudi Arabia. Like many expatriates, he travelled abroad seeking better economic opportunities. But the reality of living in a region facing security tensions has been far more challenging than he



anticipated.

"It is a disheartening experience to find yourself in a war-torn place. We came here for greener pastures, but now we are living in fear."

Mr Matsapa works as a professional firefighter attached to a refinery, a job that already carries significant risks even in stable conditions.

"Working at a refinery where there are gases and oils, we must ensure that no fire breaks out," he explains. "It is already a dangerous environment, and it is even more worrying now."

Although he has been trained to respond to emergencies, the uncertainty surrounding the broader security situation is something he finds difficult to manage.

"As firefighters we are trained to deal with crises, but this is different. Sometimes when we go to sleep we do not know if we will wake up safely the next day."

When sirens sound, instinct and fear collide.

"You find yourself looking up, trying to understand what is happening and at the same time looking for somewhere to hide," he said.

Returning home, however, is not a straightforward option.

Like many expatriates, Mr Matsapa says economic realities remain a powerful factor in the decisions people make about where to live and work.

"The truth is we came here because opportunities are limited back home. With the unemployment rate in Botswana, going back would make it very difficult for us to survive."

For now, hope remains the thread holding many expatriates together, hope that tensions will ease, diplomacy will prevail and life will once again feel ordinary.

Until then, people like Ms Maruatona and Mr Matsapa continue to navigate daily life between vigilance and hope, holding on to the belief that stability will eventually return. **BOPA**

Mr Kabo Matsapa, a native of Molepolole currently working in Kuwait.

Councillors demand execution of road map

Kedirebofe Pelontle
GUMARE

Okavango District councillors have called for implementation of the council's roadmap to realise results.

Commenting on the chairman's speech during a full council meeting recently, the council's leader of opposition, who is a nominated councillor Mr Lekonne Masoko said it was time for the council to spring to action and change the status quo of the Okavango District from

being the poorest and harness its rich natural resources for economic benefit of the district.

Mr Masoko said cultural heritage, tourism as well as agriculture and their value chains were among areas that should be explored by the council to attract investors and tourists.

He said the council's Local Economic Development (LED) committee responsible for fostering economic growth, job creation and sustainable growth should start functioning to ensure the council generated income.

For instance, Mr Masoko said

the Okavango District was said to have the highest herd of cattle, therefore the establishment of slaughter slabs and abattoirs would go a long way in benefiting from the agricultural sector.

Councillor for Seronga-Gunotsoga, Mr Boiteko Marokwa said for LED to be effective, there was need for the council to assess impact organisations such as business associations and community trusts and form alliances for the betterment of the district.

Mr Marokwa also said the district should also find gaps in

the national import bill to produce and supply some goods such as cooking oil, citing an association that produced cooking oil from the Mongongo tree in Okavango, which could be aided to produce at a larger scale. Nominated councillor, Mr Sheta Kafuru said there was need to revive some ailing community trusts to be instrumental in economic growth of the district by establishing tangible projects of economic benefit such as shopping markets and guesthouses.

In his remarks, the council chairman Mr Gaopalelwe

Ronald highlighted the council's commitment to transform the district to be a hub for sustainable livelihoods, strong local governance and inclusive socio economic development.

Mr Ronald said the National Development Plan 12 programmes and projects approval was expected to ensure the district improve in job creation, aid investment and socio-economic advancement for all. He observed that the community had welcomed the council's roadmap warmly after intensive consultations. **BOPA**

Govt shifts from welfare dependency to empowerment

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

For a long time, rural areas were viewed through the lens of provision of social welfare programmes but, the National Development Plan 12 is about to change the narrative as government shifts from social welfare dependency to productive empowerment.

This was said by the Vice President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe during the official opening of the 169th Rural Development Council (RDC) in Gaborone yesterday.

Mr Gaolathe said the RDC was the architect of rural progress against the background of socio-economic transformation of Botswana, with a special focus on rural development.

"As I indicated in 2026/27 Budget Speech, our True North is a high-income Botswana that is digitally enabled and export-driven. But let us be candid. We cannot reach a high-income status if our rural communities are left behind in a low-income cycle," said Mr Gaolathe.

Furthermore, he noted that Botswana Economic

Transformation Programme (BETP) was the 'engine room' of the delivery in the rural development space.

He thus pleaded with the RDC to be the driver of the BETP and ensure that the 186 high impact projects identified in the national budget were felt on the ground.

"Under BETP, we are implementing 26 agriculture cluster projects. We are no longer just farming for the pot, we are farming for the world. This includes the commercialisation of livestock and the introduction of high-value crops such as industrial hemp and medicinal cannabis," he said.

He said farmers had for long been battling with low yields, high input costs, and a lack of market access thus the 2026 budget provided the interventions to break the cycle. "For example, through the power of clustering under the BETP, we are moving away from fragmented, isolated farming.

We are implementing 26 dedicated agricultural cluster projects nationwide. These clusters will turn local villages into "Agro-Industrial Zones," shifting the focus from subsistence to surplus



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (left) and Rural Development Council coordinator, Mr Berzack Maphakwane at the official opening of the 169th Rural Development Council meeting in Gaborone yesterday. Mr Gaolathe urged the council to be the driver of Botswana Economic Transformation Programme and to ensure that the 186 high-impact projects identified in the budget were felt on the ground. Photo: Felicity Male

for export," he said.

Another radical reform advocated in the budget, was the introduction of the Botswana Mercantile Exchange which would for the first time enable rural producers to have access to a transparent, market based pricing system. Government had through the NDP 12 taken a bold move toward diversification and officially enabled the regulated cultivation of industrial hemp and medicinal cannabis.

"This is not just about farming; it is about the pharmaceutical

value chain development. We want the processing labs and the manufacturing of hemp-based products to happen in our rural areas, creating high-tech jobs for our youth where they live," said Mr Gaolathe.

He said government was also committed to the rural digital revolution through the IGov1Citizen platform and the National Digital ID system, citing that through the initiative, a citizen in Gumare or Tsabong would no longer need to travel to Gaborone for government services

as digitalisation was the bridge that eliminated the distance tax paid by rural citizens.

With regard to infrastructure provision, Mr Gaolathe said the P3.86 billion allocated to Transport and Infrastructure during the 2006/2027 national budget proposal was to improve the national roads network, that would also connect the rural production centers to regional markets, transforming Botswana into a true SADC logistics hub.

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Mohwasa stresses need to protect children

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

The Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa has emphasised the importance of protecting children from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Speaking at the launch of the Child Friendly Policing documentary in Gaborone Monday, Mr Mohwasa said abused and neglected children often suffer long-term consequences that affected educational attainment, mental health, social cohesion and productivity.

"Protecting children is therefore both a moral obligation and a strategic investment in our nation's future," he said, adding that Child Justice Service Centres represented a critical response aimed at strengthening protection and support for children.

Mr Mohwasa said the centres were designed to provide dignified, sensitive and professional support

to child victims.

He noted that government remained committed to human rights and a child-centred approach through strengthening police capacity, improving infrastructure and enhancing inter-sectoral collaboration.

He emphasised that security and human rights were not competing priorities but mutually reinforcing pillars of protection.

"In line with this mission, we have strengthened the capacity of the police service through specialised training in child sensitivity techniques.

We are also improving infrastructure to ensure that processes are private, safe and appropriate, while enhancing collaboration between the police, social services, health and education sectors to ensure a coordinated and survivor-centred response," he said. However, Mr Mohwasa said government could not address child protection challenges alone, stressing that vigilance, community

involvement and partnerships were essential.

He said the success of these initiatives would be measured through increased reporting of abuse cases, improved case resolution and a measurable reduction in incidents of abuse. The ultimate goal, he added, was to build a culture that prioritises children's well-being, dignity and justice. UNICEF Botswana Country Representative, Dr Kimanzi Mutengi, said a child-friendly justice system required commitment, training and empathy from all stakeholders.

"Botswana has promising initiatives such as police stations with child-friendly units, officers trained in child psychology and partnerships with health workers and traditional leaders that provide holistic support," he said.

Dr Mutengi noted that across the region, countries were implementing innovative approaches to strengthen child protection.

In Malawi, for example, every school has a designated police officer

responsible for handling reports of abuse. He explained that suggestion boxes were placed in schools where suspected cases of abuse could be reported confidentially.

The police officer visits the school monthly to review the reports and determine whether cases should be addressed at school level or escalated to higher authorities.

Dr Mutengi said Botswana was well positioned to become a global best practice example in implementing a child-friendly justice system.

He therefore called for stronger collaboration among government ministries, traditional leaders, civil society organisations, partners, faith-based organisations, social workers and communities to invest in child protection.

Meanwhile, Commissioner of Police Ms Dinah Marathe said the Botswana Police Service (BPS), guided by national legislation and international obligations, had prioritised child protection through several initiatives.

These include the establishment of the Gender and Child Protection Branch, development of specialised facilities, adoption of standardised procedures as well as capacity building and partnerships.

Ms Marathe said the BPS had established eight child-friendly centres across the country aimed at addressing crimes against children and preventing secondary trauma.

She added that the BPS had partnered with UNICEF to strengthen its response to violence against children, receiving technical and financial support to establish and resource child-friendly centres with specialised infrastructure.

The partnership also supported the development of standard operating procedures and training of personnel.

Additionally, Ms Marathe said the BPS utilised technology such as audio-visual recording systems and web stations linked to international databases to enhance investigative capacity and combat online exploitation. **BOPA**

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PARLIAMENT 2026

Ministry develops prototype for high-performance authority

Mmoniemang Motsamai
GABORONE

Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa says his ministry is committed to building resilient, adaptive and forward-looking local governments by empowering institutions to be people-centered and responsive to the evolving needs of communities.

Presenting the ministry's budget proposals for the next financial year on Wednesday,

Mr Motshegwa said the ministry was currently developing a comprehensive template and prototype for a High-Performance Local Authority.

He said the model would establish clear standards for governance, financial management, service delivery and institutional capacity and position local authorities to be functional, efficient and agile.

"It will promote accountability, revenue mobilisation, enhance planning and implementation systems and foster innovation and ultimately ensure that councils deliver quality services, value for money and sustainable local development," he said.

He told Parliament that a review of the Village and Ward Development Committee (VDC/WDC) Regulations had been completed.

The review, he said aimed to strengthen community governance, align local development with national priorities and create an enabling environment for committees to operate more effectively, with key focus areas including promoting local economic development, enhancing ethical leadership and prioritising community-led infrastructure initiatives.

Regarding the Ikageng Public Works programme, the minister noted that while it had achieved significant milestones in job creation and skills development, it faced several hurdles which included limited funding, inadequate participant training, coordination difficulties across local authorities and gaps in monitoring and evaluation.

Land board term limits set for review to address prolonged tenures

GABORONE

The Ministry of Lands and Agriculture is poised to deliver a new era of tribal land administration aimed at addressing the prolonged retention of land board members.

Answering a parliamentary question on Wednesday, acting minister, Dr Edwin Dikoloti said the Tribal Land Act of 2018 allowed for land board members to hold office for three years as well as multiple re-appointments.

Dr Dikoloti told Parliament that the provision, did not specify the maximum number of terms a member can serve.

To that end, he said there were six members out of a total of 12 within the Jwaneng-Mabutsane constituency, at Maokane and

Addressing the transfer of Primary Health Care services back to the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Motshegwa stated that the transition was progressing well and key institutional and governance frameworks were now established, with measurable progress made in staff migration and piloting of decentralised systems.

However, he acknowledged residual challenges, particularly in aligning human resource data and timely transfer of funds, which had implications for operational stability at the local level.

Furthermore, Parliament heard that the Home-Grown School Feeding Programme was being refined to address inconsistent supply and nutritional gaps.

Mr Motshegwa emphasised that the programme aligned social protection with economic growth and strengthens food system resilience and reflected government's commitment to inclusive development.

"The ministry is therefore strengthening inter-ministerial coordination to address these risks and to ensure smooth, sustainable and fiscally responsible decentralisation of Primary Health Care Services," he said.

Parliament approved a budget of over P15.8 billion for the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs.

The ministry's recurrent budget accounts for over P12.9 billion, while P2.8 billion has been set aside for the development budget. The largest share of the recurrent budget, over P7.6 billion, would be allocated to the Department of Corporate Services.

Funds include P7.3 billion for the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) to local authorities.

The second-largest share, over P4.2 billion, would be allocated to the Department of Social Development, a bulk of which would be used for social welfare cash allowances, including old age pensions, disability allowances, destitute cash allowances and world war veterans' benefits.

Minister Ketlhalefile Motshegwa said the budget aligned with government's vision of re-engineering and repositioning the role of local government institutions, including Bogosi and local authorities. **BOPA**

Mabutsane sub land boards, who had served for more than two terms.

Nonetheless, he said while the decision to re-appoint members of the land board was grounded on the need for continuity and preservation of institutional memory, there was need to set a clear time limit as there were inherent risks of retaining the same members for a prolonged period of time in a board.

"Therefore, the above scenario reinforces the need for the third generation of tribal land administration, which my ministry is intentional in delivering to Botswana," he said.

MP for Jwaneng-Mabutsane, Mr Omphemetse Kwapa, had asked the minister to explain why certain members were being retained beyond two terms and to provide the legal basis for the extensions. **BOPA**



Minister for International Relations, Dr Phenyio Butale told Parliament that Botswana in the Middle East remained safe and accounted for despite the evolving security situation in the region. He further said evacuation was currently not feasible due to airspace closures and ongoing volatility, but communication between Botswana missions and citizens remained active to provide timely guidance.

Contingency plans in place for evacuation as security volatility rises

Mmoniemang Motsamai
GABORONE

Government has contingency plans in place for the possible evacuation of Botswana in the Middle East, should circumstances so require and permit, Minister of International Relations, Dr Phenyio Butale has said.

Updating Parliament on Wednesday, on the evolving situation in the Middle East and the safety of the citizens of Botswana in the region, Dr Butale said, however, due to the closure and restriction of portions of the Middle Eastern airspace and ongoing volatility of the security situation, evacuation is not feasible at this time.

He also revealed that based on information presently available to the ministry, Botswana in the region were safe and accounted for and that communication channels between missions and citizens remained active to ensure timely dissemination of verified information and appropriate guidance.

"I can further inform the House that according to our records, the only Botswana resident in Iran, Mr Nijel Amos, travelled back to Botswana prior to the current hostilities," he said. He urged citizens in the region to exercise heightened vigilance, limit all non-essential movement, comply fully with directives issued by local authorities and maintain regular contact with diplomatic missions.

Dr Butale said government continued to assess options in close coordination with the missions and international partners and that the Embassy in Kuwait, was engaging with regional counterparts, including fellow Southern African countries with resident missions, to exchange information, coordinate precautionary measures where appropriate and ensure that consular support mechanisms remained responsive.

On the economic front, he said relevant ministries and agencies were closely monitoring global oil prices following disruptions to production and supply routes and would respond in accordance with established policy frameworks to safeguard national economic stability.

Regarding the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, he said government had received reports that some Botswana had fallen victim to deceptive recruitment practices and lured to Russia with promises of opportunities such as self-development training programmes and body guard or security jobs.

To that effect, he said, government on

December 2025, successfully facilitated the safe return of one of the individuals before he could be deployed to front line.

He said those included approximately 16 Botswana, out of which four were confirmed to have travelled to the Russian Federation, while the whereabouts and status of the remaining three individuals had not yet been confirmed.

