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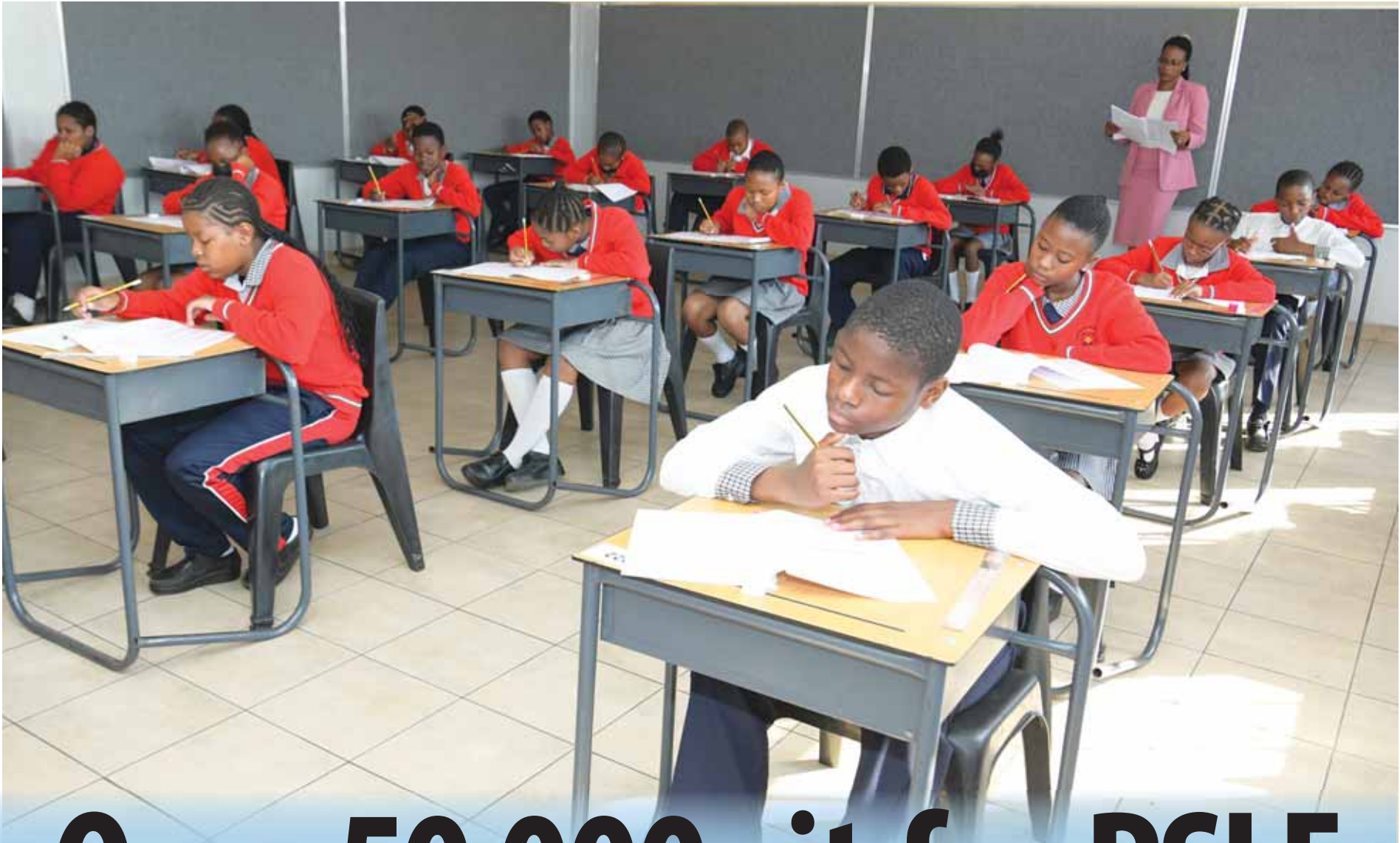
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Over 50 000 sit for PSLE

Marulamantsi Primary School learners sitting for their Primary School Leaving Examinations (PSLE) in Gaborone yesterday. School head, Ms Mumsie Utlwang, said this year marked a milestone for the school, as it opened its doors in 2024 and now had its pioneer group of 87 pupils sitting for the national examinations. She said six of the candidates were under the school's special education programme, five of whom were assisted by readers and scribes, while one required extra time to complete the papers. Ms Utlwang said the school community took pride in supporting all learners to ensure inclusivity and equal opportunity for academic success. Meanwhile, according to Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education, a total of 53 076 registered candidates will sit for PSLE this year. The examinations, which started yesterday, will end on October 13. The results are expected to be released on the third week of December. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

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Council, Swedish Municipality reaffirm partnership

By Calviniah Kgauthe

LOBATSE - Lobatse Town Council has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening its international partnership with Swedish, Bollnas Municipality in cultural heritage development.

The partnership started in 2022 aimed at promoting youth inclusivity in preserving culture and reviving heritage monuments with the objective of generating income, reducing youth unemployment and addressing social challenges.

Even though, it came to an end in 2024, it had not yet reached its intended goal of seeing cultural heritage sites refurbished and fully operational thus creating employment opportunities for the youth.

Therefore, the two authorities have taken a decision to extend the partnership.

Welcoming the Swedish delegation in Lobatse on Thursday, Lobatse Town Council Mayor, Mr Aron Ganakgomo said the partnership presented opportunities for the historic town.

Mr Ganakgomo said Lobatse was endowed with cultural heritage sites in dire need of resuscitation adding that during Botswana’s nascent years, developments included construction of the first tarred road covering 3km, radio station and the Legislative Council buildings.

As such, he said the history of Lobatse must be preserved.

Mayor Ganakgomo further reassured the Swedish delegation of the council’s support for the Cultural Heritage project as cultural heritage tourism formed part of Lobatse Town Council

development roadmap.

For his part, Bollnas Municipality Mayor, Mr Abdullahi Mohamed said they were pleased to strengthen the partnership between the two councils, which started in 2022.

Initially, he said the partnership was aimed at promoting democracy in developing countries in order to create opportunities for people living in poverty to positively influence their living conditions.

This time, he said, the aim was to deepen corporation between the two councils with the main focus on strengthening capacity with local companies in Lobatse and those in Bollnas, Non-Governmental Organisations as well as the youth.

Lobatse District Commissioner, Mr Mpho Mathe also appreciated the project, which he noted would go a long way in revitalising the first colonial capital of the country, rich with historical sites.

He noted that developing cultural heritage sites was part of government strategic plan to diversify the tourism portfolio through city tourism as well as harnessing cultural tourism.

Mr Mathe noted that the project was opportune, especially now as the country moved to implement the National Development plan 12 as part of the government road map.

“As a country we are quite strong on tourism safari, which was mostly concentrated up north, now we want to move into the space of urban and cultural tourism,” he said.

Additionally, he said neighbouring countries such as South Africa and Mozambique had strong historic footprints of heritage in Lobatse. **BOPA**

Town clerk hails strides made in cooperation

By Gontle Merafhe

GABORONE - The Lobatse Cultural change programme dubbed Youth Inclusiveness in Cultural Heritage is aimed at raising knowledge and awareness about Lobatse heritage sites and their potential to contribute to local economy.

Lobatse Town Clerk, Ms Lenamile Taolo said this during a Sweden, Bollnas Municipality delegation courtesy call to the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlalefile Motshegwa on Thursday.

Ms Taolo said the objective of the project was to enhance local governance targeting youth by economically empowering them through local heritage sites in the town. She said cultural heritage was one of the key focus areas in the Lobatse Town Council Mayor’s roadmap to place Lobatse as a destination of

cultural heritage. Therefore, she said Lobatse was better placed to advance issues of cultural heritage and diversify the tourism sector as it was more concentrated in flora and fauna tourism.

She said Lobatse Town Council and the Bollnas Municipality have been working together since 2022.

“We have made a significant achievement from 2022. So far there has been an immense exchange of knowledge and skills in running of community cultural heritage project. We had earmarked to train 20 tour guides but only eight graduated. They were mainly youth from Lobatse,” she said.

Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa said the ministry was reviewing legislation to give prominence to traditional leadership, elevating them on issue of culture as it was part of heritage and human rights.



Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Ms Nono Kgafela-Mokoka (left) and Business Botswana, education chairperson, Mr Golekanye Setume during the refurbishment of schools campaign press conference in Gaborone on Friday. Ms Kgafela-Mokoka said the ministry had launched the #CountMeIn initiative to mobilise communities, businesses, alumni and other stakeholders to participate in restoring 27 dilapidated classrooms of senior schools affected by flood to ensure a safe, clean and conducive learning environment. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

#CountMeIn initiative to restore hope - minister

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - In an effort to combat the deteriorating state of schools infrastructure, the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education has launched

a nationwide campaign dubbed #CountMeIn.

The campaign is aimed at restoring dilapidated classrooms in flood-affected schools, starting with the most urgent cases, being senior secondary classrooms.

Speaking during the launch on Friday, Minister Nono Kgafela-Mokoka said the idea was conceived in the wake of devastating floods that impacted schools like Mogoditshane Senior Secondary School.

However, the initiative was delayed due to resource constraints.

Acknowledging the ongoing challenges facing the education sector, Ms Kgafela-Mokoka called on communities, businesses, alumni, media and stakeholders to help restore and rehabilitate dilapidated classrooms worsened by damage caused by floods.

“We cannot keep crying, we cannot keep folding our arms, we need to start this initiative and make a plea to the community, businesses, alumni, and stakeholders to participate and help us quickly restore classrooms that are going to be used for examinations,” she said.

She said classrooms that would be used for examinations were in dire situation, as walls were spoilt with graffiti, broken windows, collapsing ceilings, and insufficient furniture, raising concerns about the validity

of national examinations and the perception of Botswana’s education system locally and abroad.

Ms Kgafela-Mokoka said there was plan to designate weekends for community members, parents, teachers and local residents to come together and clean or repair school infrastructure.

The minister also encouraged maintenance and creativity, saying schools would be ranked based on restoration efforts and cleanliness and that winners would receive public recognition and possible rewards.

Meanwhile, Minsiter Kgafela-Mokoka reignited the vision with personal commitment by donating P20 000 to kick-start the campaign

To participate or make a pledge, she said individuals and organisations were encouraged to contact the ministry and follow updates using the #CountMeIn.

She further pointed out that the ministry would introduce digital classroom tracker; a monitoring system to digitally track the condition of classrooms, allowing the ministry to identify problem areas in real time.

She therefore called on private sector partners to contribute financially or in-kind, saying in the past, partnerships had proven effective and directly impacted on the future of the children. **BOPA**

Botswana to host African Biodiversity Summit

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE - The African Biodiversity Summit will serve as a high-level platform to inform the political leadership about biodiversity conservation, particularly in governance, resource mobilisation and Africa's contribution to global biodiversity

'Agriculture sector remains key for economy'

By Portia Ikgopoleng

PANDAMATENGA - Agriculture remains one of the most impactful sectors, which can drive Botswana toward the achievement of the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme objectives.

Speaking during a tour of the Pandamatenga silos on Friday, Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe said there was need for urgent action in order to achieve economic transformation and assured the nation that government would invest in proper infrastructure and services to ensure that agriculture effectively contributed toward the envisioned transformation of the economy.

