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**President Advocate Duma Boko**

The first Motswana Commissioner to lead Botswana Police in 1971 at the age of 36, Simon Hirschfeld, who passed on June 3 will be laid to rest in Gaborone today. When paying tribute to Hirschfeld during a memorial service in Mogoditshane on Sunday, President Advocate Duma Boko described him as a guardian of public trust, a steward of justice and a visionary whose service helped shape the Police Service into a professional institution it was today.

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# Government moves to streamline processes

Calviniah Kgauthe  
LOBATSE

The government is in the process of streamlining processes and reviewing pieces of legislation to improve ease of doing business, says Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe.

Speaking during a tour of the Flo-Tek manufacturing group at Lobatse on Thursday, the assistant minister highlighted that the government continued to prioritise eliminating bureaucracies in order to facilitate ease of doing business, saying engagements with the business community would guide policy legislation and formulation. “We need to do away with some of our laws and regulations as they frustrate entrepreneurs and those who aspire to do business in Botswana.

The new government is concentrating on these areas to find solutions to these challenges,” he said.

He underscored the significance of creating a more vibrant business environment through business community consultations to map a way forward for better facilitation in line with improving efficiencies.

He said Botswana had comparative advantages, which businesses could leverage on adding that its strategic positioning in

Southern Africa made it a landlocked country with great potential to export to neighbouring countries.

Mr Mathoothe further highlighted employee welfare as well as critical skills transfer to locals to reinforce the workforce through upskilling.

In addition, he noted that it was important to remove any impediments to enable the businesses to thrive and expand so that they could employ more Botswana citizens.

He highlighted that businesses should cast their nets wider to explore opportunities locally and refrain from use of imported raw materials, which could otherwise be sourced locally.

He thus called for stronger collaboration with locals, adding that imports posed logistical delays, extra costs adding that wars in other countries caused negative impact on delivery logistics.

Government, he noted, continued to demonstrate commitment to creating an enabling business environment, adding that in the last Parliament sitting the Economic Inclusion Act was amended and would be presented in the next Parliament session.

The Trade Act is currently undergoing review so that it could be aligned,” he said.

For his part, Flo-Tek group chief executive officer Mr Vijaykumar Naik said the backbone of any thriving economy was building and sustaining resilient industries.

As such, he said they looked up to the government to create a conducive business environment through facilitation.

Currently, he said Flo-Tek faced regulatory issues.

“We need to implement policies which allow for the creation of more industries.

So that we can create more employment opportunities and bring foreign direct investment,” he said.

Mr Naik said Flo-Tek, which manufactured and distributed PVC, CPVC, HDPE pipes and fittings, moulded plastic products, and irrigation systems amongst others was established in 1998 and grew to become an export-led industry where 80 per cent of its products were exported to Southern Africa with a footprint in

Botswana, South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique.

The industry, he said, employed 800 locals and 400 employees in other countries with production facilities located in Lobatse and Ramotswa.

Flo-Tek Group Human Resources Manager, Ms Seabe Ratsoma, appreciated government continued support toward business growth, localisation and the industry.

She said the company was committed to citizen empowerment through training and development of programmes for locals.

“As part of our localisation strategy, we have partnership with technical colleges and tertiary institutions in Botswana where we absorb local registered engineers.

This is targeted at developing local talent and technical expertise.

We have more than 50 engineers who are locals,” she said. **BOPA**



Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti said the core battle in combating Foot and Mouth Disease outbreaks relied on ensuring that all animals were traceable and fully identifiable.

## Traceability primary defence against FMD

Thandy Tebogo  
KGOMOKASITWA

Traceability is the primary defence in the fight against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), as accurate tracing localises the disease to specific control zones.

This emerged during recent kgotla meetings addressed by the Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Mr Edwin Dikoloti in Kgomokasitwa and Magotlhwane recently.

Minister Dikoloti stated that the core battle in combating FMD outbreaks relied on ensuring all animals were traceable and fully identifiable.

This includes using Botswana Animal Information and Traceability System ear tags, alongside zonal and owner brands.