He said through the ministry and in collaboration with relevant international mechanisms, including INTERPOL, efforts were ongoing to establish the facts and determine their location and wellbeing.

Dr Butale urged Botswana to exercise vigilance when engaging with recruitment agencies operating within and outside the country, particularly those advertising opportunities abroad.

"While many agencies operate legitimately, he said, there were instances where certain entities at times promoted through social media platforms, may not be properly verified or may misrepresent the nature of the opportunities being offered," he said.

He added that records indicated that approximately 300 Botswana nationals resided across the Middle East with 200 in the United Arab Emirates, 50 in the State of Qatar and smaller numbers in Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Iran.

Kanye West MP, Mr Victor Phologolo advised the minister to contact affected families to give them assurance that their members were safe.

Kgatleng West MP, Dr Unity Dow asked minister if there were investigations regarding trafficking and if there were any fatalities.

Tlokweg MP, Mr Phenyio Segokgo asked the minister to dispel lies or ascertain speculations regarding the US airspace in Botswana. Kgatleng Central MP, Mr Mpho Morolong asked whether African Union and SADC were formulating a position on situation to evacuate their people.

In response, Dr Butale said it was in order that regional blocs were working with multilateral bodies on seeing how they can evacuate their people.

He implored the nation not to peddle speculations that were insensitive to concerned families.

He said law enforcement agencies were working round the clock with others in the multinational to assist Botswana abroad.

"There are no truths to the fact that some people have lost lives and there was no US base in Botswana," the minister said. **BOPA**

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Chombo pushes for economic liberty

Mmoniemang Motsamai
GABORONE

Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Ms Lesego Chombo, has called for robust economic reforms targeting young people, women, and persons with disabilities.

Contributing to the 2026/27 budget speech debate recently, Minister Chombo stated it was crucial for government to create a responsive economic ecosystem tailor-made to support mentorship, growth and access to capital and markets.

In that regard, she emphasised that the P1.85 billion procurement budget across all

ministries and departments must strictly comply with the 20 per cent reservation for young people.

“Businesses owned by women, young people and persons with disabilities must get a share of this budget.

We must make sure of it,” she said. Ms Chombo further emphasised that economic liberty was vital, particularly for women, as financial independence often provided the means to leave abusive relationships.

She also urged institutions entrusted with funding development projects to prioritise youth and women-led businesses.

Furthermore, she argued that government must work harder to create pathways for graduates, noting that the demand for many years of work experience often hindered their breakthrough into the job market.

To address such gaps, she informed Parliament that her ministry was working to capacitate and equip such groups through strategic partnerships. She also announced that the ministry was finalising a Youth Employment Strategy in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

Additionally, she said a Revised National Youth Policy would be tabled in Parliament to lay the groundwork for a Youth Development Act, intended to secure sustainable opportunities for the youth.

MP for Tswapong North, Mr Prince Maele, commended the budget for focusing on three main pillars which entailed addressing financial haemorrhage, stabilisation and economic take-off.

He noted that the budget speech aligned with both the State of the Nation Address (SONA) and previous budgetary goals.

Mr Maele welcomed that supplementary estimates and virement of maintenance votes would be restricted.

“These measures are meant to address financial haemorrhage,” he noted, adding that strict enforcement of centralised Government Purchase Orders (GPOs) had effectively curbed wastage.

He also welcomed the transformation of state-owned enterprises, such as the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) and Air Botswana, as a step toward revitalising the economy, while highlighting the importance of the Sovereign Wealth Fund for posterity.

In contrast, Tati East MP, Mr Tlhabologo Furniture, opposed the budget, arguing that the Minister of Finance failed to address bread and butter issues and ignored policy pronouncements previously promised by the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC).

Mr Furniture suggested that income must be more strictly aligned with expenditure to avoid deficits, stressing the need to improve foreign reserves and revenue collection. He cautioned government against increasing taxes, saying it would have negative impact on households.

On healthcare, he opined a national health insurance scheme was currently unfeasible due to budget constraints. Instead, he argued that government should prioritise improvement of medical supplies in existing health facilities.

He also raised concerns regarding the delay of Constituency Community Projects (CCP) funds, which he said hampered local development. While he welcomed the P97 million budget allocated to fight Foot and Mouth Disease, he disapproved the lack of a detailed plan on how the funds would be utilised.

He further called for the establishment of a dedicated Gender-Based Violence (GBV) fund to support victims and combat the scourge. **BOPA**



Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs Ms Lesego Chombo has called for robust economic reforms targeting young people, women, and persons with disabilities.



Camphill Community Trust is a non-governmental organization which offers quality education and vocational training to learners with disabilities.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Physiotherapist on a three (3) year fixed-term contract.

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The suitable candidate will assess, treat and rehabilitate physically challenged children and young adults who are referred for physiotherapy to improve their level of functioning.

The successful candidate will also conduct diagnostic assessments for learners with physical disabilities and recommend appropriate interventions.

Qualification

The suitable candidate should have a BSc Degree in Physiotherapy or equivalent. Certificate in Wheelchair assessment, fitting & repair, an experience in hydrotherapy will be an added advantage.

Experience:

Three (3) years' experience in physiotherapy and should be registered with Botswana Health Professions Council.

Key Performance Areas:

Conduct physiotherapy assessments and develop individualized treatment plans
Provide therapeutic interventions and monitor learner progress
Prepare professional reports and maintain confidential records
Facilitate wheelchair assessment, fitting, and maintenance where required

Essential Competencies:

Demonstrates sincerity, integrity, and trustworthiness
Passion and commitment to working with persons with disabilities
Strong interpersonal and communication skills

Conditions of Employment:

Salary: Commensurate with experience and qualifications
Leave: 25 working days per annum.
Benefits: i) Optional 50% contribution to an approved medical aid scheme.
ii) Entitled to gratuity after five (5) years

People with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Citizens of Botswana will be given preference. Only shortlisted applicants will be responded to.

Applications shall be received before 5.00 pm on 20 March 2025.

Applicants should provide the following:
Detailed and up-to-date Curriculum Vitae
Certified copies of academic and professional certificates with transcripts
Certified copy of a valid Identity Card/Omang for citizens
Three (3) recent work-related references (not more than six months old)
Applications should be addressed to:
Human Resources Coordinator, Camphill Community Trust, P O Box 34, Otse
Email: jobs@camphill.org.bw

or hand delivered to:

Camphill Community Trust, along Lobatse Road, Lekubu Ward, Otse



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR GABORONE CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED

Notice is hereby given to all members of Gaborone Consumers Co-operative Society Limited (GCCSL) that the Annual General Meeting will be held in Gaborone at Aquarian Tide Hotel on the 13th and 14th March 2026.

The meeting will commence at 1400 hours until 1800 hours on the 13th and at 0800 hours on the 14th March 2026.

All members and proxies should bring evidence of their membership or proof of appointment to represent members.

For administration purposes please confirm your attendance with the Secretary at 73 180 156, alternatively call 71 360 259, 71 327 665, 71 397 248, 71 812 232 or 72 271 434 on or before the 6th March, 2026.

The Agenda of the meeting will include:

- Board Business Report.
- Audited financial Statements for 2024/2025.
- Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 14th to 15th March 2025.

KITSISO YA PHUTHEGO YA BOTLHE YA NGWAGA YA GABORONE CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED

Maloko a lekgotla la koporase ya Baji Bareki la Gaborone a lalediwa phuthago ya botlhe e e tlaa tshwarelwang mo Gaborone kwa hoteleng ya Aquarian Tide ka kgwedi ya Mopitlo e tlhola malatsi ale lesome le boraro go fitlhelela e tlhola malatsi ale lesome le bone. Phuthago e tlaa simolola ka Labotlhano ka nako ya bobedi go fitlhelela ka nako ya borataro, mme ebo e tswelela ka Saterataga go tloga ka nako ya boferabobedi.

Maloko le baemedi ba maloko ba rotloediwa gotla ka sesupo sa boloko kana sa thomo ya leloko.

Maloko a kopiwa go supa gotla phuthagong ga bone ka go leletsa mokwaledi wa khuduthamaga mo mogaleng wa 73 180 156, kana ee latelangl 71 360 259, 71 327 665, 71 397 248, 71 812 232 or 72 271 434 pele ga Mopitlo a tlhola ga rataro (6).

Thulaganyo ya phuthago e tlaa tsenya tse di latelang:

- Pego ya kgwebo ya Koporase
- Pego ya madi ya dingwaga tsa 2024/2025
- Metsotso ya phuthago ya botlhe ya Mopitlo ale 14 le 15 ka ngwaga wa 2025.



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Russia signals possible halt of EU gas supplies

MOSCOW

Russia may stop supplying natural gas to European Union (EU) countries earlier than expected for reasons of commercial expediency, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in an interview on Wednesday. The EU countries “plan to introduce new restrictions on the purchase of Russian gas in a month, and in a year to tighten them to a complete ban,” said Putin. “Other markets are now opening up. Maybe it would be more profitable for us to stop supplies to the European market right now, and establish ourselves in new export directions,” he said. “There is no political subtext in this.” At the same time, he noted that these are just “thoughts out loud,” not a decision that has been made. In January, the Council of the European Union approved a ban on imports of Russian pipeline gas and liquefied natural gas into the EU, with a full ban entering into force from January 2027. **Xinhua**

Middle East crisis triggers fuel hikes in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG

As tensions in the Middle East intensify, pushing oil prices higher and weakening South Africa’s currency, economists have warned of mounting inflationary pressures in Africa’s most industrialised economy. The rand has depreciated by more than 1 per cent since airstrikes against Iran over the weekend, amid escalating hostilities involving the United States and Israel. By Wednesday, the local currency was trading at about 16.34 against the U.S. dollar, a marked weakening from its closing level on Friday. Meanwhile, Brent crude oil prices rose to around US\$83.50 per barrel. “When the price of oil rises, the pump price of petrol in South Africa follows. Whether you are flying or using any petroleum-reliant product, costs will increase,” noted analyst Sandile Swana. **Xinhua**

EU Industrial Act proposal sparks division

BRUSSELS

The European Commission on Wednesday proposed the controversial Industrial Accelerator Act (IAA) to prioritise “Made in EU” goods in public support and procurement, even as deep divisions persist among EU member states and the plan draws criticism from some of the bloc’s trading partners. In a draft proposal, the Commission said the IAA would target “strategic sectors” including energy-intensive industries, net-zero technology manufacturing and the automotive supply chain, as Brussels seeks to raise manufacturing to 20 per cent of the EU’s gross domestic product by 2035. The draft aims to embed sustainability, resilience and “Made in EU” criteria into public procurement and state support schemes to boost demand for EU-made and low-carbon products. **Xinhua**

Mining conference to tackle industrial challenges



The Country Director of Spire Events, Mr Tshepo Mhozya said the Botswana Mining Expo would bring together regional and international stakeholders across the mining and energy value chain, among them policymakers, investors, and technology partners, for social dialogue aimed at advancing the national economic diversification agenda under the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme.

Pako Lebanna
GABORONE

In the face of challenges the energy sector and commodity sale have posed on the national economy, the upcoming Botswana Mining and Energy Conference and Expo (BME) comes at an opportune time for industry players to seek to chart a new course.

This was said by Mr Tshepo Mhozya, the Country Director of Spire Events the organiser of the BME, during a press briefing ahead of the conference, scheduled for March 16 and 17 at the Boipuso Hall in Gaborone’s Fairgrounds Financial District.

Mr Mhozya said the conference “The conference will have the entire mineral resources value chain gathering in Gaborone, and we will highlight commodity processing, mining investment trends, exploration, opportunities, precious base and bulk metals, financing models as well as technological innovations disrupting the mining and energy industry;”

would bring together regional and international stakeholders across the mining and energy value chain, among them policymakers, investors, and technology partners, for social dialogue aimed at advancing the national economic diversification agenda under the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) and the twelfth National Development Plan (NDP 12).

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mining investment trends, exploration, opportunities, precious base and bulk metals, financing models as well as technological innovations disrupting the mining and energy industry,” He said in this, their fourth annual edition they would introduce a dedicated session focused solely on solar, batteries and energy storage, which he said would play a crucial role in clean energy transformation in Botswana.

Mr Mhozya said they anticipate the participation of 1200 senior level executives from international organisations, governments and stakeholders from more than 30 countries for networking, partnering and business matching over the two days of the conference.

He said among the diverse topics would include a look into the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) as well as critical minerals- the non-fuel raw materials essential for economic, energy and national security- which he said in the Botswana context has to include

diamonds.

“We cannot define critical minerals in the exact same manner the United States or China do, we have to look at our own situation, what is most critical to us, and what could be useful in transforming our economy in the long term,” Mr Mhozya said.

Speaking from the same podium, Ms Lesego Seleke, the acting chief executive officer (CEO) of First Capital Bank Botswana announced that her institution was sponsoring the conference to the tune of US\$15 000 (approximately P200 000).

“Our participation as the event’s gold sponsor reflects our belief that sustainable economic progress is driven through collaboration between industry, government and the private sector. The BME provides an important platform to advance innovation, investment and responsible resource development aligned to Botswana’s long term growth ambitions,” Ms Seleke said.

Meanwhile, Ms Tebogho Thedi

of Export Credit Insurance and Guarantee Company Botswana (BECI) enunciated on their function to develop and equip businesses with trade credit insurance policies to protect them from the perils of non-payment by creditors, and in addition their provision of business growth tools such as construction bonds and guarantees.

She said they look forward to participate in the conference particularly to engage with mining and energy stakeholders on risk management.

Ms Keletso Tselayakgosi, founder and CEO of VOSS BW, which provides high impact training programmes and psychometric assessments to professionals of different trades and vocations to fine prepare them for their careers, said human resource identification, training and management would be crucial if the energy and mineral sector was to deliver on its role to diversify the economy. **BOPA**

Ramaphosa calls for greater energy integration across Africa

CAPE TOWN - South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa has called for greater energy integration across Africa to strengthen the continent’s security and diversification as global markets face heightened volatility.

Speaking at the Africa Energy Indaba 2026 in Cape Town on Wednesday, Ramaphosa said escalating geopolitical tensions and supply chain disruptions have increased risks for African economies reliant on external energy supplies.

“Africa is already experiencing the impact of the escalating conflict in the Middle East, with strains on supply chains and higher energy prices,” he said, noting that such shifting geopolitical sands underscored the vulnerabilities of import-dependent economies across Africa.

“These vulnerabilities sharpen the case for regional and continental energy security and diversification,” he said.

Ramaphosa urged African countries to accelerate the development of an integrated energy system capable of transmitting power across borders and balancing diverse resources, including hydropower, solar, wind and gas. An interconnected grid, he said, would support affordability, reliability and industrial competitiveness.

“The task now is to build a different kind of energy system, one that connects Africa to itself and one that allows our economies to grow together rather than apart,” Ramaphosa said. Despite abundant oil, gas, renewable resources and critical minerals, more than 600 million Africans still lack access

to electricity, he noted, describing energy poverty as a brake on industrialisation and investment.

“The remaining task is to match this potential with sustained implementation, to translate plans into projects, and to turn projects into reliable power that supports industry, jobs and dignity,” he said, calling for a shift “from potential to delivery, from promise to construction.” Ramaphosa highlighted the Ten-Year Africa Energy Infrastructure Investment Plan launched under South Africa’s Group of Twenty presidency as a platform to mobilise large-scale, coordinated financing.

Public funds alone would be insufficient, he said, but could play a catalytic role in de-risking projects and crowding in private capital. **Xinhua**

BMC reinvents: Moving away from obsolete engineering technology

Calviniah Kgauthe
LOBATSE

A scene reminiscent of 19th-century industry unfolds as one walks into the historic Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) facility in Lobatse.