Mr Gaolathe said with Pandamatenga rising up as an agronomy hub, government would avail relevant infrastructure to drive agricultural production and enhance output in the area.

He said the governments of Botswana and Zambia were in advanced discussions for the construction of the Mosetse-Kazungula-Livingstone railway line traversing through Pandamatenga aimed at enhancing the movement of goods including food stored at the silos to the upper Zambezi region and rest of the continent.

Mr Gaolathe added that the projected Zambezi integrated agro-commercial development project, which incorporated the sourcing of water from the Chobe River basin for irrigation, was also intended to expand the output of the agricultural sector.

The Vice President also said the sourcing of power from Zimbabwe remained a concern for Pandamatenga, adding however that embracing and adopting solar energy was a

negotiations.

The summit will be held in Botswana in collaboration with the African Union Commission (AUC) in Gaborone from November 2 to 5.

Giving welcome remarks during the African Biodiversity Summit Donor Roundtable, which is a preparatory forum for the

viable solution to the situation.

Special Economic Zones Authority (SEZA) acting CEO Ms Tapiwa Masie said Pandamatenga was characterised by rich soils and good weather, which supported the production of bountiful harvests.

She said a total of 56 000 hectares was currently productive, and that it was projected that 42 000 more hectares would be added onto the total hectorage after a transfer of land from the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture.

She said the additional hectares would be dedicated to exploring the production of high value crops like hemp, safflower and cactus.

Ms Masie further underscored that SEZA strived to attract investors to set up processing warehouses in Pandamatenga in order to start selling processed and packaged products to the global market.

She added that the 60 000 metric tonnes newly-built silos were fully operational and that they were filled to capacity with grains. She said SEZA was working on phase two of the project, which entailed construction of a grain drier and CCTV camera installation.

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summit on Thursday, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi said the conference themed: Leveraging Africa's Biodiversity for Prosperity would serve as a pivotal opportunity for approximately 10 000 expected participants to deliberate and exchange ideas on how best to safeguard the planet's future.

"Government is keen to hear from the private sector on how we can work together to include our natural capital in our planning and business decisions, as well as harness our natural capital not only to protect biodiversity, but to drive peace, prosperity and resilience," he said.

Mr Mmolotsi said Africa was confronted by a rapid and unplanned urbanisation, unsustainable resource use, illegal wildlife trade, pollution and invasive species, which were all contributing to eco-system fragmentation and species

extinction on an unprecedented scale. Therefore, he expressed concern that the inequitable sharing of benefits and natural resources use further undermined the ability to build resilient communities and economies.

"Current assessments show that Africa is the most affected continent with growing threats to food, water, and energy security," he added.

This, he said posed escalating risks to livelihoods, development and well-being, stressing that 'biodiversity loss, climate change and pollution were now recognised as inextricably linked, crisis-threatening the foundation of life on earth'. Mr Mmolotsi said the unprecedented laws of biodiversity and degradation of eco-systems were also eroding the productivity of vital services that sustained human well-being, food security and economic stability.

As for the donor roundtable



Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi (left) and African Union Commission, Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy, Mr Moses Vilakati during African Biodiversity Summit donor roundtable in Gaborone on Thursday. Mr Mmolotsi said the summit, themed: Leveraging Africa's Biodiversity for Prosperity would serve as a pivotal opportunity for approximately 10 000 expected participants to deliberate and exchange ideas on how best to safeguard the planet's future. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

event, he said it was meant to bridge the funding gap by securing financial commitments to cover costs associated with convening the upcoming summit.

The roundtable was also aimed at mobilising pledges for post-summit implementation by encouraging initial pledges and expressions of interest for a dedicated African Biodiversity Fund to finance the implementation of the summit outcomes and priorities.

For his part, the AUC Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Sustainable Development and Blue Economy, Mr Moses Vilakati thanked Botswana for having agreed to host the summit; saying it would provide an opportune moment for Africa to assert its collective voice, as well as its leadership in the global biodiversity agenda.

"It is an opportunity to drive alignment, to drive integration and action around shared continental goals," he said.

For Botswana, the commissioner said the summit would serve as a moment of pride and a chance to showcase its conservation legacy and landscapes to the world.

For that reason, he assured that the AUC was committed to ensuring the success of the summit.

"This is your opportunity. With approximately 10 000 participants expected from across the globe, the summit presents an opportunity for both environmental and economic advancement," he added.

He expressed gratitude that the first Conference of Parties to the Maputo Convention on Nature and Natural Resources would also be held in Botswana on the margins of the summit.

Furthermore, Mr Vilakati appealed to partners and stakeholders, as a collective, to support the initiative by mobilising the necessary resources to make the summit a success.

He said the summit was designed to identify and map Africa's biodiversity priorities.

"This must happen at the highest political level, as biodiversity is central to our economies especially through tourism and sustainable resource use," he said. BOPA

Spiritual welfare matters - Mophuting

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - The nation have been called to partner with the police and pray for hope, healing and mental strength for officers across the country.

The call was made by the Assistant Minister for State President, Ms Maipelo Mophuting during the launch of the Botswana Police Sunday Church Service programme in Gaborone on Sunday.

Ms Mophuting stressed that spiritual welfare mattered just as much as physical welfare, hence the call.

"While they guard us with courage, we must cover them with prayer, while they protect our homes, we must protect their hearts," she said.

Furthermore, she said challenges faced by the country today, such as crime, violence, suicide, broken families, moral decay and youth unemployment, were not merely social issues, but spiritual battles requiring

spiritual intervention.

"Prayer is not a passive act, prayer is power, it restores, it unites, it heals and it transforms," she affirmed.

Ms Mophuting further said the Botswana Police Sunday Church Service sent a clear message to the world that Botswana was 'anchored not in fear, but in faith; not in division, but in unity'.

The day, she described it as 'a covenant of healing' and urged the nation to view it as the beginning of a prayerful movement, one that embedded spiritual support for officers into the national fabric.

Held under the theme: Praying Through the Storm, Faith in Difficult Times," she said the occasion marked a national turning point, a commitment to placing spiritual strength and emotional resilience at the heart of public service.

"This initiative aims to integrate prayer into Botswana's national identity and creating a culture where every citizen becomes a spiritual support

system for the Police Service," she said, adding that 'every time we see a police officer, let it be a moment we whisper a prayer for them'.

Police Commissioner, Ms Dinah Marathe said the new church service initiative was designed to strengthen spiritual resilience, offer emotional support and remind officers that they were not alone.

"Our officers encounter trauma almost daily, whether it is scenes of violence, tragic accidents, murders, suicide abused children and confronting armed criminals, or high-stress interventions, it is important that their mental well-being remains stable," said Ms Marathe.

She stressed the importance of nurturing the spirit, mind and body of officers so they could continue to serve with strength and dignity.

"Policing is not only about enforcing the law, it is also about serving communities with compassion, that becomes

difficult when officers are struggling internally," Ms Marathe added.

She said the initiative had objectives of mobilising officers through prayer by encouraging deeper commitment to service through regular spiritual engagement, providing officers with a platform to confront personal and professional challenges through faith.

Also, she said the initiative served as a way of fostering unity through strengthening relationships between officers, religious leaders and communities, as well as promoting spiritual values by raising awareness on how spiritual grounding could combat societal ills.

The Botswana Police Sunday Church Service is expected to be held regularly and has been extended across the country's districts and police stations, reinforcing its purpose as a movement of faith, hope and national unity. BOPA

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Methodist church reaches out to learners

By Relief Lephutshi

MOSHANA - Addressing pupils' needs is essential to supporting their effective learning. Ms Mpho Lesego, the school head of Motswedi Secondary School in Gaborone said this during her address at a donation ceremony

Kgosi Seretse declares ploughing season

By Keith Ketl

SEROWE – Deputy Chief of Ga-Mmangwato, Kgosi Seretse Peter Khama had commissioned the 2025/26 ploughing season at Serowe main Kgotla on Sunday.

Officially launching the ploughing season commonly known as “Letsema” in Setswana, Kgosi Seretse implored Ba-Gammangwato to prioritise farming over other activities to ensure food security and self-sufficiency in the country.

Also, he encouraged the community to prepare for the season well in advance, catch the first and early rains and plough at the right time for optimum output.

Furthermore, he implored Batswana to service tractors, prepare draught power and other farming implements well on time as “the earliest bird catches the fattest worm.”

Kgosi Seretse remained optimistic that there would be heavy downpours to enable Batswana to plough more hectares that would lead to a bumper harvest and wished Ba-Gammangwato a fruitful season.

He expressed optimism that God as the rainmaker would provide abundant rain, to enable farmers to contribute significantly to the national grain and food production.

Kgosi Seretse said they were pondering to resuscitate chieftainship ploughing fields dubbed ‘Masota’ which were in the past used to plough for morafe and store the grains in storage facilities or silos to be used when the need arise.

He said such ploughing fields were idling and therefore utilising them would mean adding an impetus into revitalising the country's economy that was somewhat sluggish.

In an interview following the commissioning of Letsema, MP

to Modisi Primary School in Moshaneng by the Methodist Church of Southern Africa Women Manyano Service and Prayer Union of Kanye on Saturday.

Ms Lesego said the donation to the school's underprivileged learners, comprising 77 pairs of school shoes and stationery worth

for Serowe West, Mr Onalepelo Kedikilwe encouraged fellow citizens to take advantage of the 2025/26 ploughing and cropping season to boost food security in the country and reduce the hefty import bill.

Mr Kedikilwe said in recent years, Botswana experienced poor rains but was optimistic that the coming ploughing season would receive plenty of rain.

He said most farmers in the country were lagging behind in adoption of new technologies, adding these issues resulted in low productivity and profitability thus hindering progress in the agricultural sector.

He said back then, people were using draught power for ploughing which proved to be effective, but nowadays tractors were deployed for ploughing and in some instances people waited for tractors for prolonged times impacting on the ability to till the land at the correct time.

Mr Kedikilwe said it was vital to conduct soil testing as it determined nutrient levels, allowing farmers to add the correct amount of fertilizers which increased yields, improved plant health and resistance to diseases and parasites.

He concurred with Kgosi Seretse that using the appropriate technology would lead to increased productivity and economic viability as well as reducing unnecessary spending habits for farmers.

Ms Mmandu Pitlagano of Mogatsapoo lands in Serowe said she was committed to boosting food security in the country but some bottlenecks within the sector prevented her mission.

She said one of the challenges was that her ploughing field was in an area where soil composition was mostly black cotton soil which was slushy inaccessible during torrential rains due to water logging making ploughing impossible. **BOPA**

about P19,000, would enhance learning, therefore making education more human rights centred.

She said giving to the disadvantaged children was proof that the church had taken note that education was more than just a basic need.

She commended the Methodist Church's women's wing for extending their love to disadvantaged children, whom she termed the riches of the nation's future.

“A woman is a being of a loving heart, and a woman of faith is moved to share the little she has,” she added, noting that it was important for believers to be of service to humanity.

On behalf of the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education, acting dicrector for the south region, Mr Oscar Leatso conveyed

appreciation to the Methodist women for their generous donation to the learners at Modisi Primary School and by extension to the Moshana community.

He said the gesture of compassion demonstrated the solidarity and stakeholder partnership that was encouraged by the ministry through its strategic plans.