He emphasised the importance of maintaining containment zones and ensuring that boundaries were clearly defined.

The Minister appealed to traditional leaders and pastors to join the government in combating FMD, calling for mephato (regiments) to work collaboratively toward establishing

these containment zones.

He noted that the establishment of containment zones must be fast-tracked for completion by the end of this month to allow the subsequent creation of protection zones.

He further outlined that the containment zone would start from the Ramotswa borderline, meandering toward the Otse cordon fence, pass through Mogobane and Ranaka, and extending up to the Kanye junction.

Minister Dikoloti also shared that 70 000 cattle had been vaccinated since the launch of the vaccination campaign.

Furthermore, he stated that the government was considering a review of the Livestock and Meat Industries Act, specifically regarding meat sold in butcheries.

The Southern Region FMD Coordinator, Dr Odireleng Thlolwane, cautioned farmers against demanding immediate vaccination of their animals.

He explained that beef from vaccinated cattle differed in quality from unvaccinated beef, noting that local beef is priced and sold

based on its quality.

Additionally, Dr Thlolwane pleaded with farmers to prioritise kraaling, monitoring and keeping their cattle within the containment zone. He explained that detecting FMD at an early stage was difficult because clinical signs only appear after a 14-day incubation period.

He added that small stock, such as goats, were not usually severely affected by FMD.

Cattle vaccinations, he noted, would be conducted three times, with each dose administered 28 days apart.

The minister was responding to residents' concerns, including those of Magotlhwane resident, Mr Gofenyaone Makasa, who had expressed worry over non-compliance with FMD standards, noting that some farmers continued to illegally slaughter cattle for sale and fail to kraal their livestock.

Mr Boikie Maseko, also from Magotlhwane, complained that beef purchased from butcheries was frequently confiscated from customers, while no action was taken against the butchery owners.

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Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe (right) with Lobatse District Commissioner Mr Mpho Mathe (second right) and senior government officials touring Flo-Tek manufacturing in Lobatse on Thursday. He said the tour was in line with government engagement with the business community to map a way forward for better facilitation to enable their growth. Photo: Calviniah Kgauthe

# Hirschfeld pioneer of Botswana law enforcement

Pako Lebanna

GABORONE

The pioneering Motswana Commissioner of Police, Simon Hirschfeld, who passed on June 3, a month shy of his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday, was a visionary who helped build the institution that is the Botswana Police Service (BPS), President Advocate Duma Boko has said.

Speaking at a memorial service held in honour of Hirschfeld in Mogoditshane on Sunday, President Boko said the deceased, whose burial is today, had engraved his name in history through the foundational work he did in building post-independence law enforcement.

“Like a master builder who may never see the full extent of the city that rises from his labour, Hirschfeld planted seeds whose fruits continue to nourish our nation. The professionalism, patriotism and commitment to service that remain hallmarks of the BPS stand among the enduring monuments to his life’s work,” President Boko said.

He said the legacy left by Hirschfeld was borne in shaping the police as an institution, as well as in inspiring the generations of officers and in devoting his life to a peaceful and secure Botswana.

“The rivers that nourish our land do not cease when they disappear from view; they continue their course beyond the horizon. So too does the legacy of Simon Adolf Hirschfeld. It flows through the BPS he helped shape, through the officers he mentored, and through the values he championed throughout his distinguished career,” President Boko said.

He said Hirschfeld, who led the police for 24 years from 1971 to 1995, transformed the law enforcement institution into a more professional, disciplined and nationally representative organisation.

He expressed gratitude on behalf of the nation to the Hirschfeld family for having shared the former commissioner with the public, and expressed the collective message of empathy and condolence.

“To the Hirschfeld family, the nation mourns with you. We recognise that behind the public

servant stood a beloved husband, father, grandfather, relative, and friend. While Botswana knew his service, you knew his heart. While we witnessed his leadership, you shared his joys, sacrifices, and dreams. May you find comfort in knowing that his life was one of purpose and honour, and that his contributions to our country will

not be forgotten,” the President said.