Yet beneath the echoes of an earlier industrial age lies one of Botswana's enduring economic engines.

Spread across a vast expanse of land along the A1 Road, the large-scale commercial abattoir stands as a blend of rustic and modern industrial structures. Heavy machinery hums across the complex engines roar, compressors throb, turbines spin while engineers and technicians move between equipment in a tightly coordinated maintenance operation.

"The plant is very old. It is essentially a 1965 engineering piece of art," says BMC Plant Engineer Mr Gaolatlhe Kelesitse, speaking while overseeing work on the boilers during the facility's annual maintenance shutdown.

"Most of the companies that produced the original spare parts were based overseas in Australia, New Zealand, France, the United Kingdom and the United States. Some of those companies have closed, while others still operate through vendors. In many cases we now rely on agencies in South Africa to help source parts," he explains.

The Lobatse abattoir, one of Botswana's most historic industrial facilities, is currently undergoing significant revitalisation as BMC seeks to improve efficiency and strengthen profitability.

Engineering work forms a central part of that transformation.

"As you can see, engineers are on the ground carrying out major maintenance replacing worn-out components so that once the plant resumes export slaughter operations, it can run without major interruptions," says Mr Kelesitse.

While the ageing infrastructure presents operational challenges, it

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Lobatse Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) old power station comprising diesel generators was commissioned in 1965. BMC plant engineer Mr Gaolatlhe Kelesitse said the technology was obsolete and BMC had now moved to using boilers driven by new technology.

has also forced the engineering team to innovate.

"A lot of the engineering items here are obsolete," he notes. "But that has not stopped operations. We have learned to adapt through refurbishing, reverse engineering, redesigning components or sourcing alternatives."

Looking ahead, the Commission is positioning itself for a technological transition.

'We are in the digital transformation era. In future we want to move toward modern slaughter technologies, including robotics, depending on funding. That will allow the plant to operate more efficiently while maximising productivity.'

Despite the challenges associated with ageing equipment, BMC recorded a P54 million profit in the 2025 financial year, an outcome management attributes partly to operational reforms within engineering and plant management.

Mr Kelesitse says the engineering unit played a critical role in that turnaround by repairing equipment in-house, working with local contractors and collaborating with specialised South African firms where necessary.

"We carried out much of the spare-parts replacement ourselves, while also engaging local and regional partners to improve turnaround times," he explains.

As part of its modernisation efforts, BMC recently upgraded parts of its refrigeration infrastructure using Programmable Logic Control (PLC) technology, introducing digital automation into sections of the plant.

"We are currently training staff on the new equipment," says Mr Kelesitse.

"To remain competitive we must build new skills and competencies, particularly among younger engineers."

Plant Manager Mr Mpaphi Mathangwane oversees an engineering workforce of 57

personnel alongside approximately 600 production staff, many of whom remain engaged in manual processing operations.

He credits the workforce with contributing significantly to BMC's recent operational improvements.

"We have a dedicated team that played a major role in the turnaround strategy," he says.

The annual maintenance shutdown budgeted at approximately P10 million is a key element of sustaining the ageing facility.

The exercise typically lasts about a month.

"We halted production to carry out the planned maintenance," Mr Mathangwane explains. "The shutdown had already been scheduled before the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease."

Preparations began as early as September last year, including ordering spare parts in advance.

Among those gaining hands-on experience during the shutdown is Mr Kaone Otshubile, a graduate trainee in Mechanical and Energy Engineering from the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST).

For Otshubile, the ageing plant provides valuable training opportunities.

"Working in an older facility means we encounter different technical challenges almost every day," he says.

"As young engineers we are constantly required to think creatively to solve problems."

The engineering team is gradually transitioning the plant toward more automated and reliability-centred systems.

"We are moving from the old manual way of operating toward a reliability-centred plant model where automation and digital monitoring become part of the process,"

Mr Otshubile explains. At the policy level, government has also

announced broader reforms aimed at strengthening BMC's operational management and addressing long-standing infrastructure constraints.

Central to those reforms is a P230 million Meat Value Addition and Secondary Processing Plant, currently under construction and expected to be completed in June 2026.

The facility will allow BMC to produce premium processed meat products, expanding its product range and strengthening market competitiveness.

In addition, the BMC Tannery Revitalisation Project, valued at P212 million, is scheduled for completion by April 2026, further expanding the Commission's value-chain capabilities. BMC Chief Technical Advisor Mr Oabona Ramotshwara says the organisation is optimistic about sustaining the progress made in recent years.

"This will be another year of strong performance," he says.

"Our focus remains on maintaining profitability through cost discipline and improved efficiency."

He adds that the Commission will prioritise modernising critical assets to reduce operational risks.

"We will replace equipment where possible, continue diversifying markets, strengthen logistics and ensure that capital projects are delivered within revised timelines," Mr Ramotshwara says.

While structural challenges remain particularly the age of the Lobatse facility he believes the reforms are underway under the Thuo Khumo Strategy 2025–2027 and the broader capital investment programme place BMC on a path toward sustained improvement.

"Mitigation measures are already in place," he says.

"The Commission is positioning itself for continued recovery and long-term growth." **BOPA**



A new digital technology of an upgrade of a boiler controller. BMC Plant Engineer Mr Gaolatlhe Kelesitse said it was equipped with a new refrigeration system of Programmable Logic Control, which was energy efficient instead of using the old system. Photos: Calviniah Kgauthe

Policy changes broaden access to home ownership

PARLIAMENT

Answering a question in Parliament on Tuesday, Minister of Water and Human Settlement, Mr Onneetse Ramogapi said the directive excluded institutional houses and those situated in strategic locations.

Mr Ramogapi said subsequently, the framework was reviewed and amended through Presidential Directive CAB 2AA/2025, which introduced key reforms to enhance accessibility and fairness.

Amongst notable amendments, he said, were the introduction of a tenant purchase scheme alongside the outright sale option, removal of the plot size limitation of 1 200 square metres as well as deletion of the clause that restricted eligibility based on the number of plots or houses already owned by a tenant.

He explained that the amendments were intended to broaden access and ensure equitable participation by eligible public officers.

The minister further informed Parliament that the scheme primarily targeted citizens public officers who were currently occupying pool houses as lawful sitting tenants.

He explained that the process for purchasing a pool house required the sitting tenant to submit an expression of interest to the Department of Housing, or in the case of district, to the relevant district commissioner.

“The Department of Housing or district commissioner conducts preliminary assessments, including property inspection, rent reconciliation and preparation of an indicative estimate of the property value.

Where the tenant meets the eligibility requirements, an estimate is issued and the tenant is required to provide proof of funding,” he explained. That, he said, was followed by the formal valuation process, insurance of an offer letter and subsequent payment by the tenant.

He said as at close of business on February 26, a total of 277 houses had been sold, while 248 applications were being processed.

Minister Ramogapi also indicated that while the programme had made recommendable progress, a number of implementation challenges were encountered which included institutional mandate limitations.

He explained that under the initial directive, the Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC) was mandated to sell all pool houses.

However, he said it could not

dispose of government-built houses as those remained under direct government ownership.

He said the matter was addressed in the subsequent directive, which empowered the Department of Lands to handle the sale of government-built houses.

He further explained that the other challenge was the plot size restriction, which he said the original exclusion of houses situated in plots measuring 1 200 square metres and above disadvantaged certain public officers.

“This provision has since been

renewed and removed, thereby broadening eligibility,” he added.

Mr Ramogapi also explained that the other challenge was that of ownership restrictions, noting that initially, sitting tenants who already owned land legally allocated by land authorities were disqualified from participating.

He said the clause had also been amended to promote inclusivity and fairness.

Regarding institutional houses not for sale, Minister Ramogapi said the challenge was something that led to some of the occupants

or clients being treated differently.

To mitigate the above challenge, Mr Ramogapi said government intended to give first priority to government officers who were staying in institutional houses the opportunity to buy houses from those to be constructed by investors under Bonno housing programme.

He said such corrective measures had significantly strengthened the implementation frame work and enhanced access to the scheme.

Member of Parliament for Maun East, Mr Goretetse Kekgonegile had asked the minister to appraise

Parliament on government pool houses purchasing scheme with emphasis on who their main target was the number of those eligible, the number of pool houses and the number of those available.

The legislator had also wanted the minister to explain the process undertaken to purchase a house, the number of houses purchased so far and the number of applicants that were being processed and the challenge’s experienced and solutions in place for the smooth implementation of the programme.

BOPA



Notice is hereby given that the 2024/25 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of members will be held at Gaborone, **Avani Hotel** and in Francistown, **Cresta Thapama Hotel** on **20th March 2026 at 09:00HRS**

AGENDA

1. Notice and constitution of the meeting.
2. Adoption of Agenda.
3. Apologies for non-attendance.
4. Constitution of the Management Committee (ManCo).
5. Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 19 December 2025.
6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2025.
7. Receipt and adoption of the Management Committee (ManCo) report for the year ended 31 March 2025.
8. Receipt and adoption of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.
9. Ratification of Remuneration of the Management Committee members for the year ended 31 March 2025.
10. Review of the group Remuneration Policy (ManCo, Sub-Committees, BPOMAS Property Holdings Board of Directors).
11. Ratification of Remuneration of Auditors for the year ended 31 March 2025.
12. Appointment/re-appointment of External Auditors for the ensuing year.
13. Any other business for which due notice has been given.

*Notice of motions proposed to be placed before the meeting must reach the Scheme at agm@bpomas.co.bw or the office of the Administrators of the Scheme not later than seven (7) days before the time for holding the Annual General Meeting.

In terms of the Rules, a member may appoint a proxy to attend the Annual General Meeting and vote in his stead. A proxy form is attached and must be received by the Scheme Administrators, less than 24 hours, prior to the meeting.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION (There shall be a question and answer session after the meeting.)

BY ORDER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (ManCo)



Minister of Water and Human Settlement Mr Onneetse Ramogapi

Boko-Hichilema: Chobe and the Pan-African ambition

Tshireletso Motlogelwa

There was a moment recently that captured something rare. Botswana President Advocate Duma Boko and his Zambian counterpart Mr Hakainde Hichilema stood together at the Kazungula border post in northern Botswana, not merely commemorating what exists but launching what comes next.

They officially inaugurated the Kazungula Bridge Authority, the institution that will finally manage the \$259 million bridge spanning the Zambezi, replacing the administrative vacuum that persisted since the structure opened in 2021.

The ferry service is long dead. The steel is in place. What President Boko and President Hichilema created is the machinery of partnership, the institutional embodiment of a relationship that dates to the founding of both nations.

This was not routine diplomacy. It was continuation. A physical manifestation of the trust established by Kenneth Kaunda and Seretse Khama, who recognised that their landlocked countries shared more than geography. They shared vulnerability. And they shared the conviction that cooperation was the only viable response to the constraints of colonial cartography.

Kaunda and Khama were not merely allies. They were architects of mutual trust at a time when such relationships were scarce on the continent. That trust persisted through regime changes, economic pressures, and the entropy that afflicts bilateral relations. It persisted because it was institutionalised, in joint infrastructure projects, in shared diplomatic positions, in the quiet assumption that Zambian and Botswana interests were more aligned than divergent.

The Kazungula Bridge Authority is the latest expression of that inheritance. And Chobe Connect 2026, which SEZA announced for March 30-31 at the Cresta Mowana, is the attempt to convert that inheritance into future tense.

February 2025. Finance Minister Ndaba Gaolathe delivered the “Reset and Reclaim Agenda.” This was BETP: the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme, allocated P388 billion over five years.

The framing marks a departure. Botswana has historically discussed economic diversification defensively—as preparation for the day diamonds no longer sustain the economy. Now the tone is offensive. The message: we intend to compete for continental market share, and we intend

to do so from a position of institutionalized partnership with our closest neighbor.

The budget speech places the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) at the strategic center. “Participating in the African Continental Free Trade Area will provide the much-needed market for local businesses,” Mr Gaolathe stated. The wording is notable. Not conditional. Not aspirational. Will provide. Such certainty suggests either genuine confidence or the pressure of circumstance—diamond revenues declining, youth unemployment persistent, the old model faltering.

But there is something else here. The recognition that Botswana and Zambia, as historical partners, are uniquely positioned to demonstrate what AfCFTA might actually look like in practice. Not in the abstract language of treaties signed in Addis Ababa, but in the concrete reality that Boko and Hichilema invoked this week: joint investments to accelerate trade and development.

This is the logic underlying Chobe Connect. SEZA acting CEO Tapiwa Masie has positioned the conference as the mechanism for “establishing the Chobe District as a rising investment hub for Botswana and Southern Africa.” The specific vehicle is the Pandamatenga Economic Zone, the agribusiness frontier whose viability depends on the bridge, and whose success would validate the Kaunda-Khama model of cooperative development.

Technology, Trust, and the Hard Work

Mr Masie’s appeal to investors is precise: “Bring new agricultural technology solutions, irrigation innovations, and smart farming systems that will not only transform the Chobe region but contribute meaningfully to national development.”

This is the correct ask. Without modern irrigation and processing capacity, Pandamatenga remains an isolated farming area. With these systems, and with the bridge providing export corridors to Zambia and beyond the zone acquires strategic significance. The UNDP recognizes this, noting the bridge’s impact “cascades as far as Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo.” That is logistics, not rhetoric.

Yet Mr Masie’s invitation assumes absorptive capacity. It assumes functional water infrastructure. Reliable power. Border processes that honor the trust Kaunda and Khama established, rather than dissipating it in bureaucratic redundancy. The African Development Bank acknowledges that One-Stop Border Post procedures remain “cumbersome.” The Bridge Authority was necessary precisely because the soft infrastructure of partnership had lagged the physical construction.

The technology is welcome. But it requires institutional readiness that has not yet been demonstrated. The trust between



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) and his Zambian counterpart, Mr Hakainde Hichilema at the official launch of the Kazungula Bridge Authority. President Boko announced that the Kazungula One-Stop Border Post would operate 24 hours a day to improve efficiency and would implement technology aimed at eliminating truck queues.

Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

founders must be operationalized in shared databases, in synchronized customs procedures, in the elimination of duplicate paperwork that currently forces truck drivers to submit identical documentation to BURS and ZRA.

The budget speech commits to “electronic invoicing (E-Billing) for efficient VAT collection” by March 2026. This is the unglamorous infrastructure, fiber-optic cables, integrated systems—that makes continental trade functional. Not flag-waving. Plumbing. The kind of plumbing that Kaunda and Khama would have recognized as essential to the project they began.

The Railway and the Future

The Trans-Kalahari Railway shadows these discussions. This \$9 billion, 1,500-kilometer project, connecting Botswana to Namibia’s Walvis Bay, has haunted planning documents for years. Revived in 2023. Still not under construction. Yet the BETP allocates P11.54 billion to infrastructure, 48.6 per cent of development expenditure suggesting renewed seriousness.

Should it proceed, the railway transforms Kazungula from a bridge into a node. The intersection of north-south and east-west corridors. Not merely connectivity, but strategic positioning that would extend the Kaunda-Khama partnership into a broader regional architecture linking Zambian agriculture to Namibian ports, connecting the

Copperbelt to Atlantic shipping lanes.

Chobe Connect 2026 anticipates this infrastructure. It builds relationships before the railway exists, establishing the commercial protocols that will determine whether Botswana and Zambia become the switchboard for southern African trade, or merely another corridor that others control.