He said even in the most economically advanced nations, quality education could never be achieved through government efforts alone.

“It has to be a shared responsibility,” he added.

Furthermore, Mr Leatso said when churches and communities came together, exceptional educational outcomes could be reached for every child.

He said to many among the children who received the shoes, a pair of shoes was not only a

necessity but was something that would bring dignity and confidence to propel them towards a better future.

Mr Leatso said the noble gesture would be a motivation to the learners to perform better in their studies hence an expectation that academic results would improve at the school.

He called for the resuscitation of the Adopt-A-School concept, saying it allowed for individuals and community groups to partner with government on issues of education.

When welcoming guests earlier on, Kgosi Seate Marumo of Moshana appreciated the efforts of the Methodist Church for its good deeds.

However, he also pleaded with the church to teach believers on self-reliance to reduce members' reliance on aid. **BOPA**



Motswedi Junior Secondary School head, Ms Mpho Lesego (third left), handing over school shoes donated by the Methodist Church to Modisi Primary School teachers for distribution to underprivileged learners during a ceremony in Moshaneng on Saturday. Ms Lesego said the gifts comprising 77 pairs of school shoes and stationery worth about P19,000 would go a long way in assisting disadvantaged learners at the school. Photo: Relief Lephutshi

NMG donates P100,000 to Sedibeng Foundation Centre

By Booster Mogapi

KOPONG - NMG Administrators Botswana has donated P100, 000 to Sedibeng Foundation Centre, an elderly care centre in Kopong.

Speaking during the handing over ceremony on Thursday at Sedibeng Centre in Kopong, NMG Risk Anti Money Laundering Compliance Manager, Ms Karabo Lesokwane said the company was excited to be giving back to the community, and most importantly to Sedibeng centre for the elderly.

She said NMG Administrators was inspired by what Sedibeng Centre was doing in the community, therefore decided to extend a helping hand by funding the centre to the tune of P100, 000.

She was of the view that the money would go a long way in meeting the needs of the centre and afford them to continue caring for the elderly people.

Ms Lesokwane said as a company managing pensioners' funds they was equally concerned by the welfare and living conditions of the elderly, as some were their clients, being retired public servants.

She said Sedibeng Foundation Centre was playing a crucial role by taking care of the needs of the

elders.

“We are thankful for the work being done by the centre and that is why we are giving them a cheque of P100,000 so that they continue the good work”, said Ms Lesokwane.

The Centre's manager, Ms Abueng Beans said Sedibeng foundation was a non-governmental organisation that offered elderly health care services in Kopong.

She said the centre had registered more than 200 members who were over 65 years old with a few exceptions of those below the pensioners' age bracket. She added that Sedibeng had outreach programmes, catering for the elderly across the country.

Ms Beans said establishing the centre was a response to the many challenges among them lack of proper healthcare services faced by the elderly members of the community. She said the centre came in handy to attend to their needs by offering free health care checkups, psychological and mental health and regular exercise.

Additionally, Ms Lesokwane said the centre offered adult education to its members to equip them with the ability to read and write.

In her appreciation remarks, one of the elders, Ms Joyce Tubego said

they would forever remain thankful to Sedibeng Centre for providing comfort and healing to their ailing bodies.

She appreciated the voluntary work undertaken by Sedibeng workers who continue to offer their services despite little resources.

Ms Tubego said the support from NMG Administrators came at the right time when the centre needed rescue, therefore grateful for the donation.

She added that there was no single day when the centre had failed to accordingly provide them with meals among other voluntary support.

Councillor Mr Khona Rakhudu said the centre was blessed with donors like NMG Administrators who came at the time when there was a need.

He said caring for the elders was a blessing on its own and by giving to the centre, NMG was indirectly giving to the elders and would in turn receive blessings.

Cllr Rakhudu hastened to say that the centre was still awaiting plot allocation and believed NMG Administrators together with other donors would come in handy in building a centre fit for the elderly people. **BOPA**



Serowe residents gathered at the main kgotla on Sunday for the official commissioning of the 2025/26 ploughing season by Kgosi Seretse Peter Khama. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande



Church of God in Christ leader, Reverend Jakoba Tshethlo (left), Apostolic Faith Mission retired pastor, Dr Johannes Kgwarapi (centre) and Deputy Permanent Secretary to the President, Ms Matshidiso Bokole at the launch of Botswana Police Sunday Church Service in Gaborone on Sunday. Dr Kgwarapi urged police officers to remain grounded in their faith and to depend on God as they carry out their duties.
Photo: Felicity Male

Police officers seek strength through prayer

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - Police officers could use prayers from the nation to uplift them spiritually.

Speaking during the launch of the Botswana police church service held in Gaborone on Sunday, Apostolic Faith Mission (AFM) retired pastor Dr Johannes Kgwarapi emphasised the importance of prayer in restoring hope, healing the nation's wounds and reinforcing moral values.

He urged officers to remain grounded in their faith and dependent on God as they carried out their duties.

"The challenges you face in your line of duty require you to be even closer to God. While we sleep at night, you are forced to stay alert

and protect the nation, for that reason, it is important for us to watch over you in prayer," said Dr Kgwarapi.

He highlighted the emotional and physical toll policing could take, noting that officers were often exposed to traumatic incidents and high-pressure situations that affected their well-being.

He stressed that spiritual strength and public support were essential in helping law enforcement officers carry out their responsibilities with integrity, resilience and compassion.

Dr Kgwarapi also urged other government departments to adopt a culture of prayer and spiritual reflection in their daily work.

"If we all seek God's guidance, we will serve the nation more diligently and in accordance with our calling," he said and encouraged the public to continue supporting the police not only through appreciation but also through ongoing intercession.

"Let us never grow tired of praying for those who protect us. When the church, government, and the people walk in step with God, no challenge is too great," he said.

Dr Kgwarapi further called for the institutionalisation of prayer in schools, public service, and traditional leadership structures, saying that a nation rooted in prayer is a nation grounded in peace.

The Botswana police church service is aimed at offering spiritual encouragement and moral support to law enforcement officers while recognising the immense sacrifices they make to maintain peace and order across the country.

It brought together members of the Botswana Police Service, religious leaders, government officials and members of the public in a show of unity, gratitude and prayerful support. **BOPA**

Medical practitioner discovers power of acupuncture

DAR ES SALAAM - At the acupuncture therapy unit of Mnazi Mmoja Hospital in Tanzania's Zanzibar, the soft sound of needles being prepared mingles with the calm voices of practitioners, mostly women trained in traditional Chinese medicine.

Among them is Fatma Ally Abdallah, a traditional Chinese medicine practitioner who joined the hospital's acupuncture department in 2021. "I learned acupuncture right here from the Chinese medical team," she said with a proud smile.

"Every year, new Chinese doctors come, teaching us different acupuncture points for conditions like sciatica, stroke, and facial paralysis. Each visit brings us something new."

Abdallah's journey into practice began when she was introduced to acupuncture, cupping, and massage therapy. What started as curiosity soon turned into a calling.

"Since I began, I've treated

many patients, about 90 each month, most of them women," she told Xinhua recently. "People here truly appreciate acupuncture. It's natural, effective, and helps them find relief."

As women around the world prepare to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, often known as the Beijing Women's Conference, through the Global Summit of Women held in Beijing later this month, Abdallah's experience reflects one of the key themes of that landmark conference: empowering women through education, skills, and leadership.

At Mnazi Mmoja Hospital, empowerment is taking shape through acupuncture needles and the spirit of collaboration, with the acupuncture unit standing as a symbol of women's leadership in healthcare, a reminder that empowerment comes not only through policy but through

practice.

For Bai Xinyu, a female traditional Chinese medicine doctor stationed at the hospital, the mission went beyond treating patients.

"I believe in health equality," Bai said. "As a woman, I understand the cultural taboos local female patients face. Combining acupuncture with modern medicine respects their customs while ensuring effective treatment."

Her work, she said, was about empathy as much as it is about expertise.

"A doctor's value isn't just in skills, but in understanding people. When I see a local nurse become confident in her work after training, that's the most meaningful result." Zhou Fang, another member of the Chinese medical team, has viewed the practice as a valuable partner in the local healthcare system, noting that acupuncture worked well for chronic conditions like arthritis, back pain, and recovery after a

stroke.

"I demonstrate, then supervise local practitioners as they perform the procedure themselves. The goal is for them to become independent.

We're not just providing aid; we're building a team that will continue the work long after we're gone." He praised his Tanzanian colleagues for their resilience and dedication.

At Mnazi Mmoja Hospital, the bridge between Chinese and Tanzanian medicine continues to grow, built by steady hands, shared knowledge, and a common belief in the power of healing. Abdallah dreams of going to China one day to further her studies. "I've learned a lot here," she said. "But I want to learn more, to master acupuncture and bring that knowledge back home." Her aspiration echoes the spirit of the 1995 Beijing conference, which called for women's full participation in science, education, and development..**Xinhua**

SAMA cuts ties with Israeli counterpart, urges global suspension

CAPE TOWN - The South African Medical Association (SAMA) has announced its decision to "immediately suspend all professional and bilateral relations" with the Israeli Medical Association (IMA), citing grave concerns over the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and alleged breaches of international medical ethics.

In a statement issued on Saturday, SAMA, which represents doctors across South Africa, said it would also press for the IMA's suspension from the World Medical Association (WMA).

SAMA said that these decisions, adopted on October 3 following what it described as "extensive consultations," reflect the association's view that the IMA had failed to uphold "international medical ethics and humanitarian

obligations" in the context of the conflict. The announcement came shortly after Israel's interception of the Global Sumud Flotilla and the detention of its participants in international waters as they attempted to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza.

In the statement, SAMA said that its decisions would remain in effect until the IMA took "public and verifiable actions," including demanding the release of detained Palestinian medical personnel, condemning the destruction of Gaza's healthcare system, denouncing the use of starvation as a policy and the blockade of essential medical supplies, and taking active measures to ensure adequate medical care for all individuals under Israeli control. **Xinhua**



ACCRA - Zheng Xiangming, chairperson of China's Greenhouse International Development Group during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Bright International Amusement Park in Afienva Ghana on Saturday. Upon completion, the amusement park is expected to feature a five-star leisure resort hotel with 160 rooms and 20 independent presidential villas, a 5 000-capacity international conference and exhibition centre, a 160 000m² water park, 500 high-end golf villas, an artificial beach, waterfront restaurants and sightseeing yachts. Photo: Xinhua

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- Institute brand standards & SOPs, audit rhythms, and guest-experience KPIs (GRI targets); maintain 5-star inspection readiness.
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- Build a high-performance culture: recruitment, mentoring, succession planning, and accountability.
- Nurture VIP, corporate, and travel-trade relationships; represent the brand with owners, media, and key partners.

Minimum Requirements

- Minimum 15 years' progressive leadership in luxury/boutique hotels, including recent GM or multi-property/cluster responsibility.
- Proven track record delivering YoY commercial uplift (e.g., revenue growth, RevPAR gains) and GOP improvement.
- Demonstrable success rolling out and leveraging PMS and distribution tools (e.g., IDS Next or equivalent), OTA strategy, and direct booking growth.
- Strong F&B leadership (menu engineering, banqueting, wine culture) and cost-of-sales control (food cost reduction).
- Guest reputation management experience with tangible GRI improvements and service-recovery leadership.
- Financial acumen: budgeting, forecasting, pricing/revenue tactics, and owner reporting.
- Exceptional people leadership, communication, and stakeholder management skills.
- Degree in Hospitality/Business (or equivalent). ISO 22000 (Food Safety) exposure/implementation is an advantage.