Police Commissioner, Ms Dinah Marathe noted that it was Hirschfeld who took the decision for the BPS to hire women police officers in the 1970s, a decision, which culminated with her eventually becoming the first woman commissioner in 2024.

Mr Moleboge, who was Deputy Commissioner for 15 years during Hirschfeld’s tenure in charge of the police, eventually succeeding him at the helm of the BPS, said the deceased had pioneered professional policing in partnership with the community.

Political stalwart Mr Daniel Kwelagobe, speaking in his

capacity as the former Minister of Presidential Affairs and Public Administration, said he witnessed first-hand how Hirschfeld led transformative change at the BPS, championing the construction of police stations countrywide as well as being the brains behind the establishment of the Botswana Police College. **BOPA**



Botswana Police Officer, Ms Banyaditse Phadisa (right) and fellow officers during the signing of book of condolences for the late former Police Commissioner, Simon Hirschfeld in Gaborone on Friday. Hirschfeld, who passed on June 3, was the first Motswana Commissioner to lead Botswana Police in 1971 at the age of 36. He will be laid to rest in Gaborone today. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

## New Botswana City to unlock economic diversification

Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE

Botswana's proposed multi-billion Pula World Trade Centre (WTC) is pivotal to recalibrating the nation’s economy.

The project aims to shift away from reliance on diamond exports toward a diversified hub for regional commerce, exhibitions and international investment.

This landmark project is a core component of the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme.

It anchors a broader initiative to transform Botswana from a landlocked nation into a landlinked trade hub.

Speaking at the ground breaking ceremony of the projected New Botswana City, President Advocate Duma Boko noted that the landmark development carried high expectations to promote investment, create jobs and accelerate economic diversification, ultimately reshaping the country’s economic landscape.

President Boko said the project was a major step toward reducing dependence on diamond revenues.

“It will help build a more diversified economy driven by services, tourism, and digital innovation,” he said.

Such developments, he said, were testament to the government’s commitment to the economic transition.

He said it was of paramount importance to embrace a new development model built on diversification, digital innovation, and inclusivity to move Botswana beyond traditional economic dependence.

“The Botswana World Trade Centre aims to position Botswana as a leading regional hub for international trade, investment, exhibitions, and business tourism. This landmark development

serves as a core catalyst for the country’s national transformation agenda, designed to drive economic diversification and strengthen global competitiveness,” President Boko said.

Also, he indicated that the project was part of a broader national transformation agenda aimed at strengthening economic resilience and global competitiveness beyond just infrastructure development.

He stated that by leveraging its geo-strategic location, world-class wildlife destinations and political

stability, the country’s national strategy aimed to attract foreign direct investment.

This, he said would be achieved by positioning Botswana as a premier Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions hub.

Once completed, the New Botswana City is expected to become a transformative economic hub that strengthens Botswana’s position as a regional center for business, tourism, and investment.

“New Botswana City will change how the world engages with us.

When people come here for a huge conference, they bring money with them, creating opportunities for businesses across the economy,” he said.

He stated that successful diversification required serviced land, capital, and capable investors.

He added that the true measure of success would be reflected in increased tourism spending, investment inflows, tax revenues and broader economic activity.

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Botswana Development Corporation chief executive officer, Mr Oteng Keabetswe (second left) and ALBADDAD Holding chairperson, Dr Alfateen Albaddad (right) after signing a Memorandum of Agreement during the ground breaking of Botswana World Trade Centre at Airport City in Gaborone on Friday. Mr Keabetswe said the 126-hectare project would feature Botswana International Convention and Exhibition Centre, four international hotels, retail and hospitality facilities and was expected to create between 25 000 and 37 000 jobs during its development and operational phases. Witnessing the signing was President Advocate Duma Boko (second right) and Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

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# Forum addresses child custody and maintenance issues

Semakaleng Edward

## TONOTA

Legal Aid Botswana, in partnership with the Tonota Men Sector, hosted a Men's Forum last Thursday in Tonota to address issues surrounding child maintenance and custody.

The forum aimed to advise, guide, and support men in taking an active role in caring for their children.