The Test at Cresta Mowana

What to observe at Chobe Connect, should one attend?

Not the formal sessions. Not the ministerial addresses commemorating Kaunda and Khama, or celebrating the Bridge Authority launch. Watch the peripheral conversations. The discussions where Zambian truckers’ representatives raise visa complications that should not exist between historical partners. Where Pandamatenga farmers inquire about dollar-denominated financing that crosses borders seamlessly. Where officials from both sides confront why, despite the bridge and the new Authority, the operational trust remains incomplete.

These exchanges reveal whether Chobe Connect constitutes another conference or the beginning of substantive change. Whether the Kaunda-Khama inheritance is being honored or merely invoked.

The Pan-Africanist ambition appears genuine. The budget speech believes it. The BETP

is organised around it. Boko and Hichilema, this week, demonstrated the political will to institutionalize the partnership. The bridge awaits utilization that justifies its cost and its symbolism.

But ambition without execution is indistinguishable from tourism. Botswana and Zambia have experienced sufficient iterations of that cycle grand projects announced, partnerships celebrated, implementation lagging.

The Kazungula Bridge Authority gives the partnership structural form. The ferry is obsolete. The subsequent chapter, whether this generation of leaders can match the institutionalized trust of their predecessors begins now.

Kaunda and Khama charted a path. This week, their successors took a concrete step toward walking it. The question is what follows.

Chobe Connect 2026 convenes March 30-31 at the Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa, Kasane.

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KANYE

Kgosi Kgabosebele Kgatlane wa kgotla ya Kebuang mo Kanye o supile matshwenyego ka letlhoko la mafelo a mabitla kwa Kanye.

O boletse fa mabitla a reteletwa ke go emelana le seemo sa dintsho tse di nnang mo nakong eno ka a tletse thata.

Kgosi Kgatlane o tthalositse matshwenyego a gagwe mo phuthengong ya kgotla e e neng e buiswa ke modulasetilo wa khansela ya Kanye, Rre Morapedi Kgosithebe kwa Ga-Kebuang bosheng.

O tthalositse fa go tswalwa ga mabitla a Gokoojang go bakilwe ke

go bo ntlheng nngwe ya mabitla go supagetse fa go na le metsi a a ka fa tlase ga lefatshe.

Mo godimo ga seo, Kgosi Kgatlane a re mabitla ao a ne asa fiwe tlhokomelo nako tsotlhe.

Le fa go ntse jalo Kgosi o supile fa banni bangwe ba kaya fa go na le sephatlo sa lefatshe sengwe se se bonalang ntlheng ya bophirima gaufi le tse la Mmathethe.

A re gongwe ka bolesego, lefatshe leo le ka kgona go amogela dipalo tsa baswi ka bontsi fa ditsamaiso tse di maleba di ka kgona go amogesegega ga mmogo le go diragadiwa.

Mo go tse dingwe Kgosi o kgadile boitshwaro jwa banana bangwe mo kgaolong ka bophara

go akaretsa le motse wa Kanye.

A re maitshwaro a, a akaretsa go thubjwa ga matlo ga mmogo le go kgokgontsha bagolo mme e bile mo diemong tse di ngomolang pelo, go nne le dipetelelo mo bagolong.

Fa a tsibogela matshwenyego a bone ka letlhoko la mafelo a mabitla, mokwaledi wa khansela ya Kanye Rre Joseph Banyatsang o supile fa mo nakong ya gompieno khansela e tlhalelwa ke lephata le le itebagantseng le go tlhokomela mafelo a mabitla.

A re le fa go na le seemo sa madi, maiteko a tswetse go tlhoma le go lebalaba bodiredi jwa go nna jalo.

Go ntse go le foo, modulasetilo wa khansela ya kgaolo ya Kanye,

Rre Kgosithebe Morapedi o ne a tlatsa ka gore khansela ya Kanye e ikaelela go simolodisa lenaneo le khansela e tsayang boikarabelo jwa go epa mabitla go netefatsa tsamaiso e e lolameng ya lefatshe.

Modulasetilo o ne a supa botlhokwa jwa go sekaseka mafelo a a tlhophilweng go ka a baya mabitla a morafe. A re mo nakong e e fetileng mafelo a go nna jalo go lemogilwe morago ga nako gore a na le metsi a a ka fa tlase ga lefatshe kgotsa phate ya leje le ikadile a tlatsa ka go fa sekai ka mabitla mangwe a a tswetsweng ka ntlha ya go tlhoka go ela tlhoko ditshekatsheko tsa lefatshe.

Go sale foo, modulasetilo a re madi a ditlhabololo tsa kgaolo a a

neng a solofetswe e leng didikadike tse di lesome le borataro ga go a kgonagala gore a goroge mo dibolokelong tsa khansela ka ntlha ya matlole a madi a setshaba a a kwa tlase.

A re seemo seo se paletisitse mananeo a ditlhabololo tsa kgaolo segolo jang a go shafatsa dikolo go akaretsa le gone go batla lefelo le le maleba la mabitla mo motseng wa Kanye.

Banni bangwe ba ne ba amogela maiteko a khansela a go epa mabitla, ba re ba bona fa mogopolo o, o tlaa ba fokoletsa ditshenyegelo tsa malapa a a phirimeletsweng mabapi le dithulaganyo tse ba di direlwang ke ba ba epang mabitla . **BOPA**

Ba Tsabong ba re molao o fetolwe

Cathrine Simane
TSABONG

Banni ba Tsabong mo Bkgaolong ya Kgalagadi South ba re molao wa bong le tlhabololo (National Policy on Gender and Development) oo simolodisitsweng ka ngwaga wa 2015, oo neng o itebagantse thata le bomme, o sekasekwe ka o setse o fetilwe ke nako.

Ba buile seo kwa phuthengong ya kgotla e eneng e buisiwa ke ba lephata la bong kwa Tsabong ka Labobedi . Mogolwane go tswa mo lephateng la bong, Rre Boemo Mpolokeng o ne a tthalosa fa

maikaelelo e le go tsaya maikutlo le megopolo ya setshaba mabapi le molao oo ka go lebelega o setse o fetilwe ke nako.

Maikaelelo a molao o e ne e le go tswala phatlha magareng ga borre le bomme mo dikgannyeng tsa tekatekanyo ya bong mo go tsa itsholelo, tsa sepolotiki le ditlhabololo.

Molao o simolodisitswe go beilwe thata leitlho mo go bomme ka go le pele, ba ne ba salela kwa morago mo go tsa ditlhabololo mo makalaneng ka bontsi.

Dipatlisiso tsa molao oo, di ne di supa gore bong ke pinagre ya go diragadiwa ga ditlhabololo mo

lefatsheng ka jalo go supagetse gore fa tekatekanyo ya bong e le teng itsholelo e simolola go gola ka bonako.

Mme Ednah Podisi o ne a supa fa molao wa pele go ya ka ditsamaiso tsa Setswana, o ne o baya bomme ka fa mosing fa go tla mo go tsa tlhakanelo dithoto fa ba nyalane ka gantsi dithoto di kwalwa ka borre, mme seo se dire gore ba gatelele bomme mo dithoton g tse ba dibapetseng mmogo.

Mme Podisi o ne a tswelela ka go tthalosa fa go tlhalesegile ka molao wa pele wa bong gore ditlankana tsa ditshipi tsa loruo,

ditlankana tsa bonno, tshimo, dikoloi, le tse dingwe di kwalwe ka maina a borre mme tsotlhe tse di fetolwa fela mo go bomme fa borre ba ile ga maoto hunyela.

A re mo molaong o mosha, go tshwanetse ga sekasekwa gore dithoto tsa banyalang di kwalwe ka maina a bone botlhe.

Mme Mary Jonas go tswa Tsabong ene o ne a tthalosa fa bangwe ba sa tlhaloganye tekatekanyo ya bong.

A re bogologolo go ne go dumelwa gore ditiro dingwe ke tsa borre fela. Mme Magret Phologo ene o ne a supa fa dikgang tsa kgokgontsho di golela pele mme

ebile di ama thata bomme le basetsanayana. A re seemo seo, se felela se ba bakela malwetsi aa sa tshelanweng mme sebe sa phiri ke gore badira molato ga ba tseelwe dikgato tse di gagametseng .

Rre Lucky Sephiri, wa mona-le-bogole, ene o ne a bolela fa molao wa pele o ne a tlogela borre kwa morago bogolo jang mo mananeong a a mo lephateng la bong aa neng a tokafatsa matshele. A re puso e ne e lebile fela mo letlhakoreng la bomme le basetsanayana a supa fa lehuma le ama bong botlhe, mme a kopa gore mo molaong go bewa leitlho mo go seo. **BOPA**



NEW HORIZONS IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTSWANA AND ANGOLA

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Angola, His Excellency Sandro de Oliveira, recently presented his Credential Letters to President Duma Boko on 30th January 2026. He sat with Daily News for a conversation on the state of relations between the two countries, and to discuss various regional and international affairs.

1. What's your perspective on your appointment to this noble mission?

It is an honour to represent the Republic of Angola and the Angolan People in this beautiful and historic African Nation, with whom we share fraternal ties. For example, the Khoisan People are part of the ethnic fabric of both countries.

Since my arrival in Gaborone, I have received a very warm welcome from the Botswana Government and People, for which I am immensely grateful.

We are determined to work hard towards the fulfillment of our main mandate, which is to strengthen the bilateral relations between Angola and Botswana.

2. How would you describe the relations between Botswana and Angola?

The political and diplomatic relations between the Republic of Angola and the Republic of Botswana are excellent.

In 2006 our two countries signed a General Cooperation Agreement, which is yet to be implemented.

In this regard, we can consider that there is still plenty of work to be done in terms of bilateral cooperation, particularly in the economic and cultural fields, with the aim of bringing mutually tangible benefits to our People, on the basis of the enormous potentials that each country possesses.

3. What are some of the ways to improve the low

level of economic exchange between the two countries?

The President of the Republic of Botswana, His Excellency Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, on many occasions has emphasized the need for better alignment between the public and private sectors, where the latter is the main catalyst for growth and change. We are of the same opinion.

The public sector should structure the legal basis which will guide the bilateral cooperation, as well as to facilitate the creation of an environment which favors the full participation of the private sector. Thus, we count on the collaboration of the Government of Botswana, the Botswana private sector, especially Business Botswana (BB), as well as the Angolan private sector, in identifying and taking maximum advantage of the business and investment opportunities which exist in the two countries.

In that context, we intend to promote, along with the business sector, in the medium and long term, the establishment of an economic forum, as well as the creation of a chamber of commerce between the two countries.

As a consequence, in the short term we shall witness an increased exchange of public and private sector delegations from both countries, undertaking study tours and sharing experiences, thereby identifying the avenues for the launch of a reciprocally advantageous collaboration.

4. What do you have to say about Angola's interest in acquiring shares in the Diamond company De Beers?

It is public knowledge that the Republic of Angola has such an interest and the matter is undergoing the necessary process. Hence, we expect to receive additional information on this important subject in the near future.

What we can state at this juncture is that it is high time for African countries to unite and increasingly prioritize regional and continental integration, ensuring resource sovereignty and their subsequent application towards prosperity of its Peoples.

5. Besides the mining sector, what other areas should be prioritised in the bilateral agenda?

The governments of Angola and Botswana are currently undertaking efforts to diversify their respective economies and reduce their dependence on mineral resources. We have been repeatedly witnessing the adverse effects on African countries from the volatility of raw materials' global prices.

In that perspective, sectors which may be prioritised include education, science and technology, agriculture, tourism, transport, industry and trade, as well as defence.

6. African economies are generally exposed to global shocks. How can we shield them from such susceptibility?

I believe we should, without taboo and with unshakable conviction, work towards enacting an irreversible change of the existing production paradigm, with the aim of achieving economic stability and independence.

This involves the creation of industries to refine and process our resources, allowing us to export finished goods. Agro-industry deserves a special mention in that regard, taking into consideration the vast arable land endowed by the African continent, holding sufficient potential to become the true breadbasket of the world.

I would like to commend the Government of Botswana, the Botswana Trade and Investment Centre (BTIC) and Business Botswana (BB) for recently hosting the inaugural Botswana Agriculture Business and Investment Forum. That is a step in the right direction.

7. How would you describe the current global geo-political context? And how should African countries position themselves?

The world is undergoing a very complex geo-political situation where multilateralism faces an unprecedented existential threat, stemming from the violation of international law on countless occasions.

Uni-lateralism and protectionism do not represent the adequate solutions to the challenges which countries are facing on the global stage.

During the African Union (AU) rotating chairpersonship from February 2025 to February 2026, under the leadership of the President of the Republic of Angola, His Excellency João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, Angola reinforced African multi-lateralism, and actively promoted dialogue as a pathway to conflict resolution, therefore underpinning, through diplomacy, the culture of peace.

I believe that this should be the position to be adopted by African countries, in light of the prevailing circumstances. Africa should unite and defend her interests with one voice.

8. The African continental agenda intends to silence all arms by 2030, however, armed conflicts still prevail. How can we accomplish this AU initiative?

The Republic of Angola continues to advocate for the prioritisation of dialogue as a means to resolve conflicts in Africa in particular, and in the world in general.

Multi-lateralism plays an extremely valuable role in that context, specifically in the collective pursuit of lasting solutions.

Angola's diplomacy has been at the service of this objective, having undertaken many efforts to stabilise and pacify the eastern DRC, the Central African Republic, and Sudan.

In the case of the conflict in eastern DRC, the Republic of Angola has again appealed for the need for a ceasefire, as well as expressed its availability to host the inaugural edition of the long-awaited inter-Congolese forum, aggregating synergies from the Doha and Washington agreements, allowing for their full implementation and to bring peace to the country.

Moreover, Angola is ready to share with the world its experiences with regards to conflict resolution, peace-building and national reconciliation through dialogue.

It is in view of the above, that in collaboration with the AU and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Angolan Government established the Pan-African Forum for a Culture of Peace (Luanda Biennial), as a platform for promoting the culture of peace, where thousands of participants chart Africa's future, free from violence and conflicts.

We wish to count on the active participation, at the highest level, of the Botswana Government in this important pan-African forum, whose third edition will take place this year in Luanda, Angola.

9. What is your prognosis on the future of bilateral relations between Angola and Botswana?

It is our desire to see Angolan and Botswana citizens closer socio-culturally and emancipating their rich African roots.

Additionally, we intend to significantly increase the trade exchanges between our two countries, to levels which will encourage the Government of Botswana to open a Diplomatic Mission in Luanda.

Finally, we wish to witness the holding of regular highest level political consultations between the two States. We are encouraged by the meeting held between our two Heads of State, on 14th February 2026, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the sidelines of the 39th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the AU.

10. Besides serving as Angola's Ambassador to Botswana, you are equally your country's Representative to the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC). What are some of the issues you believe deserve special attention from Member-States?

Without a shadow of doubt, the issue of peace and security should be at the top of the list of priorities of the regional agenda, recognizing that it is impossible to achieve sustainable development as long as conflicts prevail. Thus, I believe it is necessary to combine concerted efforts for the stabilisation and peace-building in the region in particular and in the continent in general. Here, I reiterate the importance of dialogue.

Equally, it is vital that we seek overarching and sustainable solutions in the fight against the phenomena of extremism and violence. Peace is a *sine qua non* factor in the search achievement of lasting peace, which we all long for.

Secondly, focus should be on regional economic integration, and consequently on the increase of intra-regional trade.