Success Metrics (First 12 Months)

- RevPAR growth vs comp set and YoY revenue improvement.
- GOP margin expansion; F&B cost % reduction against baseline.
- GRI uplift and improved response/closure metrics on reputation platforms.
- PMS/channel adoption & ROI (conversion, direct bookings, OTA mix).
- Team engagement, retention, and audit/brand-standards compliance.

Benefits

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How to Apply:

Qualified and interested candidates are invited to submit a detailed CV and certified copies of their academic qualifications together with references to the following addresses;

Email: recruitment@hotel430.co.bw

Postal Address:

The Hotel Manager, Hotel 430 (Pty) Ltd
P.O. Box 403200 Gaborone, Botswana

Closing Date: 27th October 2025

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Position Title: Restaurant and Floor Manager (No.1 Positions)

Location: Hotel 430 (Pty) Ltd, Gaborone



Duties & Responsibilities:

- **Event Planning & Coordination:** Manage multiple tasks related to planning and organizing events, including catering, venue selection, decorations, etc.
- **Restaurant & Banquet Operations:** Oversee daily operations of both the restaurant and banquet facilities, ensuring smooth and efficient service.
- **Client Communication:** Communicate with clients regarding event requirements, preferences, and feedback.
- **Staff Management:** Train, supervise, and assign duties to staff (waitrons, bartenders, restaurant personnel), ensuring staff is attentive, friendly, helpful, and courteous at all times.
- **Venue & Setup Management:** Book and plan the appropriate venue for events based on the number of guests and the type of event. Supervise the setup of tables, chairs, cutlery, decorations, and other event details.
- **Menu & Beverage Coordination:** Plan menus for various outlets in consultation with chefs and restaurant managers. Assist in menu and beverage selection, offering suggestions to meet client preferences.
- **Inventory & Supply Monitoring:** Monitor the availability of food, beverage supplies, and other essential materials required for smooth operations. Select suppliers for kitchen commodities and alcoholic beverages.
- **Cost Management:** Control food costs, labor costs, and overheads, ensuring that costs are within budget. Prepare department budgets in consultation with departmental heads.
- **Quality Control:** Ensure the predetermined quality of dishes and services offered to guests is maintained.
- **Sales & Promotional Activities:** Design and implement sales promotional activities to achieve revenue targets. Analyze competitors' strategies and their market share.
- **Customer Satisfaction:** Handle customer feedback, resolve issues, and ensure overall satisfaction with services.
- **Team Leadership & Scheduling:** Create and manage schedules for staff, ensuring adequate staffing and efficient operations at all times.
- **Training & Development:** Schedule and oversee training programs for all restaurant and banquet staff to ensure quality service. Keep staff updated on the latest trends in food and beverage sectors.
- **Hygiene & Safety Standards:** Implement hygiene and safety standards to ensure a safe working environment.
- **Performance Monitoring:** Monitor the performance of departments and prepare performance reports related to food and beverage operations.
- **Additional Duties:** Perform any other duties as requested by management, including attending meetings called by the hotel manager. Ensure that employees wear proper uniforms at all times.

Requirements & Skills:

- **Hospitality Expertise:** Strong knowledge of hospitality industry standards and best practices.
- **Leadership Abilities:** Proven experience in leading and managing a team, with exceptional training and supervisory skills.
- **Event Management:** Expertise in planning and executing successful banquet and event operations.
- **Communication Skills:** Outstanding communication, negotiation, and client relationship management.
- **Organization & Time Management:** Excellent organizational skills and the ability to handle high-pressure situations.
- **Problem-Solving:** Ability to resolve operational and client-related issues quickly and effectively.
- **People Skills:** A personable and approachable individual who can motivate a team and ensure a positive guest experience.

Education:

- An Associate's or Bachelor's degree in Hospitality, Hotel Management, Culinary Arts, or a related field is required.

Experience:

- 20 Years of prior experience as a **Restaurant and Floor Manager, Banqueting Manager**, or in a similar managerial position.
- Experience in **budgeting, forecasting**, and **inventory control** is essential.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are invited to send their detailed cover letter and CV (including certified copies of academic qualifications) to:

The HR Officer Hotel 430 (Pty) Ltd
P.O. Box 403200, Gaborone

Application Deadline: 27th October 2025

Alternatively, applications can be submitted via email to: [Email: recruitment@hotel430.co.bw](mailto:recruitment@hotel430.co.bw)

BENEFICIARY ASSESSMENT NOTICE



CALL FOR BENEFICIARIES - DEATH BENEFITS CLAIMS

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

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

MEMBER NAME	DATE OF DEATH	MEMBERSHIP STATUS	MEMBER NAME	DATE OF DEATH	MEMBERSHIP STATUS	MEMBER NAME	DATE OF DEATH	MEMBERSHIP STATUS
Thukani G Bajiti	14/04/2025	Active	Jurry Mabelebele	25/06/2003	Deferred	Shagwa Paki	27/09/2021	Deferred
Ditso Bakwena	24/09/2008	Deferred	Jackson Mabreaden	10/12/2015	Deferred	Ontiretse Pule	13/05/2018	Deferred
Moncho Besson	11/06/2025	Active	Golekwang Mafika	09/09/2016	Deferred	Letsweletse Raditholo	03/03/2021	Deferred
Kgomotso Bethia	04/03/2013	Deferred	Jabulani Malamulela	27/11/2024	Active	Solomon P. Ramasimong	20/01/2011	Deferred
Daniel Daniel	24/12/2023	Deferred	Albert Scarzo Marks	31/03/2016	Deferred	Kagiso Ramo	15/07/2025	Active
Bikitshane M. Edward	17/02/2022	Deferred	Same Mhaladi	18/08/2023	Deferred	Norman Andy Ranthoka	02/10/2022	Deferred
Joseph Gabanakgang	01/04/2024	Deferred	Francinah O Mmolawa	20/03/2025	Active	Morake Rantsurwane	11/01/2002	Deferred
Buru Gaofose	20/07/2024	Active	Piet Mogotsi	04/05/2003	Deferred	Losolwame Raseduelo	28/06/2025	Active
Peter Moremi Ipotseng	20/02/2019	Deferred	Tumisang I Mokalake	08/07/2025	Active	Tetano Sebesedule	05/02/2015	Active
Wameemang Keakopa	11/03/2025	Active	Tebogo Gilbert Molatlhwa	01/08/2015	Deferred	Makinyana Serwe	27/11/2020	Deferred
Bertha Keegope	12/03/2025	Active	Kesebone Mosepele	30/03/2025	Active	Moemedi Tom	26/05/2025	Active
Ketlhoilwe Kemokweni	20/04/2025	Active	Goabaone Mothofela	15/06/2025	Active	Moses Willie	04/08/2025	Pensioner
Mponang Ketshabile	27/04/2023	Deferred	Moshashane Motlhagodi	17/08/2025	Pensioner	Makhado Woki	20/06/2009	Deferred
Kebope Kgaola	19/03/2025	Active	Poloko Motoane	10/03/2025	Active			
Pilara Koontse	10/02/2021	Deferred	Letsogile Odubile	16/06/2025	Active			

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

Finding a better way

Mutharika appoints new cabinet

LILONGWE - Malawi's new president, Peter Mutharika, has released a partial lineup of his Cabinet.

Mutharika, who won the September 16 presidential election and took office on Saturday, appointed Enock

Chihana of the Alliance for Democracy (AFORD) party as second vice president on Sunday. His running mate during the election, Jane Ansah, is the first vice president.

Chihana, whose party formed the Blue Alliance with Mutharika's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) in the election, becomes the second Malawian to hold the position of second vice president in the history of the country, after the position was held by his father, Chakufwa Chihana, who founded AFORD and served as

second vice president from 1994 to 1996 and again from 2003 to 2004, both under president Bakili Muluzi.

The constitution of Malawi gives the president the mandate to appoint a second vice president, but other than Bakili Muluzi and Peter Mutharika, no other president had ever appointed a second vice president.

Mutharika also appointed veteran DPP member George Chaponda as foreign minister, and Joseph Mwanamvekha as minister of finance, economic

planning and development.

Both Chaponda and Mwanamvekha had served in the same respective ministerial positions before, during Peter Mutharika's first presidency, from 2014 to 2020.

Former defense deputy commander George Jaffu was appointed as chief of the Malawi Defence Force, while retired secretary for information Justin Saidi was appointed as chief secretary, with Stuart Ligomeka, a former secretary for local government, as his deputy.

The new president also appointed DPP Vice President for the Central Region Alfred Gangata as minister of state, a new ministerial portfolio.

Kiswell Dakamau, who served in a number of different senior positions before, including secretary for education and deputy director for local government, was appointed as director of state residences, another new portfolio.

The Malawian leader also appointed police commissioner Richard Luhanga as police inspector general. *Xinhua*

Amusement park construction begins

ACCRA - A groundbreaking ceremony for an ultramodern amusement park built by Greenhouse International Development Group, a Chinese company, was held on Saturday at Afienya, near Ghana's port city of Tema.

Upon completion, the Bright International Amusement Park is expected to feature a five-star leisure resort hotel with 160 rooms and 20 independent presidential villas, a 5 000-capacity international conference and exhibition centre, a 160 000-square-meter water park, 500 high-end golf villas, an artificial beach, waterfront restaurants and sightseeing yachts.

Ghana president John Dramani Mahama, who broke ground for the commencement of the project, lauded Chinese investors for their continued confidence in Ghana as an investment destination.

The president noted that once opened, the amusement park would provide an avenue where, on weekends and holidays, Ghanaians of all walks of life and visitors from neighbouring West African countries could go and enjoy leisure time with their families and friends.

Mahama commended Greenhouse International Development Group for its projects since arriving in Ghana in 2011, including the Bright International Industrial Park, with multiple factories producing affordable products for Ghanaians and creating about 10 000 local jobs, as well as its investments in the agriculture and construction sectors.

He added that the Bright International Industrial Park and the Bright International Amusement Park would become the epicenter of the government's 24-Hour Economy programme.

Zheng Xiangming, chairperson of Greenhouse International Development Group, said the amusement park would stand as another milestone in the friendship between Ghana and China.

"In the future, we will deeply integrate into Ghana's 24-Hour Economy, ensuring that this place is vibrant by day and brilliantly lit by night," Zheng added. *Xinhua*

PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE IN TERMS OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 34 (2) OF THE GAMBLING ACT (2012), ACT NO. 7 OF 2012

APPLICATIONS FOR THE APPROVAL OF GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENT SITES

The Board of the Gambling Authority granted a Gambling Establishment licence to VPB Gaming (Pty) Ltd on 23 August 2024. Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 34 (2) of the Gambling Act No. 7 of 2012, read together with clauses 33.3.13, 13.2 and 13.3 of the Request for Application for Gambling Establishment Licences - Gambling Machines with Limited Bets and Payouts (Limited Payout Machines) and Section 35 of Gambling Act No.7 of 2012 that VPB Gaming (Pty) Ltd has applied for the approval of Gambling Establishment Sites in the locations outlined in the table below.