Speaking at the forum, District Commissioner Mr Keabetswe Lesiela emphasised that providing child maintenance was a mandatory obligation, regardless of the relationship status between the parents.

"Taking care of children is the responsibility of both parents, whether they are still together or not. Even if a man is no longer with the mother of his children, he is still legally and morally required to provide for them," Mr Lesiela said.

Mr Lesiela urged men to support their children out of genuine responsibility rather than fear of legal consequences.

He noted that child support must be provided with care and dedication, pointing out that women frequently report cases to authorities simply because fathers fail to provide for their children's basic needs.

Furthermore, Mr Lesiela stressed that men should also seek physical custody or active

involvement in their children's daily lives to contribute positively to their development and emotional well-being.

Deliberating on legal matters, Legal Aid Attorney Mr Kagiso Lekang outlined the various legislative acts that safeguard child welfare.

He explained that child custody legal proceedings determine which parent was best suited to live with the child.

Mr Lekang observed that men frequently lagged behind in child support and maintenance matters, urging them to change this behavior.

He explained that under customary law, if parents were unmarried, the mother was automatically granted physical custody.

However, under the Children's Act, the courts strictly prioritise the 'best interests of the child' to determine which parent could provide a better environment.

Mr Lekang clarified that the parent granted primary custody must allow the other parent reasonable access to the child without conflict.

"If disagreements arise, official arrangements should be made to ensure both parents spend quality time with the child," he said.

He added that custody decisions could be legally challenged if a parent proved they could offer better care, supported by

assessment reports from social workers.

Additionally, Mr Lekang highlighted the Deserted Wives and Children Protection Act which allows a married woman to take legal action against her spouse if he failed to provide for her and the

children, even if they still reside in the same household.

During the discussions, an attendee argued that the current legal framework heavily favoured women, noting that some mothers also abandon their children.

He expressed frustration that

child-related laws often target men and look for faults in their conduct.

In response, Mr Lekang encouraged men to familiarise themselves with laws on child maintenance, support and custody to protect their rights and avoid legal penalties. **BOPA**



Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Kethhalefile Motshegwa (left) with chairperson of Serowe District Council, Mr Atamelang Thaga during the Serowe District investment forum in Serowe on Friday. Mr Motshegwa said it was time councils created businesses and partnerships with private companies to assist in job creation. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

## Govt reaffirms commitment to economic diversification

Keamogetse Setilo

### SEROWE

Serowe District Council, in partnership with the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC), hosted the Serowe District Investment Forum on Friday under the theme: Creating Opportunities for a Lasting Impact.

The event brought together government officials, investors, financial institutions, traditional leaders, and entrepreneurs to position Serowe as an investment-ready district and drive sustainable economic development.

Speaking at the forum, the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Kethhalefile Motshegwa, reaffirmed the Government's commitment to economic diversification, private sector growth, and job creation through strategic partnerships.

He commended the Serowe District Council for establishing the Serowe District Council Investment Company, calling it a crucial step towards strengthening local economic development.

"The establishment of the Serowe District Council Investment

Company is a commendable and forward-looking initiative that reflects the vision advanced by the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs.

The Ministry encourages councils to establish investment vehicles that actively participate in local economic development, investment promotion, and project development, while generating much-needed revenue for the development of the district," Motshegwa said.

He added that the Government is committed to strengthening investor protection, modernizing regulatory frameworks, and improving the ease of doing business.

The Serowe District Council Secretary, Mr Mogorosi Kokoro, said the 2024-2029 Local Economic Development Strategy has identified agribusiness, tourism, healthcare, renewable energy, manufacturing, property development, and logistics as prime sectors.

He cited Serowe's strategic location, growing population, and natural resources as key advantages for investors.

"Our district's population has grown steadily from approximately 85,700 in 2011 to over 93,600 in 2022, with projections indicating continued growth beyond 97,000 by 2026. This growing population presents both a labor force and an expanding consumer market," Kokoro said.

The BITC director of Business Services, Mr Moemedi Mokgosi, said the forum aligns with BITC's

Corporate Strategy 2025-2030, which targets 30,000 sustainable jobs, higher investment inflows, and stronger export earnings nationwide.