For that, Member States should implement their strategic roadmap, namely SADC Vision 2050 and Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP 2020-2030), whose actions align with measures towards the full operationalisation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Last but not least, is the need for us to find adequate mechanisms to ensure the smooth functioning of the SADC secretariat, particularly on administrative and financial issues, to ensure its sustainability.

The Republic of Angola will continue to be committed to SADC's regional agenda, ensuring the fulfillment of common goals.

11. What do you believe are some of the ways to increase intra-regional trade?

I will start by giving an example. On 24th February this year, I had the opportunity of attending the launch of the Kazungula Bridge Authority, a bridge that unites Botswana and Zambia, bridging the Zambezi river gap. We were informed that since the commissioning of the bridge in 2021, the number of trucks moving between the two countries via that border increased from 241 per day to 491 per day.

From that impressive and vital infrastructure, we can draw two important lessons on the advancement of regional economic integration: investment in strategic infrastructure and reduction of bureaucracy in administrative and customs procedures.

Another example is the Lobito corridor. Its operationalisation of this railway will link the Indian and Atlantic oceans, across four SADC Member States, namely Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Zambia, and the existing regional railway allows it to connect all the way to South Africa. It is a crucial component in the collective efforts to achieve the vision of an inter-connected continent.

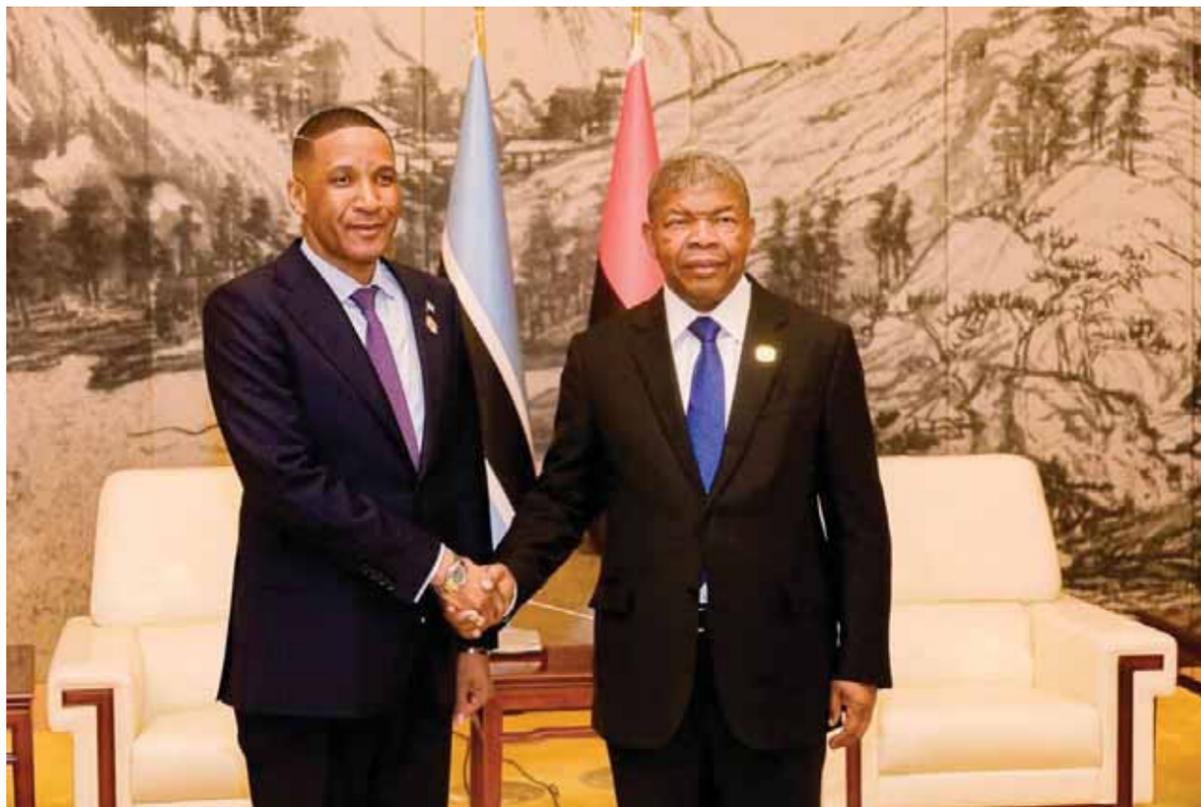
So, the region urgently needs projects such as those I have just mentioned, and we have to work together in mobilising our own resources to that end.

The ratification of SADC protocols by the Member States is equally extremely relevant in that aspect.

12. Any concluding remarks you would like to convey to our readers?

I would like to challenge the Botswana business community to demonstrate their innovative streak by identifying opportunities for profitable partnerships, businesses and investments in Angola.

The Angolan Embassy in Botswana is fully available to render the required administrative assistance.



On 15 February 2025, the President of the Republic of Angola, João Lourenço, held a meeting in Addis Ababa with the President of the Republic of Botswana, Duma Boko. The discussions focused primarily on strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries. The two Heads of State exchanged views on areas of mutual interest and reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing cooperation.



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LIQUIDATOR'S NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE SECOND MEETING OF CREDITORS OF SNIPPETS INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD – UNDER LIQUIDATION

Master's Reference – LQHGB – 000004 - 24

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the direction of the Master of the High Court in terms of the Winding-Up Rules of the Companies Act, Chapter 42:01, the Second Meeting of Creditors of the above-named company will be convened physically before the Master of the High Court, Gaborone at 09:00 hours on the 16th of April 2026 for the following purposes:

- Proof of claims
- Consideration of the Liquidator's Progress Report
- To consider and pass resolutions if deemed fit
- To consider any other competent business

Claims should be filed with the Master and copies with the Liquidator at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting.

By the Liquidator, Jethro Kamutsi
Prestige Business Consultants
Setlhoa Office Park, Unit 6
PO Box 602430
Gaborone

Intention to Change Marriage Property Regime

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

1. THABISO PATRICK MOHLOMI AND SHARON MOHLOMI, married in community of property on **26th July, 2012 in Tlokweng**, intend to make an application to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change their marital property regime from "in community of property" to "out of community of property".

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

3. Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties' estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to make representation before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of deed no F TTL 506/09 dated 7th October 2009 made in favor of **Pascal Sizani Makhubo** in respect of;

CERTAIN: TRIBAL LOT 8 JACKALAS II
MEASURING: Piece of land being: 1073m² (ONE THOUSAND AND SEVENTY-THREE SQUARE METERS)
SITUATE: AT JACKALAS II IN THE TATI TRIBAL AREA
HELD UNDER: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OF LEASE NO F TTL 506/2009 IN FAVOUR OF PASCAL SIZANI MAKHUBO

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

ADDRESS: PLOT 4466
MONARCH AREA 2
FRANCISTOWN

Dated: 27th FEBRUARY 2026

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. FT 1073/2015 dated 17th day of November 2015 made in favour of **CALVIN UNOPA MORAKA** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 32433 (Portion of Lot 6431) Francistown
SITUATE: in the Francistown Administrative District;
MEASURING: 814m² (Eight Hundred and Fourteen Square Meters).

Any person having objections 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 last publication of this notice.

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+267 76342524

CHANGE OF PROPERTY REGIME

(in terms of section 8 (1) of the Married Persons Property Act 2014)

PURSUANT to Section 8 (1) of the Married Persons' Property Act, 2014: Notice is hereby given that **Moitredi Moitlhabi** and **Goitseone Windie Moitlhabi** married in community of property on the 9th December 2006 at Molepolole wish to change their regime to out of community of property.

The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of **three (3) consecutive weeks** from the date of the second publication thereof.

Any person, creditor or debtor who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties attorneys **KWAPA ATTORNEYS**, before the expiration on the said three (3) weeks period or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

Kwapa Attorneys
Plot 50360, Promed House
Off Samora- Machel Drive, Showgrounds
P O Box 601253 GABORONE

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
LOSIKA H. PHILIP SHASHANE	ESHFT-001361/25	23/04/26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

Notice of Intention to Change Marital Property Regime

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

- 1. SEIKGOTHEING NTSHUMBIWA and RUTH TEBOGO NTSHUMBIWA** (nee NTRIRANG), married in community of property on the 28th July 2018, wish to change their marital property regime to out of community of property.
- 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) weeks from the date of the Third Publication hereof.
- Any person, creditor or debtor who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties' joint estate or who may have objections to the Parties changing their property regime, are hereby requested to communicate such objection to the Parties' Attorneys, Brown and Company, in writing, before the expiration of the said three (3) weeks period, at the address provided below.

DATED at Gaborone this 20th day of February, 2026

BROWN AND COMPANY Applicants' Attorneys, Plot No. 18542, Phase 2, Gaborone, P O Box 489 0, Gaborone, Botswana.

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CERTAIN: Portion 24 of the farm KNOCKDUFF NO: 6 JO;
SITUATE: in the South East Administration District;
MEASURING: 8094m² (Eight Thousand and Ninety Four Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Transfer No. 373/90 dated 19th day of April 1990 and made in favour of Albertus Thomas Scheffers;
SUBJECT TO: the reservations and conditions contained in the aforesaid Deed.

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy, are hereby requested to lodge the same 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 THIS 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026



SWABI & COMPANY
Attorneys for the Applicant
First Floor, Unit 17, Kgale Mews,
Gaborone International Finance Park,
P O Box 403506, GABORONE

NOTICE TO CHANGE MARITAL REGIME (IN TERMS OF SECTION 8(1)(F) OF MARRIED PERSONS PROPERTY ACT, 2014)

- 1. AYANDA MAKHUBA NDLOVU and TAPIWA NDLOVU** married each other "in community of property" on 16 day of November 2018 in Francistown, wish to change their property regime to "out community of property".
- 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 the three (3) weeks** from the date of the first publication hereof.
- Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties' estate or **have objections** to the parties changing their property regime, are hereby requested to communicate such objection to the Parties' Attorneys, **RAMALEPA ATTORNEYS**, in writing before the expiration of the **said three (3) week period**, at the address provided below.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 04TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

RAMALEPA ATTORNEYS Applicants' Attorneys
Plot 4853, Independence Avenue
Extension 11, Gaborone
P.O. Box 70567 GABORONE (UB)
(NBT/Id/16814)

2nd PUBLICATION

FARM WORKES

ONE FARMWORKER WANTED
(Sebina) Reginah Matenge Box 788
Francistown 76689137

ONE FARMWORKER WANTED
(Nkange) Blackie Ntesang Box 160
Nkange 77607471

KE BATLA MODISA CHOBE SATAU
74564973

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A SALE BETWEEN A CITIZEN AND A NON-CITIZEN IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 (1) OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, CAP 32:02

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that the following transaction is proposed, namely, transfer of the lease rights in the following property from TUMELO IDAH MODUMO (the "Transferor") to STANLEY TAURAI KAMUNGA: STANLEY HOMES (PTY) LTD (the "Transferee") for a consideration in the sum of P230,000.00(Two Hundred and Thirty Thousand Pula):

THE SELLER: TUMELO IDAH MODUMO
THE PURCHASER: STANLEY TAURAI KAMUNGA: STANLEY HOMES (PTY) LTD
CERTAIN: PLOT 2416 BOKAA VILLAGE
SITUATE: OODI SUB LAND BOARD KGATLENG DISTRICT LAND BOARD
MEASURING: 1048 SQM

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that:

- a) Any Botswana citizen interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the above mentioned parties
- b) Should any person with to object to the proposed transaction, notice of objection with reasons thereof should be addressed to the Board Secretary, Kgatlang District Land Board, with copies of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication hereof.

KAYCLYBERT (PTY) LTD T/A
BUSINESS LINIFIED SOLUTIONS

PLOT 1960, PHASE 2 GABORONE WEST P.O BOX AD 573 ADD EMAIL:ubs9000@gmail.com

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE AKANYANG MASEKATE

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), the heirs and next of kin of the deceased persons specified above are hereby invited to attend a next of kin meeting on Thursday 23rd April 2026 at 08:30 hours at the Office of the Master – B. Kgerethwa located at the Gaborone High Court Division.

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

For any enquiries concerning the deceased person's estate please contact the Masters Office on **3718343**, or 3718000/3718040 (switchboard).

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000244-24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **JOSEPH SHIMA TEBELE** who died at Sir Ketumile Teaching Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 30th day of November 2023

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

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

DATED at this Day of 2025.

The Executrix
Salome Tebele
P. O. Box 587 **MOGODITSHANE**
Tel: 75566159

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act

[Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap:33.01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the **Master of the High Court at Francistown High Court** on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Numbe	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
JENAMO MASHOKAE	ESHFT-00517-25	13/04/26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 2ND DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

NOTICE IS HERE BY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act(Cap: 33:01) heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the relatives for purposed of recommending for appointment, a person or person as Executor / Executrix Dative as well as identifying , beneficiaries and discuss any other business relating to their decease

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
KEROPE DINKO	ESHMY 000029.26	21.04.26	0900 HRS	SARM

DATE AT MAHALAPYE THIS 02TH MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

Please take notice in terms of Section 34 (1) (a-e) of the Tribal Land Act, 2018 that Douglas Mugibelo of P O Box 521 Masunga intends to enter into a sale agreement with Mahapa and Sons Proprietary Limited, a beneficiary company owned by a non-citizen, in respect of the undermentioned property for the sum of **P180,000.00** namely

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 1247 Bokaa.
SITUATE: At Bokaa in the Bakgata Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 39.04x27.00x36.04x4.24x24.00m
HELD UNDER: Certificate of Customary Land Grant dated the 11th day of December 2017 made in favour of DOUGLAS MUGIBELO.

By virtue of this notice, any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the above-mentioned property shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the parties. Any citizen objecting to this transaction should do so, in writing, to Kgatlang Land Board within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice.

S. G Mariri Attorneys (Attorneys, Notaries & Conveyancers)
Lot 7906, Segogwane Way, Maruapula, Gaborone
P O Box 793 AAH, Gaborone
Contacts: 3910606/71487747/75300361

CHANGE OF LAND USE

Bonolo Raawang owner of Plot 1089 at Bojantsa, Taung wishes to change land use from residential family use to multi residential family use. Any objection to be forwarded to Gamalete District Council physical planning office on 538 1200 within 14 days of this publication.

FARM WORKERS NEEDED (2 POSITIONS)

Farm workers needed,for a farm in Sasakwe (near Kopong village, Kweneng District). Must be mature,responsible,hard working. Knowledge or background in cattle rearing or looking after livestock is an added advantage. Send cv and cover letter to The Manager, P O Box 1256 Mogoditshane or email to heritagedalita@gmail.com. Mobile 75 583 189. No later than **30 March 2026**.

Only shortlisted candidates will be responded to.

KEABETSWE MOSIMANE IN MAHALAPYE/KANAMO WARD WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE LAND USE FROM RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL GUEST HOUSE.

ANYONE WITH OBJECTIONS PHYSICAL PLANNING OFFICE ON TELEPHONE NUMBER 4718600.

SUBDIVISION AND CHANGE OF LAND USE

Maitumelo Joclyne Bothate, Owner of Plot 279 Kumakwane wishes to subdivide into two portions and change land use for one portion to Multi-Residential. For any objection contact Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council at 310 5615 or call 77529689 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

TWO FARM WORKERS

Needed at Dinogeng Lands in Kgatlang. Comfortable accommodation provided.

Apply to Farm Manager,
P. O. Box 402515 Gaborone
Tel: 71 312 786

ACCOUNTS OFFICER

Sleek foods is looking for an accounts officer in Jwaneng.

Qualifications; degree in accounting and minimum 3 years experience.