Kindly note that this is the first publication of these site applications. In terms of the provisions of section 34 of the Act, any person who wishes to object to any of the site applications mentioned in the table below shall notify the Gambling Authority, "the Authority", in writing of such objection/s and the grounds of objection/s, within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication of the notice.

Notice is further given that only non-confidential information pertaining to the above site applications shall be open for public inspection by interested persons during normal office hours of the Authority which are from 08:00 to 12:45 and 14:00 to 17:00. The offices of the Authority are located at Fairscape Precinct, West Building, Fairground Office Park, Gaborone. Interested parties are advised to make an appointment for such viewing with the office of the Licensing Services Manager, Ms. Omolemo Dikgang by sending an email to lpn@gamblingauthority.co.bw

Persons wishing to submit objections to these site applications are called upon to give notice to the Authority of such objections and their grounds in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication of the notice. All objections shall be submitted with the following details:

1. The Name of the applicant to which the objection relates;
2. The grounds upon which the objection is made;
3. The name, address, email address, telephone or cellular-phone number of the person submitting the objection; and
4. An indication of whether or not the person submitting the objection also wishes to make an oral representation of the objection at the public hearings.

All objections must be addressed to Mr. Moruntshi Kemorwale, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Gambling Authority, Private Bag BR 161, Gaborone, Botswana.

All enquiries must be directed to the Acting Chief Operating Officer, Mr. David Saakane, or the Licensing Services Manager, Ms. Omolemo Dikgang on 3986600 or 3957672.

NAME OF APPLICANT		NAME OF APPLICANT	
VPB Gaming (Pty) Ltd		Gambling Establishment Route Operator	
LOCATION			
1. Smokey's Grill & Shots (Pty) Ltd, Plot 54057, Phase 2, Gaborone		12. Eco-Mix Holdings (Pty) Ltd, Shashe Ward, Maun	
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3. Liquor City (Pty) Ltd, Plot 54267, Unit 2, Block 5, Gaborone		14. Cool Pub 1, Plot 12569, Old Naledi, Gaborone	
4. Liquor City (Pty) Ltd, Plot 54056, Unit, Phase 2, Gaborone		15. Cool Pub 4, Plot 2016, Ramashana Ward, Lotlhakane East	
5. Stewart Motors (Pty) Ltd t/a X-Hail Liquor Restaurant, Plot 222, Dumela Light Industrial Area, Francistown		16. Cool Pub 5, Plot 12569 Maruapula, Broadhurst, Gaborone	
6. Ricajuju (Pty) Ltd t/a Peso Nama, Plot 312104, Gasiko Ward, Gabane		17. Cool Pub 7, Plot 1240, Khayakholo, Tlokweng	
7. Delta Smelt (Pty) Ltd, Thito Ward, Maun		18. Bampeali (Pty) Ltd t/a Chillers Bar & Restaurant, Plot 16052, Plateau, Kasane	
8. Mazapee (Pty) Ltd t/a Luxe Lounge, Plot 6453, Goo-Moeng Ward, Ramotswa		19. Winifred Enterprises (Pty) Ltd t/a Botshelo Complex Bar, Plot 2280 Nzinda Ward, Sebina	
9. Shaun Commercial Investment (Pty) Ltd, Boseja Ward, Maun		20. Blue Lagoon Res (Pty) Ltd, Plot 905, Disana Ward, Maun	
10. Khumeluwe Investment (Pty) Ltd t/a Mokwetjepe Bar, Plot 4215, Smodern, Mogoditshane		21. Billionaire Hustler (Pty) Ltd t/a Kilowatt Lounge, Plot 1268 Tsolamosese, Mogoditshane	
11. Digrie Investments (Pty) Ltd t/a Flames Pub & Grill, Plot 3215, Area L, Francistown		22. Avo Enterprises (Pty) Ltd t/a Sunrise Facilities, Plot 3046 Mmoneng Ward, Oodi	
		23. Shree Lakshmi Enterprises (Pty) Ltd t/a Palm Groove Liqueur Restaurant, Maaloso Ward Nata	

Moruntshi Kemorwale
Chief Executive Officer (Atg)

Date: 17 September 2025



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Gaolathe o kgothatsa baithuti

Ka portia ikgopoleng

PARAKARUNGU - Baithuti ba mophato wa lekwalo la bosupa ba sekole se se botlana kwa Parakarungu ba kgothaditswe go sala ditoro tsa bone morago.

Mo mafokong a kgothatso morago ga go etela sekole seo bosheng, mothusa tautona, Rre Ndaba Gaolathe o boletse baithuti gore jaaka ba simolola ditlathlhubo tsa lekwalo la bosupa, go botlhokwa gore ba lore ka seo ka ele sone se ka ba kgontshang go nna le bokamosong jo bontle.

Rre Gaolathe a re o eletsa go bona dingaka, bakgweetsi ba difofane, tautona le bo rra madimadi ba tswa kwa Parakarungu.

“Gore le fitlhelele ditoro tsa lona le tshwanetse go dumela pele gore le na le botlhale le bokgoni jwa go ka nna dikgantshwane,” Rre Gaolathe a kgothatsa.

A re ngwana ke wa morafe o a goletseng teng, ka jalo ba seka ba lebala kwa ba tswang teng fa ba sena go atlega mo botshelong.

O ne a kgothatsa baithuti go bala ka tlhwaafalo le go nyorelwa go itse dikgang tse di diragalang lefatshe ka bophara ka se, se ka bula ditlhaloganyo tsa bone.

Mothusa tautona o supile fa mowa wa bojamongo o le botlhokwa mo dithutong, ka gore batho ga ba nke ba abelwa ka go tshwana, a tlatsa ka gore fa bobedi bo thulanya ditlhogo maduo e ka nna a a galalelang.

Mogokgo wa sekole, Mme Morwadi Mokgethi o tlhalositse fa mophato wa bosupa o na le baithuti ba le lesome le

boferabobedi, mme ba ne bona go le maleba go simolodisa ithuthuntsho e mashetla ka go fudugela mo sekoleng go tla go

rutintshiwa mo go tseneletseng, se e le go netefatsa gore ba a feny.

Mme Mokgethi a re sekole se

ne sa fitlhelela 80 per cent mo ngwageng o o fetileng mme ngwaga o, ba itlamile go dira go feta foo.

O kaile fa sekole se dirisana thata le boeteledipele jwa motse ka e bile komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse e ba file madi a a ka tshwarang dikete tse di lesome le bongwe gore bana ba kgone go nna mo sekoleng ka nako ya ditlathlhubo.

Mme Mokgethi o tlhaloseditse baithuti fa ba le lesego go bo ba etetswe ke mothusa tautona a re se, ke sebaka se se tlang ga ngwe fela mo botshelong.

E rile a leboga, moithuti wa lokwalo la bosupa Lisa Nkoma a leboga Rre Gaolathe go bo a ba etetse.

A re leeto le, le tsisitse boitumelo jo bontsi mo baithuting ka ene mme a solofetsa fa ba tlaa feny ditlathlhubo go tlotlomatsa mothusa tautona. **BOPA**



Mothusa Tautona, Rre Ndaba Gaolathe (molemeng) a buisa baithuti ba lekwalo la bosupa ba sekoleng se se botlana kwa Parakarungu ka Matlhatso. O ba kgothaditse go sala ditoro tsa bone morago, a ba eletsatsa katlego, le go nna le kutlo mo batsading gammogo le barutabana ba bone.

Senepe: Ogotpoleng Kgomoethata

‘Dibelang dikgwebo tsa beng gae’

Ka Relief Lephutshi

KANYE - Bagwebi ba mo gae ba kgaletse go sukunyetsa bagwebi ba ba tswang kwa mafatsheng a sele mo dikgwebong tse di seegetsweng fa thoko go ka dirwa ke beng gae.

Se se lemotshegang ke gore le fa dikgwebo tsa mofuta o, di kwadisitswe ke beng gae,

boamaruri ke gore di tsamaisiwa ke batswakwa.

Ka jalo bagolwane ba puso go tswa mo lephateng la papadi le madirelo ba boloditse letsholo la go ruta le go kgaletsa seemo se.

Mogolwane go tswa kwa lephateng la papadi le madirelo mo Gaborone, Rre Tshepiso Kgarubane o ne a tlhalosetsa phuthego ya khansela ya Moshupa bosheng, gore go na le dikgwebo tse di seegetsweng fa thoko go dirwa ke bagwebi ba Batswana fela, ka jaana di sa tlhoke botsipa jo bo tseneletseng.

Rre Kgarubane a re bagwebi ba ba tswang kwa mafatsheng a mangwe ba tshwanetse ba simolodisa dikgwebo tse beng gae ba senang kitso ya go tsena mo go tsone, maikalelo e le go ruta beng gae le go godisa dikgwebo le madirelo.

O ne a kopa boeteledipele go

tsaya karolo ka go tsenya leitlho mo dikgwebong, go tlhomamisa gore beng gae ba kgona go tsena mo dikgwebong tse ba ka di kgonang e seng gore di tsamaisiwe ke batswakwa.

O supile fa dikgwebo tse di seegetsweng kwa thoko go dirwa ke Batswana fela, di akaretsa go dira le go rekisa metsi a dikgapetlana, go apaya borotheo, botoro, diaparo tsa itshireletso, didirisiwa tsa tshipi jaaka ditilo, dikobotlo le ditswa tshiping dingwe gammogo le go tlhotlha metsi.

Le fa go ntse jalo, a re fa Motswana a batla go dira kgwebo ya dipoelo tse di ka tshwarang didikadike tse tlhano, go a letlelesega gore mogwebi o ka tshwaraganela kgwebo le mongwe yo e seng Motswana.

“Yo go pataganelang kgwebo le ene o letlelesega go tsaya seabe sa

kgwebo se se tshwarang masome a mane le borobabongwe mo lekgolong,” ga tlhalosa Rre Kgarubane.

A re le fa maiteko a dirwa go rotloetsa beng gae go tsena mo dikgwebong, go lemogilwe fa gona le bangwe ba ba itirang o kare ba tshwaraganetse dikgwebo le bagwebi ba ba tswang kwa, le ntswa mogwebo wa motswako e le ene mong wa kgwebo.

Bangwe ba makhanselara ba iteetse maiteko ao legofi, ba supa fa e le kgato e e lebanheng ka jaana go gweba ka mokgwa oo, go dira gore madi a Botswana a felele kwa mafatsheng a sele.

Le fa go ntse jalo bangwe ba ne ba ngongorega gore kgato e e tla rontsha Batswana bangwe sebaka sa go itshetsa ba kaya fa seemo se se bakwa ke diemo tse di farologanyeng tsa matshelo a batho. **BOPA**



Mogolwane wa lephata la papadi le madirelo, Rre Tshepiso Kgarubane a re go na le dikgwebo tse di seegetsweng fa thoko go dirwa ke Batswana fela, di akaretsa go dira le go rekisa metsi a dikgapetlana, go apaya borotheo, botoro, diaparo tsa itshireletso, didirisiwa tsa tshipi jaaka ditilo, dikobotlo le di-tswa tshiping dingwe gammogo le go tlhotlha metsi.

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

ESHFT 000077-23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late MARY GLADYS MATANTE ESHFT: 000077-23 who died at FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT on the 18TH MARCH 2021.