He noted that success depends on unlocking opportunities at the district level and positioning Serowe as a hub of enterprise and innovation.

Additionally, he noted that the forum forms part of BITC's Local Economic Development program under the Revised National Investment Strategy 2025-2030.

Mokgosi further highlighted a new Memorandum of Understanding between BITC, the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, and the Botswana Association of Local Authorities to accelerate local growth.

"The success of this forum will be measured by investments secured, businesses established, and jobs created," Mokgosi said.

He pledged BITC's continued support to investors, local authorities, and communities in unlocking Serowe's economic potential.

Kgosi Seretse Peter Khama welcomed the initiative, saying Serowe needs investors for its development.

"This forum is a welcome development. Our village has seen a decline in investors, with retailers closing shops and migrating to Palapye. I believe this initiative will see investors mobilizing resources to Serowe and actively participating in the village's economic growth and job creation," he said. **BOPA**



The City of Francistown Council requires approximately P12 million for pothole patching and related maintenance work, while an estimated P335 million is required for comprehensive road reconstruction, upgrading, reclamation, and storm water drainage improvements along critical road sections. The mayor, Mr Gaone Majere said the council had already sourced 7 000 bags of cold asphalt premix, sufficient to patch approximately 3.500M metre square of potholes. Photo: Thamani Shabani

# Trust tackles challenges facing young girls

Keetile Bontsibokae  
MOLEPOLOLE

Girls become catalysts for transformation within their homes, schools, communities and future workplaces, when they are empowered emotionally, spiritually, mentally, and socially.

According to Olorato Taleyana, founder of Empowered Girls Botswana Trust, a youth-focused organisation dedicated to mentoring and empowering adolescent girls and young women, it is essential to empower girls on many fronts including personal development, leadership, mental wellness, confidence building, purpose discovery, career guidance and social impact.

“We recognise that many of the empowerment gaps young women face today are deeply rooted in unresolved experiences from their past. True empowerment, therefore, goes beyond motivation, it requires healing, restoration, and intentional spaces where young women can rediscover their worth, rebuild their confidence, and reclaim their voices,” Taleyana said.

She said the mission of Empowered Girls Botswana is centred on healing young women one gathering at a time, restoring confidence, and creating platforms that nurture purpose, growth, and transformation.

Founded in 2019, Taleyana said the organisation was created to bridge empowerment gaps by providing intentional mentorship, safe conversations, and imparting practical life skills that could help girls and young women to navigate life with confidence and purpose.

The organisation operates through a passionate team of volunteers, mentors, and young professionals who contribute their time and expertise toward empowering young women, with its ultimate goal being to raise a generation of confident, healed, purpose-driven and impactful young women equipped to lead and positively transform society.

“Some are lawyers, teachers, accountants and communications specialists. Additionally, Empowered Girls Botswana relies on a vast pool of professionals who offer mentorship from time to time at our events,” she said.

Recently, Empowered Girls Botswana hosted its first instalment of a series of sessions collectively dubbed the “Empowered Girls Pitso.”

Taleyana said The Pitso, is a call for young women to gather, reconnect with themselves, find healing, and rediscover their identity and purpose and is envisioned as a series of powerful and transformative gatherings centred around meaningful conversations on healing, leadership, faith, wellness, womanhood and personal growth.

While Empowered Girls Botswana has hosted various empowerment initiatives in the past, the Empowered Girls Pitso introduces a more intentional and elevated experience aimed at fostering deeper impact, healing, sisterhood, and authentic community among women, she said.

She said their guests and speakers of the Empowered Girls Pitso sessions were carefully selected based on their authenticity, impact, personal journeys, influence, and alignment with the values of empowerment, healing, leadership, and community development.

She said Tanki Sentsho, one of the speakers and author of the book ‘This Is How You Win’, would be bringing a powerful voice of resilience, intentional living, and personal growth; as her work encourages individuals to overcome life’s challenges with faith, discipline, courage, and purpose, making her message especially relevant to young women navigating identity and self-worth.