Closing date **27th March 2026**.

Apply to
sleekfoods@gmail.com

Vacancy for

Physiotherapist/ Physiotherapy technician

Eligibility

- Bachelor/Diploma in physiotherapy
- 5 years working experience in Botswana
- Valid registration with BHPC

Interested professionals can email the resume to physiocares2016@gmail.com

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED intends applying for a certified copy of DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT NO. 699/2016 dated 12th day of March 2016 made in favour of MOTHUSIEMANG SEKOKOLE in respect of the following property:
CERTAIN :Piece of land being Lot 12211, Lobatse;
SITUATE: in the Lobatse Administrative District;
MEASURING:350 m² (Three Hundred and Fifty Square Metres);
HELD UNDER: Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 699/2016 dated 17th March 2016 made in

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 3rd DAY OF MARCH 2026

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

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
KGAGAMATSO KESITEGILE	ESHFT-000217-26	20/05/26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 03RD DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 00000-104-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **John Bakwinya Masole – 0000-104 24** who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown District on the **26th August 2023**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claim to whatever nature with the undersigned within **30 days** after publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 07th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025
Galathwe Mothusi

Executrix Dative Private Bag 55 Gootau Palapye
AND TO: Master of the High Court Private Bag F13 Francistown

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000408-23

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **KABELO SEAN MOLOKWE** who died at Extension 2 Clinic, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 4th of June 2023.

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the 21 days stated above
DATED at GABORONE on this Day of 2025.

Executrix Dative Tlotlo Karabo Molokwe P. O. Box 2393 GABORONE CELL: 75483983/7331869/71888474

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
NYAENYAE NKWATI	ESHMY-000055-26	21.04.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 3RD DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01)

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
EGGER PHINIAS	ESHFT-001536-25	13-04-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 2ND MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT-000163-23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **John Gregory Hutton- ESHFT-000163-23** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central- Serowe District, Republic of Botswana on the **30th day of July 2022**.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 03th DAY OF MARCH 2026.

OMPHILE HUTTON EXECUTOR DATIVE P O BOX 2231 SEROWE
GREGORY HUTTON EXECUTOR DATIVE P O BOX 145 SEROWE
AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT PRIVATE BAG F13 FRANCISTOWN

FARM WORKES

TWO(2) FARM WORKERS needed in Nokaneng, North West. Apply to P O Box 201 Gumare. Cell :71306927 / 76599354. Closing date 06/04/2026

FARM WORKER WANTED contact Malinga Monnaatsie Box 467 Kasane 76201232

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mosetsanamontle. Contact Molebatsi 76763030

FARM WORKER TO look after cattle, goats & chickens in Mahotshwane area, preferably a lady. Call 72100011

KE BATLA MODISA kwa Kgatlang, mo Lekwatsing. Leletsa 74089250/78003524

HERDBOY WANTED AT Kalakamati contact Takongwa Tshupo Box 13 Kalakamati 71484995

ONE MALE AND one female farm workers wanted no qualification please apply to: The Manager P O Box 26, Mmadinare

FARM WORKER NEEDED at maponeng, Mmadinare 72596044

I AM LOOKING for Herdman x1, Horticulturist x1. All based in Moralane Village (Kgagolakobo Ranch) Phone:71430707

FARM WORKER WANTED at Makuta. Apply: Box 127, Tutume or call Ms Matshwenyego Thumba 71374591.

HERD BOY AND FARM WORKER WANTED +26771565355

TSHOGANETSO MAKUKU LOOKING for a farmworker at Kaka Ranches. Apply to: Box 80288 Gaborone.

MATURE FARM WORKER wanted urgently at Rasasa / Seleme. Contact 75304853, Ibo Nkoko

FARM WORKER WANTED in Ramotswa. Experience in livestock and cultivation of nuts and sesame. With Portuguese background for exchange programmes. Email moloi4478@gmail.com

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mokungwane Village 72357760

MISCELLANEOUS

MISSING BLUE BOOK. I Oupa Motshibatsela bought vehicle B231 AFF from Mr Poul Gunderson on 08/12/2010. Mr Gunderson has left Botswana and i am unable to get the blue book for the car. Please contact Department of Transport if you have information.

I FREDRICK LETSHWITI trading as The Karate Bar intends to open a bar at Mochudi, Boseja Mmapole, Kgatlang. Anybody who has objection, contact Kgatlang District Council at 5777411.

I FREDRICK LETSHWITI trading as The Karate Bar intends to open a bar at Mochudi, Boseja Makoloing, Kgatlang. Anybody who has objection, contact Kgatlang District Council at 5777411.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT no. 26316, Sebako ward, Kanye would like to notify neighbours his intention to change landuse from single family residential to multi residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Kanye District Council Physical Planning Office. Contact 5440217

NEIGHBOURS OF PLOT 24241 Kanye Mmamokhasi consult 74628149 regarding change of landuse from single to multi residential landuse within fourteen days after publication. Any objection forward to Kanye Physical Planning Office.

SAUDA BIBI HAWA, owner of lot 23496 in Molepolole/Borakalalo, wishes to change land use from mixed use (commercial offices and single residential) to commercial. Any objection contact Molepolole physical planning office at 5920841 or Cell +26773934900

OWNER OF PLOT no. 6521 Mheelo ward in Kanye would like to notify the neighbours of plots 6520 and 6522 about an intention to construct boundary wall. Any objection should be submitted to Kanye District Council physical planning office at 5440217 within 14 days of the publication.

LAVENDER BLOSSOM (PTY) Ltd of a ploughing field in Lobatse wishes to change land use from ploughing field to mixed-use industrial (Agriculture & industrial). Whoever objects to the proposal should contact the Lobatse Town council on +267 5330392 within 14 days of publication or call 74200948.

THABALA VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT Committee wishes to change use of its guest house situated at Kgosing Ward to residential. For any comments or objections contact Serowe District Council, Estate Office on 4630411 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT No: 6630, Palapye Extension 6 , would like to change land use from residential to multi-residential. Anybody with any objections to the proposal should forward it to Palapye physical planning office telephone no : 4930821

OWNER OF PLOT No. 1474 in Mochudi, intends to change the land use from single to multi-residential. Any objection regarding this proposal should be forwarded to Kgatlang District Council within 14 days at Physical Planning office or call 5773512.

OWNER OF PLOT 16416 at Maratadiba, Tlokwenng notifies neighbours about change of land use from single to multi-family residential. Any objections be forwarded to Physical Planning office within fourteen (14) days of this publication of this notice.

THE OWNER OF tribal lot 40, in Pilane intends to change land use from industrial to commercial. Any objections please notify the physical planning Department Kgatlang District Council on 5773512 within 14 days of this publication,

VACANCIES

GREEN LAND ENVIRONMENTAL Holding Pty Ltd is looking for a non-woven machine operator with Certificate/ Diploma in Textile, 5/ 10 yrs of experience. Reply to The Manager P/ Bag BO 203 Bontleng. Closing date 30/3/26.

EXPERIENCED FISHERMAN WANTED at Mandunyane P O Box 786 by Ashia Hassan 76716607/ 75179589

LOBKOM INVESTMENTS REQUIRES services of bitumen distributor for truck mounted with two computers in front and at the back. Candidate must have class C drivers license, PRDP harzadous certificate of dangerous goods "Level 2." at least 8 years experience or more. Apply: P O Box 45132 Gaborone. Closing date: 20/03/2026

DOLOMITE PROJECTS PTY LTD P O Box 404775 Phone 3912405 / 3191504. Vacancy : Electrical Services Co-ordinator. Duties ; co-ordinate electrical, access control, alarm system installations. Qualifications : certificate in electrical engineering, five years experience

PHATSIMO EYE CENTER is looking for an optometrist, 3 years experience, contacts: 2613933, Private Bag 71 Selibe Phikwe . PHATSIMOYEYECENTRE@YAHOO.COM

TWO FISHERMEN WANTED at Mandunyane with experience of water. Contact Dyna C.Hassan Box 785 Francistown 71405903

LABOUR WORKER PIECE job. Hardworking. Honest only 73608042

Name:GureMedical Centre
Vacancy: General Practitioner wanted
requirements:Degree (Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery), 3 years experience, BHPC registered
Address: Phakalane, Acacia Mall unit 21A
SEND CVs to: medexoadm@gmail.com
Deadline: 16th March 2026

Marvel-Net Holdings (PTY) Ltd wishes to open a Bar Liquor at Rasasa, Plot No: 1653, owned by Tamarks Investments (PTY) Ltd. It will be trading as Marvel-Net Pub

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF TITLE DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of Deed of Transfer **No.1625/2008** dated 9th day of **July 2008** made in favor of **MAGDELINE NCUBE** in respect of:
CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 22586, Gaborone;
SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extension 16;
MEASURING: 450m² (Four Hundred and Fifty Square Metres)
 Any **person having objections** 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 last publication of this notice.
 Plot 387, Independence Avenue Tel: 390 6311 / 312 1999
 Private Bag BO 177 GABORONE Fax: 318 2686
SEBEGO Attorneys
 Notaries, Conveyancers and Polling Agents

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MOJAMORAGO MAGOSI	ESHMY 000018-26	14.04.2026	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 27TH FEBRUARY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
SHATHANI P. KELATETSWE	ESHFT-001411-25	19/05/2026	0900HRS	SARM1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 3RD DAY OF MARCH 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT ESHGB-000279/25
IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE CHALLENGE GEWENZI who died at Jwaneng Mine hospital, Jwaneng District, Botswana on the 17th December 2024.
THE FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate of the late CHALLENGE GWENZI 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 ON THE DAY OF 2026
 The Executor
 Kealeboga Daniel Kalaote
 Private Bag W004 **LOBATSE**
 CELL: 72626151/71770679

LOST MORTGAGE BOND AND DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Lillian Morokotso** acting on behalf of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, intends applying for certified copies of Notarial deed of cession no. FT MA 67/2018 dated 16th March 2018 passed in favour of the Botswana Government by Jane Kgomo.
CERTAIN: Piece of Land being Lot 1150, Palapye
SITUATE: At Palapye Bangwato Tribal territory
MEASURING: 414 m² (Four Hundred and fourteen Square Metres)
 Any persons having objections to the issue of such copies are hereby requested to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Gaborone, within three (3) weeks from the date of the second publication of this notice.
DATED AT Gaborone on the 16 March 2018
CONTACT: Lillian T. Morokotso
Private Bag 008 Gaborone

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BEJILE MUKIBE	ESHFT-000212-25	19-05-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04TH DAY OF MARCH 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference: ESHGB 001719-25
IN THE ESTATE of the late **KELEBELETSE MARAMANE** who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown-District Republic of Botswana on the 7th November 2025.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.
DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026
 The Executor Dative
 Mogateledi Victor Mbanga
P O Box 504488 GABORONE Tel : 76654408

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
 A reputable diamond cutting and polishing company is looking to expand its team. We invite experienced and qualified candidates to apply for the following positions:
1. Fancy Full Stone & Full Stone Polishers
Requirements:
 • Minimum of 3 years' experience in diamond polishing.
 • Skilled in handling various fancy cuts to excellent standards.
 • Good understanding of symmetry, proportion, and polish quality.
2. Operations Manager
Requirements:
 • Minimum of 10 years' experience in diamond manufacturing or production management.
 • Proven experience managing factory operations and meeting production targets.
 • Strong understanding of planning, cutting, polishing, grading, and quality control processes.
 • Ability to manage teams, budgets, and operational performance.
3. Head of Internal Security
Requirements:
 • Minimum of 8 years' experience in security management, preferably within the diamond or high-value industry.
 • Strong knowledge of internal security controls and risk management.
 • Experience overseeing CCTV systems, access control, safe management, and internal investigations.
 • High integrity and leadership capability.
 Applications should be accompanied by copies of certificates, I.D, references from the previous company and CV addressed to:
 The Human Resources Department
 Email: hrmanager@constellafrica.com
 WDM Botswana
 P O BOX 201654, Gaborone.
CLOSING DATE: 23rd March 2026

NOTICE OF NEXT OK 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 above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Francistown High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BADIRI LAJE	ESHFT-001373/25	22/04/26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
Administration of Estates Act
(Cap 31:01)

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BAITSE BOIMA	ESHFT-000140-26	19/05/26 26	0900HRS	SARM2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BASIMOLODI OTSOGILE	ESHMY 000071-26	21.04.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 02ND MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAHALAPYE
Masters Reference: ESHMY-000017-26
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Odirile Timothy Matsuokwane – ESHMY-000017-26** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital in the South-East District of Botswana on the 26th May 2025.

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

DATED at Palapye on the this 3rd Day of March 2026

Tshepho Matsuokwane The Curator P.O BOX 21829 Gaborone 71562239	Abigail Laone Matlou The Curator P.O BOX 30201 Tlokweng 75974368	AND TO: MASTER OF HIGH COURT Private Bag 57 Mahalapye
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FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT ESHGB-000047/23

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE TEFO GAVIN JOHNSON who died at Senthumole Ward, Mogoditshane, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on the 28th day of MAY 2021.

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.

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged at the Master's office.

DATED at GABORONE on the 02 March 2026

The Executrix Dative | MOTSEKEDI KHANA JOHNSON
C/O Makati Law Consultancy | P O Box 108, GABORONE | CELL: + 267 397 5726

H/W MAGETSE
IN THE MAGISTRATES COURT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

CASE NO: CCMFT-000412/24

In the matter between:

PAMELLA SIMANGO
AND
LUCKSON MUSEKE

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to Judgement of the above Honourable Court, the following immovable property of the above named DEFENDANT will be sold by Public Auction by **Deputy Sheriff MAGUDU c/o Ndawana Dubani & Company** to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE: 17TH APRIL 2026
VENUE: MAKOMOTO LANDS
TIME: 0900HRS

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: piece of land being an Agricultural Plot (feedlot).

TERMS OF SALE: Cash or Electronic Bank Transfer. Conditions of sale may be examined at the office of the Deputy Sheriff.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS 3RD DAY OF MARCH 2026

NDAWANA & COMPANY
(Plaintiff's Attorneys)

DEPUTY MAGUDU
C/O PAPHIDZANI MORWA
(Assistant Deputy Sheriff)
72148474
FRANCISTOWN

P.O. Box 500159
FRANCISTOWN
TEL: 2414954



Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE MABOLWE- MMAMABAKA ROAD (13KM), MOTLHABANENG ACCESS ROAD (15.5KM AND SHERWOOD- TALANA ROAD (154KM)

Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure is proposing to construct a tarred road from Mabolwe to Mabolwe border (13km), Motlhabaneng access road to the Kgotla (15.5km) and the Sherwood- Talana Road(154km).

In fulfilment of the Environmental Assessment Act (Cap 65:07), Royal Pioneers Investment (Pty) Ltd, on behalf of the Client, is carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment study to consult the public and address salient issues.