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 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

MARTHA KEITUMETSE MATANTE
EXECUTOR DATIVE
PRIVATE BAG 159
FRANCISTOWN

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

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Masters Reference: ESHGB-000418-25

IN THE ESTATE of the Late Deslyn Van Wyk who died at Lenganeng Ward, Plot No. 1387, Tlokweg, Tlokweg District on the 16th day of August 2021.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the office 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 on the Estate Account may be lodged to the Master.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS DAY 2025

C/O AKHEEL JINABHAI & ASSOCIATES

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Associates: Jhevatjyrah Maher (Khated Khan) (Lesedi Kgatholelo) (Gorata Major) (Lefika Nkomoanyane) (Ame Rindo)

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000705/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late KAGELELO LEETILE who died at Madiba Ward, Mahalapye, Central Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 4th day of January 2023

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 2025

The Executor | Mothusi Phuthego
P O Box 1205, LOBATSE | Cell: 71 884 455 / 73 176 333

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: ESFT-850-25

In the Estate of the late GAOSOTLE LENTSHIILE who died at Orapa hospital, Orapa, Boteti District, Botswana on the 7th day of January 2007.

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

DATED at: Gaborone on this 17 Day of September 2025

The Executrix: Mothaleemang Lentshiile
P O Box 1407, Letlhakane
Tel: 71462632

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

ESHFT:000049-21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late BOIKANYO MARAKALALA ESHFT: 000049-21 who died at CENTRAL District on the 14 June 2021

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 18 DAYS OF SEPTEMBER 2025

Shirley Otlaitse Kgosietsile
The Executor
P O Box 110 Selebi Phikwe
+267 71 496 720

Tomeletso Makabe
The Executor
P O Box 1841 Bobonong
+267 75 045 701

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

Application for Certified Copy of Lost Title Deed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RICHARD SAMU intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 938/96 dated 29th day of November 1996 in respect of the following property;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 21030, Gaborone
SITUATE: at Gaborone West Extension 5
MEASURING: 770 M² (Seven Hundred and Seventy Square Meters);

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby requested to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within twenty one (21) days of the second publication of this notice.

DATED at Gaborone on this 01st day of September 2025

Somolekae & Associates, The Gaborone Chambers, Plot 205
Independence Avenue, Avlan Wired, Office 004
P O Box AE 551, AEH GABORONE

Real value is hiring! Come join our team of highly productive and motivated agents in Gaborone.

POSITION: TRAINEE CONSULTANTS

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- BGCSE certificate
- Any tertiary certificate
- Aged 30 and above
- COP is an added advantage
- Driver's license is also an added advantage

COMPENSATION

- A competitive commission-based payment scheme
- Inhouse training for COP
- Ongoing product, sales and compliance training
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SEND APPLICATIONS TO: hr@realvalue.co.bw
CONTACT NUMBER :71858233

Deadline for applications: 30 OCTOBER 2025

FARM WORKERS

FARM WORKER WANTED in Dipuduhudu-Seleme lands. Apply P.O Box 501553 Gaborone

FARM WORKER WANTED Apply Box 2410 Mahalapye, Bushi Mothoka

RE BATLA MODISA ko morakeng wa Potsane Ramotswa, go disa dihutshane le dikoko. Contact 71312927 / 73 712 211

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

ESHGB-000738/24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late KELETSHABILE KGOBOKO ESHGB-000738/24 who died at NGWANGABWE REFERRAL HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT on the 18TH JULY 2024 .

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

UDA FLORENCE KGOBOKO
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 99, LETLHAKANE

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

Application for Certified Copy of Lost Mortgage Bond

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RICHARD SAMU intends applying for a certified copy of Mortgage Bond No. 1209/96 dated 29th day of November 1996 in respect of the following property;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 21030, Gaborone
SITUATE: at Gaborone West Extension 5
MEASURING: 770 M² (Seven Hundred and Seventy Square Meters);

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby requested to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within twenty one (21) days of the second publication of this notice.

DATED at Gaborone on this 01st day of September 2025

Somolekae & Associates, The Gaborone Chambers, Plot 205
Independence Avenue, Avlan Wired, Office 004
P O Box AE 551, AEH GABORONE

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

ESHFT: 000268-22

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late GAETHUSE RAMOLOTSANA – ESHFT 000268-22 who died at FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT on the 22nd August 2020

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 12th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

The Executor
Dimakatso Lekune
PO Box 3083 FRANCISTOWN

The Executor
Modibedi Mogomela
PO Box 1225 LETLHAKANE

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


Republic of Botswana

MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT

Department of Broadcasting Services

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

Name of the Procuring Entity

Department of Broadcasting Services

Bidders are hereby informed that the evaluation and adjudication process of the above-mentioned tender have been concluded and the details of the Best Evaluated Bidder ae listed below. It is the intention of the Department of Broadcasting Services to place contract with the bidder named below after two (2) working days of display effective from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Name of Procuring Entity	Department of Broadcasting Services
Tittle of Procurement	A tender for a service contract for the provision of non-exclusive broadcasting rights for the Botswana Premier League.
Method of Procurement	Direct Appointment
Approved Suppliers	Botswana Football League (Pty) Ltd
Period of the Contract	Three (3) year contract

Display of this notice does not constitute an acceptance of the bid described above or the formation for the contract. Bid acceptance and contract placement shall be in accordance with regulations.

Should any bidder who participated in the tender require to be debriefed on the outcome of their bid, they may take such request in writing to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry for State President.

Office of Government Buyer
Ministry for State President

ClassifiedAds

ONE MALE AND ONE FEMALE farm workers wanted preferably mature couple. Call 76 306 794

FARM WORKERS WANTED at Ga-Mabeo lands, Thamaga. Reply to P.O Box 84 Otse. Cell 72 858 111. Mpho Masego

FARMER WORKER NEEDED, in Thamaga, driver's license an added advantage, Thami Silitshena 77898375.

I AM LOOKING for a farm worker at Mmadikolobe lands in Bobonong. Must be of sober habits. Please apply to : Christopher Serumola, P.O Box 3715 Gaborone.

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Gonamong Farm. 4B Kedia. P. O. BOX 42 Orapa. Cell: 71 859 472.

FEMALE FARM LABOURER needed at Mmashadi. Apply to P O Box 202838 Gaborone. 71 661 113

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mmalore farms. Tiny Kapaletswe Box 21711 Gaborone: 71 836 528.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Farms Nn50! Xhaaotsha and Farm Nn89 Xhwaakgara in Boteti District around Kedio. Apply to Bernard Kenosi Box 504458 Gaborone.

TO BOOK ADVERTS

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ClassifiedAds

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

WEI HUANG , OWNER OF TRIBAL LOT. 16188 at Mogoditshane wishes to change land use from single -family residential to multi-family residential. For objections please contact the Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council Physical planning Department at 316 6670 Or 74 287 767 within 14 days of this publication.

ELIJA MOLELEKENG OWNER plot 5343 Kanamo ward, Mahalapye intends to build a double storey House for contact, Mahalapye Physical planning

I LESLEY ITUMELENG DITLHOTLHOLE intends changing Plot 32295, Kanye form residential to multi-residential with a boundary wall. For objections contact Kanye Physical Planning office within 14 days.

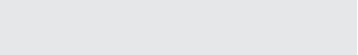
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241 3403

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625 0353

CHANGE OF LAND USE consultation. Nolly Dawn Ketlhaotswe wants to change the land use of their single-family plot to multi-family residential at Plot Number 404, Block 1, Mmopane. Any objections should be forwarded to Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council, Physical Planning office within 14 days or contact 316 6653.



OWNER OF PLOT 11544, Letsibogo Ward at Letlhakane, Maitshego Ntshwarang wishes to change plot land use from residential to commercial use. Any concerned party can contact Boteti Council Physical Planning or contact 4925169.

OWNER OF PLOT 12146 Ledumadumane, Mogoditshane wishes to change land use from residential to multi-residential. For any queries contact the Mogoditshane Council Physical Planning Department within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice on telephone No. 3166646

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No: 294/96 dated 26 April 1996 made in favor of **ABRAHAM NOBLE** In respect of;

CERTAIN

SITUATE

MEASURING

HELD UNDER

: Piece of land being plot 152, Gaborone

: In Gaborone Township

: 1289m² (One thousand two hundred and eighty nine Square Meters)

: Deed no: 294/96 registered in the deeds office of Botswana, Gaborone

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, **PRIVATE BAG 0020 GABORONE** within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice hereof.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

APPLICANT

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

ESHFT 000364-23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOKANEDI CAIRO GALEBOWE** ESHFT:000364-23 who died at **CENTRAL DISTRICT** on the 29th SEPTEMBER 2023. **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 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

EMMANUEL GALEBOE
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 31541
SEROWE

TSHEGOFATSO GALEBOE
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 31541
SEROWE

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

ONE GALEBOWE
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 258
GABORONE

BAKANG GALEBOWE
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 258
GABORONE

SITUATION VACANT:

FARM WORKERS REQUIRED AT SANDVELD FARMS

(No.10 POSITIONS)

How to Apply

Applicants should send their applications with a detailed CV and certified copies of their academic qualifications to: The Office Manager, Maoto Mabedi Farm (Pty) Ltd, P.O. Box 403200, Gaborone or hand deliver at Head Office,Plot 64268/9,Block 3 Industrial. Applications can also be sent to; recruitment@estateconstruction.co.bw. on or before the 27th October 2025.

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 Goitseone Thamage intends to enter into an agreement with Gideon Johannes Schoeman a beneficial who is a non-citizen, over Lot 3183 Magodi, Ploughing Field (Portion B).

The transaction involves the undermentioned property:

CERTAIN:

SITUATE:

MEASURING:

HELD UNDER:

Piece of Land being Lot 3183 Magodi, Ploughing Field (Portion B);

in the Bakgatla Tribal Tribal Territory;

1.0005 sqm;

Resolution of the Board of Oodi Sub Land Board dated 04th day of March 2024 made in favour of GOITSEONE THAMAGE.

The transaction is for the sum of **P120 000.00 (One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pula)**, subject to other terms and conditions as available for inspection and consideration at the offices of **S. G. MARIRI ATTORNEYS, LOT 7906, MARUAPULA, GABORONE.**

By virtue of this notice, any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar offer in respect of the above property must give their submissions in writing to Oodi Sub Land Board within thirty (30) days of this publication.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 03rd DAY OF JULY 2025

S.G MARIRI ATTORNEYS

Lot 7906, Segogwane Way, Maruapula, Gaborone

P O Box 4481 Gaborone

CHANGE OF LAND USE. Golden Dazzle Pty Ltd owner of Plot #2519 situated at Matebele (Cadastre 21), in Kgatleng wishes to change the plot from single residential use to multi residential use. Any objections & enquiries contact Kgatleng District Council (Physical Planning office) at 577 7411 during working hours within (14) days.