The following impacts are likely to occur:

Negative Impacts	Positive Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise and dust pollution Land pollution Land degradation Loss of vegetation Traffic and road accidents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of employment opportunities Better roads infrastructure

The meeting will be held at the following venues in the schedule below:

Venue	Date	Time
Mabolwe Kgotla	24 th March 2026	0800hrs
Motlhabaneng Kgotla	24 th March 2026	1400hrs

For more information or comments contact:

Project Manager | P O Box 25483, Trade World

Tel : 76 923 846 / 74 643 809

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KITSISO KA PHUTHEGO YA TShekatsheko YA TIKOLOGO MABAPI LE GO AGIWA GA DITSELA TSEE DI SIMOLOLANG MO MOTSENG WA MABOLWE GO YA KWA MOLELWANENG(13KM), TSELA E YANG KWA KGOTLENG YA MOTSEWA MOTLHABANENG(15.5 KM) GA MMOGO LE TSELA YA SHERWOOD GO YA KWA TALANA (154KM)

Ba lephatha Ditsela le dipagamo ba ikaelela go aga ditsela tsa sekotere mo metseng ya Mabolwe go ya go tsena kwa molelwane wa Mabolwe(13km), tsel e yang kwa kgotleng ya motse wa Motlhabaneng(15.5km) ga mmogo le tselang e tswang mo Motseng wa Sherwood go ya go tsena kwa Talana(154km).

Mo maitlamong a go sala tsamaiso ya molao wa tikologo morago, Environmental Assessment Act (Cap 65:07), kompone ya Royal Pioneers Investments (Pty) Ltd, mo boemong jwa Lephatha la ditsela le dipagamo, ba dira tshkatsheko ya ditlamorago tse di ka amanang le tikologo.

Ditlamorago tse di ka nngang teng ke tse di latelang:

Tse di sa siamang	Tse di siameng
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Diphuthego di tla tshwarwa kwa mafelong a a latelang ka nako tse di beilweng:

Venue	Date	Time
Mabolwe Kgotla	24 th March 2026	0800hrs
Motlhabaneng Kgotla	24 th March 2026	1400hrs

Go itse go feta fa o ka romela dikagelo kgotsa wa ikgolaganya le rona kwa:

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Council chairperson champions digital economy

Thuso Kgakatsi
HUKUNTSI

The Kgalagadi North District Council has reaffirmed its commitment to digital transformation, inclusive governance and accelerated socio-economic development.

Kgalagadi North District chairperson, Mr Stephen Lekgobero, underscored the importance of embracing digital advancements to unlock the immense potential within communities and create sustainable growth opportunities.

“We recognise the importance

of embracing digital advancements to unlock the immense potential within our communities and create growth opportunities,” said Mr Lekgobero when officially opening the council session.

With a digital economy, the council hopes to empower citizens, enhance efficiency and drive sustainable development.

Therefore, councillors and heads of department were challenged to prepare for a new era of governance centred on the promotion of human rights and inclusivity for every citizen, regardless of gender, tribe or economic status.

Councillors were reminded that

government had long introduced an affirmative action programme targeting women, youth, children and marginalised communities such as the Basarwa.

“Affirmative action is not just a policy to be implemented by the council only, but it is a policy that must be enforced by all government institutions and the private sector. I therefore urge swift implementation of the Affirmative Action Act,” said Mr Lekgobero.

While commending progress made so far, he cautioned against complacency and called on councillors and departmental

heads to redouble their efforts in serving the people.

On housing development, Mr Lekgobero expressed satisfaction that the first Bonno Turnkey House in Kgalagadi North District had been constructed in Zutshwa, a development that would remain an important landmark in the settlement.

The house was built by Blackvein, a local contractor at a cost of P268 613. In line with Bonno Housing Scheme guidelines, the beneficiary will contribute P90 000 over a 20-year-period.

Councillors learnt that the district had secured additional

funding for three more Bonno turnkey houses to be constructed in Zutshwa, Phuduhudu and Tshane.

Turning to economic development, Mr Lekgobero said his office was working to attract investors to stimulate the district's economy and improve the ease of doing business.

He reminded councillors that during the previous sitting, the house resolved to allow 9th Hour Projects to consult the Zutshwa community on the possibility of entering into a joint business partnership and the latter had warmly welcomed the proposal, recognising its potential economic benefits.

“As we pursue these objectives, I shall count on councillors and heads of department to facilitate these investors in the most professional manner. In doing so, we should at all times resist any temptation to engage in any form of corrupt practices in the discharge of your duties,” he cautioned.

He warned that corruption deprived vulnerable members of society of critical services such as healthcare, childcare, quality education and infrastructure development.

Mr Lekgobero also commended the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) and the Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) for supporting home-grown investments.

He reported that in the 2025/2026 financial year, CEDA financed 23 projects in the district at a total investment value of P32.49 million. Of these, 17 were funded under the microfinance stream and six through mainline facilities. He further noted that CEDA had launched the A Di Tsale Financial Product Suite, aligned with President Advocate Duma Boko's ambition to increase the national cattle herd from 1.7 million to five million. CEDA aims to invest P1.6 billion within the first year of the programme.

“I want to plead with you to encourage our communities to take advantage of these opportunities,” he said.

On Local Economic Development (LED), Mr Lekgobero said the LED team had conducted community consultations to identify key projects, with the exercise expected to conclude by mid-March 2026.

He said the consultations would inform the Local Economic Assessment Report, a critical document that would guide the development of the Kgalagadi North LED Strategy and help identify high-potential, sustainable projects capable of transforming the district into a hub of employment and wealth creation.

Mr Lekgobero also urged councillors to encourage eligible families to register for the P300 child grant which would effect from the start of the 2026/2027 financial year, adding that the Department of Social and Community Development had already begun registering deserving children.

He expressed a concern over rising cases of child abuse in the district. Kgalagadi North has recorded 56 registered cases of child abuse, including 17 defilement cases. All cases are currently under intervention by social workers and the Botswana Police Service. **BOPA**



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Deposit and Lending interest rates as at March 2026

Deposit rates

BWP - Botswana Pula

Types of deposit account	Nominal interest rate	Actual interest rates	Minimum opening balance (BWP)
Current	0.00% - 1.00%	0.00% - 1.00%	50
Call	0.00% - 0.55%	0.00% - 0.55%	10,000
Savings	0.00% - 3.60%	0.00% - 3.66%	100
91 days fixed deposit	1.46%	1.47%	1,000
6 months fixed deposit	1.73% - 1.90%	1.74% - 1.91%	1,000
12 months fixed deposit	2.57% - 3.07%	2.57% - 3.07%	1,000
24 months fixed deposit	2.92% - 3.62%	2.92% - 3.62%	1,000
36 months fixed deposit	3.02% - 3.82%	3.02% - 3.82%	1,000

ZAR - South African Rand

Types of deposit account	Nominal interest rate	Actual interest rates	Minimum opening balance (ZAR)
Current	0.00% - 0.00%	0.00% - 0.00%	3,450
Call	0.00% - 2.50%	0.00% - 2.50%	3,450
Savings	Negotiable	Negotiable	3,450
91 days fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	3,450
6 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	3,450
12 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	3,450
24 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	3,450
36 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	3,450

GBP - British Pounds

Types of deposit account	Nominal interest rate	Actual interest rates	Minimum opening balance (GBP)
Current	0.00% - 0.00%	0.00% - 0.00%	300
Call	0.00% - 2.50%	0.00% - 2.50%	300
Savings	Negotiable	Negotiable	300
91 days fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	300
6 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	300
12 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	300
24 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	300
36 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	300

USD - U.S Dollar

Types of deposit account	Nominal interest rate	Actual interest rates	Minimum opening balance (USD)
Current	0.00% - 0.00%	0.00% - 0.00%	500
Call	0.00% - 2.50%	0.00% - 2.50%	500
Savings	Negotiable	Negotiable	500
91 days fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	500
6 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	500
12 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	500
24 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	500
36 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	500

Lending rates

Lending rates	Nominal interest rate (%)	Average Effective Interest Rates (%)
Monetary policy rate (MoPR)		3.50%
Mortgage Facility	Absa PLR + 10.50% - Absa PLR + 14%	20.76%
Overdraft facility (revolving credit lines)	Absa PLR + 10% - Absa PLR + 20%	24.07%
Credit card	24% - 36%	34.49%
Lease loans (VAF)	Absa PLR + 11.75% - Absa PLR + 14%	21.50%
Unsecured personal loans (excluding overdrafts, mortgage and credit cards)	Absa PLR + 14.5% - Absa PLR + 24%	29.35%
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Jwaneng Mayor Mr Ronica Mathumo (left) and Local Organising Committee member, Mr Gabobofane (centre) with Jwaneng education region office staff during the Desert Bush Walk 2025 community beneficiaries announcement and volunteers' appreciation ceremony in Gaborone on Tuesday. Photo: Tshoganeiso Mokowe

Beneficiaries receive P242,000 from Desert Bush Walk

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

As part of its 10th anniversary celebrations and following the success of last year's Winter Desert Bush Walk, organisers on Tuesday handed over more than P242,000 raised to various community project beneficiaries.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Local Organising Committee member, Mr Gabobofane said the beneficiary categories spanned education, health, youth, sport and cultural development, community development and environmental health.

He said beneficiaries included Maokane Primary School in Maokane, which received P104,000 worth of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) services.

Learn To Play institution received P20,000 to enhance its learning solutions programmes such as the Parent Playbox – a 52-week programme that equips caregivers with resources to engage in purposeful play-based activities with their children.

Other beneficiaries are Jwaneng Rugby Club, Ministry of Sport and Arts, as well as Jwaneng Town Council, among others.

He said since its inception in

2014, Desert Bush Walk had raised over P4 million towards socio-economic development of underprivileged communities across Botswana, benefiting more than 80 000 pupils and numerous communities.

The event's Corporate Social Investment (CSI) board chairperson, Mr Archibald Ngakaagae, announced that the next Winter Desert Bush Walk would take place from July 23 to 25. He said activities would include a 10-kilometre night walk on July 24, a market day running throughout the event period and participation by Queen Masenate Mohato Seeiso of Lesotho. **BOPA**

Illegal border crossings in Tsabong District spark FMD fears

Naomi Leepile
HEREFORD

Authorities in Tsabong District have issued a stern warning to residents to desist and refrain from illegal border jumping.

They warned that the heightening incidents of illegal border jumping pose a serious threat to the country's beef industry, especially following an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in neighbouring South Africa.

During a sensitisation meeting held in Hereford on Tuesday, Tsabong District Commissioner, Mr Levis Thupa urged the community to cease all unauthorised cross-border movements immediately.

The caution comes on the heels of confirmed FMD cases in Bray, South Africa, a locality in close proximity to Hereford, Botswana.

Mr Thupa emphasised that illegal border crossing was no longer just a legal issue, but a national biological threat.

"By bypassing official entry points, individuals are putting the entire country at risk.

It is imperative that residents use designated border gates where mandatory disinfection

protocols that include footbaths for shoes and tire dips for vehicles are in place to neutralise the virus," he said.

The assessment team also visited Draihhoek, where the situation remains critical.

Kgosi Sekai Kgaodi of Draihhoek highlighted the desperate and dangerous methods used to by-pass border security.

He pointed out specific sites where residents employ the aid of fallen tree logs to scale the border fence to enter South Africa.

Despite ongoing efforts by the community to repair gaps in the borderline, Kgosi Kgaodi lamented that unknown individuals continued to vandalise the fence.

He expressed deep concern over herds roaming near the border to access watering ponds.

"Buffaloes are known primary carriers of the FMD virus and their proximity to our grazing lands, coupled with the damaged fences, creates a recipe for disaster," he warned.

He thus pleaded with residents to drastically reduce unnecessary travel during this high-risk period. **BOPA**

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NB: Kindly note that applications not in the stated format will not be considered.

Applications closing date: 26th March 2026.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

FORM SF 010(1)

RECORD OF ISSUE OF BID DOCUMENTS

(TO BE USED FOR METHODS OF SALE TO THE PUBLIC) (REGULATION 136)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Name of Local Authority:

GABORONE CITY COUNCIL

Date: 10-02-2026

The Gaborone City Council- intends to sell boarded council vehicles by Public Auction Sale. Gaborone City Council shall have no further liability after sale.

The Auction Sale will be conducted by Gaborone City Council - Procurement Unit at Sebele Fire Station, Plot No: 54501 Sebele on the **07th March 2026** and **08th March 2026** at **0930hrs**.

A refundable fee of **BWP2000.00** will be charged from those wishing to bid for boarded vehicles. Fully paid items shall be removed immediately after the sale from the yard/premises, on proof production of an official receipt.

Auction Sale will be open to 100 % citizens only with valid Identity Card (Omang).

Items shall be sold in lot numbers to the highest bidder and negotiations shall not be permitted.

Items shall be sold as they are, as no warranty is expressed. Payment will be in cash or Bank guaranteed transfers (EFT) payable to Gaborone City Council respectively. Bidders wishing to participate in auction shall pay a refundable of **BWP2000.00**, for vehicles at **Civic Hall Revenue Office Room No.1**, Plot No: 330 along Independence Avenue, failing which they shall not bid.

Interested bidders may view the boarded vehicles from the 23rd February 2026 to 06th March 2026 during working hours from 0730 hrs to 1245 hrs and from 1345 hrs to 1600 hrs at Sebele Fire Station.

THERE WILL BE NO COLLECTION OF DEPOSITS ON THE DAY OF SALE.

Bids shall be oral and the procedure for bidding shall be specified by the Council auctioneer in accordance with normal Auction Sale practices. The auctioned property shall remain the custody of Gaborone City Council until fully paid for.

Items sold and paid for must be removed from the premises within five (5) working days, failing which it will render both BWP2000.00 being forfeited and Council shall take discretion to dispose of the boarded vehicles.

The registration of potential bidders in possession of official receipt shall start on the **07th March 2026** during working hours from **0730hrs to 0900hrs** at Sebele Fire Gaborone City Council.

NB: BIDDERS WILL BE GIVEN 10 DAYS TO VIEW BEFORE AUCTION, THERE WILL BE NO BIDDER ALLOWED INTO THE STOCK YARD DURING AUCTION FOR VIEWING. Further information can be obtained from Gaborone City Council – Principal Procurement Officer I – Procurement, Private Bag 0089, Gaborone, Telephone No. 365 7369 / 7476 / 7315

Thank you
Daniel Katjinojiwa, For/Town Clerk



Leburu prepares full-length album

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

After a while without dropping anything fresh in the music pot, Kabo Leburu is back in the studio, preparing for a bold return with a full-length album.

An award-winning singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist, has carved a distinctive niche in Botswana's music scene with his mastery of guitar and harmonica.

"I am refining some of my crowd-favourite singles before dropping the album," said Leburu, excitedly.

He recalled writing a tribute to former President Sir Ketumile Masire in 2001, which he later performed on BTV's Mocaragana in 2013.

Sir Ketumile's memorable response, *Ha o ne o se matlhogojana nkabo ke go fa kgomo*, remains etched in his memory. The song will soon be recorded at Tshepo Lesole's studio.

Leburu is also revisiting *Mmapaseka*, the track that earned him the title of Best Live Artist in 2014.

His upcoming projects promise a fusion of local and international influences. Through travels and festival collaborations, Leburu has built friendships with musicians from Senegal, Malawi, Kenya, Germany, Chile, and Sweden.

"There's a particular sound I want to serve in these projects," he revealed.

Before finalising his songs, Leburu pilots them at open-mic sessions and venues such as Diamond Square in Gaborone.

"These stages help me gauge audience reactions before deciding a

song is ready for the world," he explained.

Among the tracks awaiting release is, *Terena ya galase* (glass train), a playful metaphor for empty promises men make to woo women.

Another standout is *Berebere*, a metaphorical call for responsibility and marriage. Styled with both singing and spoken poetry, the song blends Setswana and Kalanga lyrics, leaning toward Congolese soukous rhythms.

Leburu hopes to collaborate with renowned guitarist Kapenda Katuta to bring the track to life.

Leburu's harmonica has carried him far beyond Botswana.

In 2016, he secured a

month-long contract at a five-star hotel in Nairobi, Kenya.

"It was partly because of the harmonica, a small instrument that fits in your pocket like a cellphone," he said with a smile.

His love affair with the harmonica began in 1996, when he stumbled upon Lejwana Jazz Band in Jwaneng.

"The sound drew me in. I told myself, 'we are buying that instrument when we get money,'" he said.

A friend later gifted him a harmonica book, which he still treasures. His first mastered piece was Stevie Wonder's *Isn't she lovely*, a song he initially thought too difficult, but conquered on his first attempt.

The harmonica even saved him once.

"In 2002, I was attacked by a dog in Bontleng. I had nothing but my harmonica. I bent a note, and the dog stopped. The harmonica

saved me," he recounted.

To upcoming artists, Leburu offers advice rooted in experience, 'education comes first. Do music for the love of it, not for money. Money will disappoint you.'

He urged perseverance, professionalism, and constant practice.

"I aspire to inspire before I expire," he quipped.

A trained mechanical engineer, Leburu chose music over machines, blending African traditions with jazz inflections and classical fingerpicking.

Born in Lobatse, he began his journey in 1996 after completing Form 5, teaching himself guitar and harmonica.

His influences span continents — from Duncan Senyatso and Louis Mhlanga to Lokua Kanza, Ismaël Lô, Vusi Mahlasela, Earl Klugh, and Stevie Wonder.

Leburu's songwriting is deeply spiritual. "I do my music from the heart. God guides me. A song can take minutes or years before it convinces me it is complete," he said.

His artistry is multilingual and borderless, weaving Setswana, English, French, Sheyeyi, Bemba, Spanish, Hebrew, and more into a tapestry of sound that resonates across cultures. **BOPA**



Award-winning singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist Kabo Leburu has carved a niche in Botswana's music scene with his mastery of guitar and harmonica.



Ms Atang Otto

Art session to celebrate autism mothers

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Organic Arts BW, in collaboration with It's Ok Mom, will host a special Autism Mom Edition on Saturday at Diamond Square, in celebration of International Women's Day.

The initiative, spearheaded by It's Ok Mom founder Ms Atang Otto, brings together mothers raising autistic children for a therapeutic art session facilitated by Mr Obakeng Keitemoge, founder of Organic Arts BW.

Ms Otto, a mother of an autistic child, describes autism as a neuro-divergent condition.

"Autistic children are born with different brains," she explained.

Concerned by the rising number of cases and the lack of information and resources, Ms Otto has become a voice for awareness and support.

Her biggest worry, she said, was the scarcity of therapists, psychologists, nutritionists, and special schools for children with autism.

"Most parents do not even know that such schools exist," she added.

The event is designed not only as a celebration but also as a therapeutic space.

"Psychotherapy is very creative and has principles that can improve the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of parents caring for autistic children," said Ms Otto.

She further explained that 'parents deserve psychotherapy. Autistic children are often hyperactive, so we want to share challenges, interventions, and information about available schools around Gaborone. We are also collaborating with therapists, nutritionists, and dieticians to broaden support.'

Guest speaker, Ms Amantle Fellow, a behavioural specialist with years of experience supporting families of autistic children, will share insights during the session.

Keitemoge, a fine artist who has worked closely with autistic children, highlighted the transformative power of art.

"People living with autism are very talented. Training them to use art as a skill can open opportunities for income. For mothers, art therapy provides relaxation, calm and a chance to collect their thoughts," he said. **BOPA**

NACB commits to commercialisation of creative sector



National Arts Council of Botswana CEO, Mr Gaokgakala Lemmenyane said the council's new strategic roadmap would focus on commercialising the creative sector and positioning the arts as a sustainable contributor to country's economy through partnerships, programmes and industry development initiatives. Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe

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In a bid to develop, promote and protect the creative and cultural sector, the National Arts Council of Botswana (NACB), has launched a strategic framework that highlights a transition toward the commercialisation, sustainability, and operational excellence of Botswana's creative sector.

The council's CEO, Gaokgakala Lemmenyane, announced the establishment of the Botswana Creative Arts Fund, which would evolve from traditional grant system to a more strategic investment mechanism, to move towards commercialisation of the creative sector.

The fund will prioritise scalable and export-ready projects, support innovation across disciplines, and introduce transparent funding processes anchored in measurable impact and long-term sustainability.

"We need to move away from grants, because they do not build sustainable business," said Lemmenyane, emphasising that the arts must be positioned as a viable economic driver. Our responsibility is to transform creativity into enterprise, talent into trade, and artistic excellence into sustainable livelihoods," he continued.

Additionally, the council would establish an investment company under the council's oversight which Lemmenyane explained, will enable participation in commer-

cially viable ventures, particularly in infrastructure development, including entertainment centres, performance venues, studio facilities, and multi-purpose creative hubs.

These assets, he said would operate on sustainable business models, generating revenue through rentals, events, and commercial partnerships.

"Income generated will be re-invested directly into the creative sector, reducing reliance on government funding, and building long-term industry wealth," said Lemmenyane.

He called on government, private sector partners, development stakeholders, and artists to collaborate in realising a shared vision of a

structured, investable, and globally competitive creative economy.

The Creative Culture Sector Development acting director, Tshireletso Modikwa, emphasised the NACB commitment to prioritising The National Arts Festival and Constituency Arts Competition as part of plans to promote commercialisation and access to market within the Creative and Cultural industries.

He also stressed the commitment to the NACB arts and Culture grant and mobility grant of which he shared that during the 2025 NACB grants cycle, 479 grants applications were received and 57 funded at a total of P4 million.

Of the funded projects, 61 per cent have been successfully im-

plemented while 22 are being implemented, Modikwa said

He also announced the council's nationwide Arts and Creative Industry Registry aimed at collecting comprehensive data on artists and creative enterprises across Botswana.

The registry will provide evidence required to design informed policies, allocate funding more equitably, measure the sector's economic contribution to the Gross Domestic Product and ensure that artists are accurately profiled and positioned within a structured national ecosystem.

The exercise commenced March 1 and will close March 31, with 1 026 individuals and 236 organisations already registered. **BOPA**

Discovery of ancient fish fossils fills gap in human-fish evolution

BEIJING

Fossils of two fish from over 400 million years ago, one a tiny streamlined creature, the other a giant among vertebrates of its time with bizarre teeth have been discovered in China, filling a critical gap in the evolutionary journey 'from fish to human.'

A research team from the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology (IVPP) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) has achieved these two key discoveries after more than a decade of fieldwork and laboratory research.

They found the world's earliest known complete bony fish fossil, named *Eosteus chongqingensis*, in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality.

They also comprehensively analyzed the complete head structure and tooth morphology of *Megamastax amblyodus*, the largest known vertebrate of the Silurian Period, found in Qijing in southwest China's Yunnan Province.

These findings make China a cradle of early vertebrate evolution. Two studies on the origin of bony fishes were published in the journal *Nature* on Thursday.

According to Zhu Min, an academician of CAS from the IVPP,

bony fishes form the main trunk of the vertebrate tree of life. Their two surviving lineages, ray-finned fishes and lobe-finned fishes, have conquered a wide range of niches in aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, respectively.

Ray-finned fishes evolved into over 30,000 species, including the vast majority of fishes we see today.

One lineage of lobe-finned fishes eventually ventured onto land during the Devonian Period, evolving into all tetrapods and humans.

However, the origin of bony fishes has long been shrouded in mystery, since most bony fish fossils found previously were already specialized ray-finned or lobe-finned fishes from the Devonian Period.

The information on the primitive bony fishes, or the bony fish stem group, which existed before the divergence of these two major lineages, was missing, leaving scientists unable to determine the morphology of the most recent common ancestor of ray-finned and lobe-finned fishes, Zhu said.

According to Zhu You'an, a researcher with IVPP, *Eosteus chongqingensis*, which lived 436 million years ago, measured only about 3 cm in total length, but was preserved with its head and tail intact. **Xinhua**

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BNSC brings six codes under one roof

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Six indoor sporting codes, will on Saturday, feature in an Indoor Sport Festival, to be held at the Royal Aria Indoor Hall.

The festival hosted by the Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC), will feature volleyball, table tennis, basketball, boxing, judo and netball.

The event seeks to create what organisers describe as a 'one-stop sporting experience' for Batswana.

Spectators will have the opportunity to watch multiple sporting disciplines in one venue, creating a festival-like atmosphere that promotes sport as both entertainment and community engagement.

Families, sports enthusiasts and aspiring athletes will be able to move from one match or contest to another while enjoying the diversity of indoor sport throughout the event.

Beyond entertainment, the festival is expected to promote and increase the visibility of indoor sporting codes that often receive less attention compared to outdoor sports.

In an interview, BNSC marketing and communications

BNSC Indoor Sport Festival also seeks to create what organisers describe as a "one-stop sporting experience" for Batswana

manager, Anderson Nlisana, said indoor sporting facilities played a critical role in the development and sustainability of many sports.

He said unlike outdoor venues that were often affected by

weather conditions, indoor arenas provided a controlled environment that ensured competitions and training sessions could take place consistently throughout the year.

This stability, he said, allowed athletes to perform at their best while also improving the overall spectator experience.

For many of the participating codes, indoor facilities were essential to maintaining the quality and integrity of the sport.

By showcasing these disciplines in a single high-energy event, the BNSC hopes to inspire greater participation among young people and encourage the growth of indoor sport across the country.

The inaugural festival represents an important step toward strengthening Botswana's indoor sporting culture.

It also highlights the value of modern indoor facilities in supporting athlete development, hosting competitive events and creating accessible sporting experiences for the public.

With multiple sporting codes, high-level competition and a dynamic atmosphere anticipated, the BNSC Indoor Sport Festival promises to deliver an exciting day of sport while demonstrating the power of bringing diverse disciplines together under one roof. **BOPA**



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School sport revival gains momentum

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Since school sport was suspended in March 2020 due to disputes over teacher allowances and lack of funds, Botswana has struggled to perform consistently at regional and international competitions.

Athletics has been the only code bringing glory to the country, largely due to an out-of-school model.

Various clubs have recruited school-going athletes to keep the candle burning in the absence of a structured school sport programme.

And when the Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng, relaunched school sport in Lobatse in August, it brought a ray of hope.

However, the programme

failed to take off after teachers' unions indicated they had not been consulted.

Despite the setback, Kelebeng remains optimistic that school sport will return, noting that it provides learners with opportunities to showcase their talents across various disciplines.

He said efforts to reinstate the programme had been ongoing since its suspension in 2020, with last year's launch encountering challenges because the initiative involved more than one ministry.

Before its suspension, school sport fell under the Ministry of Basic Education.

He said the biggest challenge was that the resumption of the programme clashed with examinations.

"There were also concerns from



Minister of Sport and Arts
Jacob Kelebeng

stakeholders, particularly unions, who felt they had been left out of consultations," he said

Kelebeng said they now intended

to start on a clean slate this term, adding that consultations had been held with key stakeholders, including the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education, which played a central role in implementation.

"We have agreed in principle that we must start as soon as possible. One of the key steps is to re-engage other stakeholders such as the unions, the former Botswana Integrated Sports Association (BISA) and the Botswana Primary Schools Sports Association (BOPSSA)," he said.

According to Kelebeng, unions were consulting their members, while the sports associations had expressed readiness to proceed once consensus was reached.

He said a temporary structure would be established, utilising

BISA and BOPSSA to create a unified framework to oversee the return of school sport.

The long-term plan is to formally register the structure as a single entity responsible for administering school sport.

"All stakeholders are willing to compromise for the sake of our children. We are facing numerous social challenges, including crime and teenage pregnancy, partly because many young people are not engaged in constructive activities," he said.

He added that school sport would fall under the Ministry of Sport and Arts for development and oversight, while the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education would lead implementation, supported by other relevant ministries. **BOPA**



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Gaborone derby unpacked

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All sports rivalries have their beginnings; a match or moment that sparks decades and long battles for bragging rights between supporters.

For Gaborone rivals, Gaborone United (GU) and Township Rollers, the rivalry dates back to the mid-1970s when clashes on the pitch featured the likes of Boniface 'Wonder' Tape, Nicolas 'Lele' Sebele, Thomas 'Zero' Johnson and Horatio 'Chipa' Mahloane for GU.

Rollers, however fielded their own galaxy of stars including Mulalu 'Walktall' Molalu, Morwalela 'Pro' Seema, Clement 'Muller' Muthesisi, Thomas Morobane, Freddie Modise and Topito Masheleng, among others.

In years gone by, the thrill of the Gaborone derby was not confined to the capital city alone. It captured the imagination of football fans across the country as the blue-collar pride of Rollers clashed with the red empire swagger of United.

The rivalry stood the test of time, even through the 1990s era, when players such as Desmond Molefhe, Mmoni 'States' Segopolo, Aaron 'Route 4' Radira and Thabo 'Mahala' Motang represented the blue side of Rollers, while United fielded the likes of Marco Chuma, Patrick 'Zee' Zibochwa and Rapelang 'Razor' Tsatsilebe. There were also memorable man-to-man battles between Joseph 'Big Joe' Chikoti and Lepholetha 'City' Senne.

In the days leading to the derby, families were often divided by the colours of the teams they supported. Taxi and bus ranks turned into centres of football debate as fans from both camps taunted each other, while the buzz of anticipation spread throughout Gaborone.

Those were the days when the



derby epitomised a battle for pride and bragging rights, characterised by blood, sweat and tears on the football pitch.

Fast forward to recent years and that version of the derby feels like something from the history books.

The encounter has become a shadow of its former self, with some observers arguing that it has lost much of its allure and is

struggling to regain the intensity and appeal it once had.

When GU and Rollers meet again on Saturday at the GU Stadium, the stakes will be different due to the absence of the electric atmosphere that once defined the encounter.

From the pulsating build-ups among supporters to the bone-crunching tackles on the field,

the Gaborone derby has in many ways been reduced to just another league fixture with a famous name.

Despite this decline, Saturday's match will still be a defining moment for the city rivals, who have experienced contrasting fortunes in recent years.

While still regarded as a fierce rivalry by many fans, the gap between the two sides has widened.

GU have dominated honours over the past five years, while the downfall of their cross-city rivals has been well documented.

Under the administration of Nikolas Zakhem, GU have emerged as the embodiment of ambition and professionalism in local football.

Rollers, however, have been marred by financial challenges and administrative disputes in recent years.

As a result, the once-mighty 'Popa-Popa' are enduring a difficult campaign and are clinging largely to their identity, history and the memory of a dynasty that once ruled local football.

GU enter the weekend derby as favourites, as they currently sit at the summit of the FNB Premiership with 50 points, while Rollers occupy eighth position with 30 points from 21 matches.

For Rollers, every derby now feels like a test of character. Can they still stand toe-to-toe with their rivals? Do they still possess the belief that once defined them?

Should they manage to cause an upset on Saturday, such a victory could provide the momentum needed to revive their season.

A win over GU may not immediately fix Rollers' problems, but it could restore some identity and demonstrate resilience.

For GU, however, victory would further strengthen their dominance. Having already beaten Rollers 3-1 in early this year and 2-0 earlier this season. Another win would reinforce the shift in power between the two clubs.

Nevertheless, the derby remains emotional. It symbolises a clash between tradition and innovation between a club looking confidently toward the future and another grappling with the weight of its illustrious past.

A positive result for either side will echo beyond the stadium, resonating in workplaces, bus ranks, schools and across the streets of Gaborone, where the priceless currency of city bragging rights will once again be fiercely contested. **BOPA**

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