GOFAONE MOSIAKGABO OF PLOT 106 at Flowertown ward, Mahalapye informs neighbours of intention to change land use from single family residential to commercial (guesthouse). Any objections should be forwarded to Mahalapye District Council at 471 8636 / 16 within 14 days of this publication.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act

[Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person

Estate Number

Date of Meeting

Time

Master

KAJANE EDWIN MOTHIBI

ESHFT-001082-25

17/11/2025

0900 HRS

SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18th SEPTEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000034/14

IN THE ESTATE of the late **LUDWIG STANLEY** who died at the Paramount Hospital, Windhoek, Khomas Region, Republic of Namibia on **10 December 2013.**

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 on..... this..... day of 2025

Executor Dative: **Edith Stanley**

Email: stanleyedith28@gmail.com

Cell: **+26773239394/+264852586717**

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

REBOLOKENG MAFOKO

ESHFT-000838-25

19-11-2025

0900HRS

ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025 MASTER OF

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTIFICATION OF INTENSION TO DISPOSE TRIBAL LAND TO A NON- CITIZEN

NOTICE IS ISSUED in terms of section 34 of the tribal land act, that Gogoane Princess Kgengwenyane hereby notices of her intention to make a transaction that involves the following

CERTAIN:

SITUATE:

BEING:

Business plot

at Barolong, Ramatlabama village

921Sqm (nine hundred and twenty one square meter).

The transaction between Gogoane Princess Kgengwenyane and Bachchw Miah for the sum of P 50,000 (fifty thousand pula only) this is a subject to such other terms and conditions as available for the inspection and consideration of the plot

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

Cellphone: 267 78055621 / 74807220

VACANCY

Legae Academy, an Independent International Senior Secondary School has an opening for a music assistant teacher.

Requirements:

• Proven proficiency in playing piano, guitar, and music sight reading.

• Strong understanding of pedagogical principles and teaching methodologies

• Patience, enthusiasm and a genuine passion for music education.

• Prior teaching experience.

Only citizens need to apply.

Please forward application letter, with C. V, certified copies of qualifications and the names of two referees to:

The principal

P O Box 750, Mogoditshane, Botswana

Tel: (267)3924333 Fax: (267)3923003

E-mail: principal@legaeacademy.co.bw

www.legaeacademy.co.bw

Only those short-listed will be contacted for interview.

DEADLINE: 24/10/2025

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

GRACE KEDISE, OWNER of plot 787 in Matebeleng wishes to change land use from horticulture to residential plot. Whoever has objection should contact Kgatleng District Council 577 3512 / 577 7411 or call 74 200 948 within (14) days.

OWNER OF PLOT 5910 Mogoditshane wishes to change land use from residential to multi-residential. For any queries contact the Mogoditshane Council Physical Planning Department within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice on telephone No. 3166646

PROPERTIES

HOUSE FOR SALE, RASESA: 906,272 sqm. 2 bedroomed house, fitted kitchen, screen walled: P 570,000.00. 77 804 442 / 72 910 506.

PROPERTY FOR SALE ploughing field for sale measuring 9.24 HA situated at Mookane. Asking Price P225 000 Negotiable. Call 71602917

VACANCIES

TRACKING AND MARKETING consultant wanted for Mokha Construction. Requirements: Degree in Marketing & Communications or equivalent & a history in Botswana, Lesotho & South Africa. Contact 72 311 152.

CHANGE OF LAND-USE

SEDUMEDI ADAM SEBIFELO owner of plot legally referred to as **Lot 4466** at **Extension 14**, Gaborone wishes to notify the public of his intention to change land-use from Residential to Group Living. In case of any queries, please contact Gaborone City Council, Physical Planning Department at Telephone **No. 3657400/3657457** or the Plot owner at **71881543** within **14 days** of publication of this notice.

Wanted Urgently

1. 2 Farm Manager with minimum of five years and above in the related field and with experience in animal husbandry or horticulture.
2. Farm Manager with minimum of five years and above in the related field and with experience in horticulture
3. 4 Farm workers with minimum of five years and above in the related field.

Apply to :
Tinah Marea Venson,
P O Box 202284,
Gaborone.
Ploughing fields situated at
Diphephe and Ga-Motsome.

Closing date 20th October 2025

TALETSO YA PHUTHEGO YA KGOTLA YA PHUTING

Baagi ba kgotla ya Phuting mo Moshupa le ba **masimo a Nkokotshana** lo lalediwa bokopano jo bo tlaa tshwarwang ka di **21/10/2025** mo kgotleng ya Phuting, ka nako ya bofera bobedi mo mosong (0800hrs)

Bokopano jo, bo dirwa mabapi le kepo ya Borrow Pit (gravel) emo masimo a Nkokotshane. Lo kopiwa go tla ka bontsi le ka nako e e beilweng.

Go tthaloganya go ya pele, lo ka leletsa mogala o o latelang: 72 984 581 Mme Mma Kesetse, modula setilo wa VDC ya kgaolo.

KEBABHISH RESTAURANT - CHEF: requirement 8-10 years experience as a chef specialising in Mughlai Awadhi, Lukhnowi & North Indian cuisine. Ability to work in a fast paced, high pressure environment, knowledge of indian-Pakistan culinary techniques ingredients and flavours. Valid drivers license. Send Cv to namzagabs@gmail.com / risco13@gmail.com Closing date: 17/10/2025

PRE - SCHOOL TEACHER vacancy. Qualified Pre-school Teacher (1) for reception class. Must have Bachelor of Education in Early childhood. Minimum 5 years experience. Apply to Cinderella Pre-school and Daycare, P/ Bag BR 311 Gaborone, plot 15638 Broadhurst Gaborone. Tel 390 8151 / 73 330 459 closing date 03 March 2026

Neighbourhood Consultation

North East District Council, owner of Plot No. 6662 at Tati Siding intends to change land use from civic and community to mixed land use (**commercial and civic and community**).

For any objection to the above proposal, contact North East District Council, Physical Planning office or at telephone no. **2489242** **within fourteen (14) days** of publication of this notice.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEAREBY given 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 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 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
EDWARD MBENGWA	ESHFT-000661-25	11/11/2025	0900 HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: **ESHGB 000095/23**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BARATI SEBOLAO** who died at Botlhapapelo Ward,Kumakwane,Kweneng District, Botswana on the **22nd August 2019**

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 _____ 2025

The Executrix | Moratiwa Bankaketse
P O BOX 1, Kumakwane | **Cell: 76 318 956**

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: **ESHGB-000443-24**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BALESENG MORUISI** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 25th August 2021.

THE FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will be open for inspection at the offices of the Master of 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 19th Day of September 2025.
The Executor , Betty A. Moruisi, P O Box 70550, GABORONE, TEL: 71405876

Technician Wanted – Vacuum Sewer Systems

Ruvak Construction urgently seeks on-site trainer/technician with 8–10 years’ experience in vacuum sewer system installation, operation & maintenance. The candidate must be able to supervise construction, train installers & operators (theory & practical), and provide follow-up training on-site.

Added advantage : Diploma in Carpentry & Joinery, metal fabrication, asset management.

Apply to : The Director, Ruvak Construction Services | P O Box 400097 Gaborone
Tel: 3927827 | **Email:** rcleng@btcmail.co.bw

Closing Date: 24 Oct 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT-000775/24

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **WHISKY FANYANA ESHFT-000775/24** who died at **MAKAMANE WARD, MMANDUNYANE CENTRAL DISTRICT** on the 28TH OCTOBER 1993.

NOTICE IS HEREBY First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Assistant and Master of the High Court Francistown for period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of the second publications thereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

DORAH FANYANA EXECUTOR DATIVE P O BOX 25 SHASHE	DOROTHY MOKWADI EXECUTOR DATIVE P O BOX25 SHASHE	AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT PRIVATE BAG F13 FRANCISTOWN
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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
CHIKAA ALBERT	ESHFT-000936-25	17-11-2025	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
ANDINA MBENGA	ESHFT-000986-25	17/11/2025	0900 HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19th SEPTEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000260-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Pono Stella Mlalazi – ESHFT/000260-25 who died at Selibe Phikwe District on the 12th December 2024.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

Choice Mlalazi AND TO: Master of the High Court
Executor Dative Private Bag F13
P O Box 30938 Francistown
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS MASTERS REFERENCE -ESHQB 000312/24

In the estate of the late Katholo Lebitla, who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 1st day of December 2023.

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 Gumare on this 18th day of September 2025

The Executrix
Gloria Aminah Lebitla
P O Box 150 Gumare
71504314/72159283

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000625/23**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **LEBOGANG JOHNSON** who died at Thamaga Primary Hospital, Thamaga, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 18th day of August 2023.

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 09 on this 23 Day of 2025

The Executor
Colly Cock
P. O. Box 1 **Kumakwane** 76662377

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000103/24**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **DISANG JASON MPHO** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **26th day of July 2021**.

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DATED at on this Day of 2025

The Executrix
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF TITLE DEED

FIRST PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 1516/2009 dated the 10th day of July 2009 made in favour of THEMBEKILE LANGA in respect of the following property:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 69651, Gaborone (a Portion of Lot 65879, Gaborone);
SITUATE: at Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 700 m² (Seven Hundred Square Metres);

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds at Gaborone within (3) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

Dated at GABORONE this 11th day of September 2025.



NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF TRIB AL LAND ACT, 2018

Please take notice in terms of Section 34 (1) (a-e) of the Tribal Land Act, 2018 that Semakaleng M. Leshage intends to enter into an agreement with Macreds (Proprietary) Limited, a beneficial whose shares are owned by non-citizens, over a Portion C of ploughing field situated at Machoboloko Lands. The transaction involves the undermentioned property:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Portion C of Ploughing field, Machoboloko Lands;
SITUATE: at Machoboloko Lands in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 4 Ha (Four Hectares)
HELD UNDER: Resolution of the Board of Artesia Sub Land Board passed on the 03rd day of March 2025 made in favour of SEMAKALENG M. LESHAGE.

The transaction is for the sum of **P230 000.00 (Two Hundred and Thirty Thousand Pula)**, subject to other terms and conditions as available for inspection and consideration at the offices of **S. G. MARIRI ATTORNEYS LOT 7906, MARUAPULA**.

By virtue of this notice, any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar offer in respect of the above property must give their submissions in writing to Artesia Sub Land Board within thirty (30) days of this publication.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 03rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025
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Parakarungu monument cultural time capsule

By Portia Ikopoleng

PARAKARUNGU - Culture is a bridge that connects the past and the present and carries symbolic values that need to be preserved for future generations.

Unveiling the Parakarungu Cultural Heritage Monument on Saturday, Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe commended Basubiya for remaining deeply rooted in their history and cultural heritage, which were displayed through language, food, practices, song and dance on the day.

Gaolathe said the monument stood as a symbol of the rich cultural heritage of the Basubiya people and shone forth as a celebration of their unique identity. He described the monument as a hallmark of Basubiya's efforts aimed at safeguarding and preserving the cultural heritage and natural resources of the Chobe region.

The Vice President said the landmark would attract tourists from across the globe to come and immerse themselves in the beauty of the region and that of Botswana.

"Celebrate this work of art with a sense of pride and honour it by preserving it for your children," he said, encouraging the community to jealously guard the monument, which captured the essence of the Chobe region through artistic work showing basketry, arts and crafts, crops, the diverse wildlife species and the towering palm trees.

Gaolathe also said Parakarungu had been an agricultural hub for many decades despite the constant incidents of human-wildlife conflict that the village was facing. He, however, stated that government would restore agriculture in the village and in the rest of the country through the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme.

Kgosi Johane Chika III said the monument showcased their cultural identity and told the story of the Basubiya to the rest of the world.

He remarked that the monument would attract tourists and investors to his village hence government should upgrade the road from Kachikau to Parakarungu to bitumen standard to facilitate ease of movement.

Regarding agriculture in the village, Kgosi Chika highlighted that Parakarungu had cemented itself as a renowned producer of maize since time immemorial and that travellers from afar used

to frequent the village to buy maize.

Chobe MP Simasiku Mapulanga said the monument brought about diversity for rural tourism where visitors would enjoy ecotourism products that allowed for interaction with locals.

Such interaction, he said was necessary for ensuring cultural preservation as it would afford tourists the opportunity to learn from locals and gain insights into the Basubiya culture and practices. He encouraged the people of Parakarungu to market their monument, which he described as a legacy that should be preserved to the world.

The monument was funded by Chobe Enclave Conservation Trust at a tune of P178,000 for design and construction. **BOPA**



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (fourth left) and other dignitaries at the Parakarungu Cultural Heritage Monument unveiling on Saturday. He said the monument was not only a cultural vehicle that sold the village's heritage, but also a tourist attraction. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Maitisong festival kicks off

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - For its opening night, the Maitisong Festival treated attendees to a four-act showcase of dance, comedy, music, and theatre.

The line-up featured dance group New Moon, who delivered

a stellar performance that blended traditional dance with rock music, followed by a soulful choreography that the audience described as transporting them to another world.

"It was ethereal. Your choice of attire, the white robes, together with the stage colours and neon

lights made it all the more celestial," said one attendee. Stand-up comedian Jonny Pula took to the stage in the second act, leaving the audience in stitches as he gave a peek into his humorous mind.

His set touched on Botswana's presidents and everyday life

stories laced with wit.

In the end, his main message was for everyone to set themselves free from whatever limits their potential.

He recounted how, once, he had to hide from dangerous men in a chicken coop, a story he used as a metaphor for fear.

"The chicken coop represents that place of fear we all need to overcome," he explained.

"Leave the chicken coop!" he repeated over and over again as he exited the stage.

Musician KX Legit then got the audience on their feet with his hit No Ceiling, followed by songs such as Jikeleza and Gopola Gae, the latter featuring And Spaces, Veezo View, and Bouncy.

He closed his set with his BBC radio favourite Back to Moshate. Closing the night was South Africa's Shy Music, who surprised audiences with a theatrical performance that transported them across the African plains and into turbulent rains through harmonious and soulful voices.

The ten-day Maitisong Festival promises more creativity and excitement, with upcoming performances by artistes such as Veezo View, across multiple venues in Gaborone including the Maitisong Theatre, Botswanacraft, Main Mall and the University of Botswana's VAPA Theatre. **BOPA**



New Moon group performing during Maitisong Festival opening night in Gaborone on Friday. The 10-day festival promises more creativity and excitement with upcoming performances by various artistes. Photo: Teko Letsholo



President Advocate Duma Boko (centre) with members of the 4x400m relay team, Lee Eppie (left), Collen Kebinatshipi (second left), Bayapo Ndori (second right) and Letsile Tebogo at a dinner hosted by the President in honour of the athletes at the State House in Gaborone recently. The team made history at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan by clinching gold in the men's 4x400m relay, becoming the first African team ever to achieve the feat. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

Boko honours team for outstanding performance

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - President Advocate Duma Boko has applauded Team Botswana for representing the country with distinction at the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan.

Speaking at a dinner he hosted for Team Botswana on Thursday, President Boko said the athletes displayed an astonishing performance.

Botswana made history as the first African team to win the 4x400m men's relay at the meet. They also brought home gold and bronze medals in the men's 400 metres courtesy of Collen Kebinatshipi and Bayapo Ndori.

"They were prepared to die for the country. There is something we have to learn from sport or the athletes, they are a team, and the relay team showed us four young boys, each with a role to play," he said.

Boko praised the athletes performance, highlighting their role in putting the country on the international sport map. He recalled being in the United States recently, where he received numerous congratulations from various leaders for the athletes' outstanding feat.

However, he also emphasised that while sport administrators and coaches in Botswana were doing a commendable job in developing and nurturing talent, their efforts were hindered by the lack of adequate infrastructure and support. Therefore, he called for increased investment to foster further athletic success and ensure continued growth in the country's sports sector.

He said investors were now interested in Botswana because they saw that the country had produced serious people who even outdo themselves against all odds.

Furthermore, President Boko said as they wrestle with those challenges, the nation expected them to excel, putting a lot of pressure on them.

Minister for State President, Moeti Mohwasa said government remained committed to creating an enabling environment for youth to thrive across all sectors including

sport. He therefore urged youth to take a leaf out of Team Botswana's book, adding that the athletes were a demonstration that through discipline and support success could be attained regardless of background.

Furthermore, Mohwasa said the role of coaches, support staff and

technical support during the 2025 World Athletics Championships could not go unnoticed.

He said their consistent work in preparing athletes to international standards was appreciated, adding that their professionalism continued to reflect positively on sporting institutions. **BOPA**

Ministry commits to sport, arts dev.

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - The Ministry of Sport and Arts is committed to ensuring that both sport and arts become economic engines that drive the economy and increase Botswana's global footprint.

Minister of Sport and Arts Jacob Kelebeg said the exploits of Team Botswana at the World Championships were a prelude of what the nation would experience in the future, and that his ministry would do its utmost to ensure that Botswana continues to excel in sport and arts on the global stage.

Minister Kelebeg was speaking at a dinner hosted by President Advocate Duma Boko for Team Botswana on Thursday, an occasion that he said highlighted The President's personal commitment towards the development of sport and that of young people.

He said Advocate Boko's gesture of recognising athletes was appreciated not only by the sporting fraternity but also by the entire nation, and that it would send a strong message to the nation and its young people that indeed the country valued, recognised and appreciated talent.

"Mr President, we know you have been one of the biggest supporters of Team Botswana during the championships. Your passion and indeed your love for this team was evident throughout the competition," he said.

Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) acting president Oabona Theetso thanked government for

supporting BAA during the world championships preparations.

Theetso said Botswana has positioned itself as one of the strongest countries in athletics, something that he said the country had repeatedly demonstrated that in the past.

He said in 2022, Letsile Tebogo broke a long-standing 100 metres record in the Under 20 category.

The same athlete won the first 200 metres gold for Africa at the Olympics and the 4 x 400 metres relay team won a silver medal, he said.

"We thought that was the baseline but we surpassed it and brought home two gold medals by Collen Kebinatshipi in 400 metres and the 4 x 400 men's relay team and a bronze medal by Bayapo Ndori in the 400 metres as well," he said.

Theetso said the country should be prepared to receive a lot of people across the globe for the 2026 World Relays that would be hosted in Gaborone in May.

"People are asking themselves questions. They wonder where Botswana is located, and what it is that the country is doing differently to the extent that it can beat a powerhouse such as the USA's 4 x 400 metres men's team," he said, noting that Botswana's win had evoked a lot of interest in the country. Theetso said as the country prepares to receive the world, there was a need that the relevant infrastructure, especially training facilities were brought up to standard. **BOPA**

Botswana netball to turn over a new leaf

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - The executive committee of the Botswana Netball Association (BONA) is hard at work to turn around the performance of netball in the country, which is said to have been on a nosedive in recent years.

Speaking during a press conference on Friday in Gaborone, BONA president Mpopi Moatlhodi said the objective of the newly elected executive committee was to resuscitate netball and make it an attractive and competitive sport.

Moatlhodi said the three-month-old committee was diverse, with each member bringing in a wealth of experience and a deep love for netball as well as a clear vision of what they want to achieve.

She said the executive committee was stepping in at a critical time for the sport, as netball faced key issues that demanded long-term solutions.

Moatlhodi said the key issues include amongst others limited funding and lack of sponsors, which makes securing sustainable funding to support their programmes, national teams and their leagues one of the committee's primary challenges.

She however, said they were working hard to attract corporate sponsorships, as well as exploring innovative fundraising opportunities to ensure that the growth of

netball was not limited by financial constraints.

Furthermore, Moatlhodi said they understand the responsibility that was placed in their hands, and that they were ready to deliver against all odds. "Together, we are committed towards achieving our strategic goals, from grassroots development to elite performance, from gender equity to community engagement," she said.

Moatlhodi therefore, pleaded with all the stakeholders to join hands with BONA in building the competitiveness of netball in the country.

Referring to the press conference, she said their engagement with the media marks a new chapter for their federation, marked by fresh ideas, renewed commitment and a shared passion for the growth and excellence of the game.

Newly-appointed head coach, Martha Mosoahle-Samm said she was happy to have been given the responsibility to take Botswana to the next level.

Mosoahle-Samm, who said she is happy with the country's pool of netballing talent, pointed out that one of her deliverables was that Botswana qualifies for the Netball World Cup 2027.

"I do not have much say, people who know me know that my job is in the court. Talking is not my thing, unless we talk technical and tactical things," she said. **BOPA**



Newly-appointed Botswana Netball head coach, Martha Mosoahle-Samm (left) and Botswana Netball Association president, Mpopi Moatlhodi after a media briefing in Gaborone on Friday. Moatlhodi said the association was committed to achieving its strategic goals, from grassroots development to elite performance, from gender equity to community engagement. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe



Edwin Masuge



Bose Mokgwathi



Gloria Majaga

Injuries keep athletes off podium

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Botswana's performance at the Paralympic Athletics Championships held in New Dehli, India from September 27 to October 5, was significantly hampered by lack of adequate preparation and key athlete injuries, the team's coach has said.

In an interview, coach Nason 'Hadji' Maotwe said their not-so-good performance was because of inadequate training.

Maotwe said they had two groups of athletes which included

those that trained in Gaborone and Mochudi and that created a gap in their preparation.

He added that Thuso Baleseng's situation was also dicey because he stayed in Mochudi while his guide in the T11 category stayed in Morwa.

He said the athlete sometimes did not train when his guide was not available. However, he said things became better six weeks before the championships because they were then assisted to both train in Gaborone.

"But looking at his performance, had he prepared

well he could have won a medal, and a gold for that matter, because with less than two months of proper training he managed to drop a good time," he said.

Maotwe said another thing that cost Team Botswana was Edwin Masuge's injury that he sustained during the warm-up, hence he started slow on the block. "But then again, the other challenge was that three weeks before we travelled to India, our office took a decision to change the whole technical team which was to travel with

the team and then reversed it. That alone, affected the athletes' performance, because two weeks before the competition everything was paused, but they were reinstated, which caused confusion," he said

Meanwhile, the team comprised Ronald Rich (200m, 400m T37), Masuge (400m T13), Tumo Masejane (400m T13) and Lame Monamati (400m T12).

Bose Mokgwathi also represented the country in 400m T13 as well as Onkamile Bankaetse and his guide (400m T11) and Gloria Majaga in 400m

T13 and 100m T13 while Katlego Matuto competed in 400m T12.

Mokgwathi was the only athlete who managed to salvage a bronze medal in the men's 400m T13 with a Personal Best time of 49.66.

Another medal prospect in the men's 400m T13, Masuge, did not make it to the podium as he finished sixth with 51.65.

Expectations were high that Gloria Majaga would increase the medal tally on Sunday, but she finished fourth in the women's 400m T13 final, with a time of 1:01.30. **BOPA**



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