Bogadi Serumola on the other hand, has intentionally created safe and transformative spaces for women through initiatives such as Sisterhood Retreats and Mosadi Wa Lelwapa and her work is centered on healing, connection,

womanhood, and empowering women to grow emotionally, spiritually, and personally within supportive communities, Taleyana said.

Bridget Siele, yet another speaker, embodies the reality that one does not need to wait until they reach a certain age, status, or level in life to become the best version of themselves.

Like many growing initiatives, some of the challenges they have encountered include limited resources, funding constraints, and securing meaningful partnerships that can help sustain and expand the organisation’s impact.

Additionally, Ms Taleyana,

a lawyer, said balancing organisational responsibilities alongside personal and professional commitments can sometimes be demanding.

Despite the challenges, the passion for empowering young women and the powerful testimonies that Empowered Girls Botswana continues to receive from girls whose lives have been impacted remain the greatest motivation to keep pushing forward and creating transformative spaces for healing and growth.

Regarding the last session, held over the past weekend, saw about 60 attendees comprising professionals, students, entrepreneurs, and



Founder of Empowered Girls Botswana Trust Ms Olorato Taleyana

community members who are passionate about growth, healing, leadership and empowerment turn up. **BOPA**



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# DDC devises plan for street children

Chief social and community development officer Ms Iteleleng Motsumi

Esther Mmolai  
**MAUN**

Maun is facing a troubling crisis as an increasing number of children abandon their education to roam the streets.

The disturbing trend has prompted the District Development Committee (DDC) to task the department of Social and Community Development (S&CD) to join forces with the District Child Protection Committee to establish why

children are being pushed onto streets instead of being in classes.

The team has also been instructed to map social protection programmes targeting such children. The committee is convinced that if given the right tools, resources and support, the future of these children could be salvaged.

Apprising the DDC meeting on Thursday, Chief Social and Community Development Officer, Ms Iteleleng Motsumi highlighted that the Child Protection Committee had so

far profiled 34 children and further interventions had been implemented.

She also stated that they had formed a task force comprising key departments to specifically deal with the matter once and for all.

Some cases, she said had been taken before the police as it was clear that some children had been abandoned by their parents.

“We have reflected deeply on the conditions of some children and realised cases differ as most children have been neglected

by their parents while some are dropping from school to roam the streets because of family breakdown, poverty and social exclusion among others,” she added.

Ms Motsumi further noted that out of a total of 34 profiled, two children had been reconnected with their biological fathers, some had been taken back to school while some have been enrolled in rehabilitation centres.

According to her, the profiling was done at a shopping complex in Boseja Ward but the team

would also track the vulnerable children at other shopping malls in Maun.

Meanwhile, North West District Commissioner, Mr Thabang Waloka appreciated efforts by the District Child Protection Committee and urged members to extend the action to villages surrounding Maun.

A lot, he said was happening in rural areas as children were exposed to hunger, abuse, exploitation and criminal tendencies. **BOPA**

## Sithole defence team eyes state witnesses

Bonang Masolotatse  
**GABORONE**

The defence counsel in the Lovemore Sithole trial-within-a-trial, Mr Keoraopele Sambere, intends to summon state witnesses for his client's defence.

The attorney explained, while requesting an adjournment on Friday, that the defence was eyeing about two to three witnesses from the state's main case to confirm facts material to his client's defence.

Mr Sambere stated that the investigating officer had told the court during his evidence that he was not at Sejelo Police Station on July 5, 2022, the day Sithole claimed he was summoned to the police station in Kanye.

“The investigating officer

denied ever being in Kanye on the 5th. They will confirm if they were ever at Sejelo,” Mr Sambere said.

Among the contentions before court, Sithole stated that he was called to the police station in Kanye on July 05, 2022.

The accused said he was in the company of Kesaobaka Karema and Kesegofetse Karema, among others, although Mr Sambere did not disclose before court whom the defence would call for its case.

He noted that the defence desired to subpoena witnesses from the state's main case.

Prior to that, state attorney Mr Ambrose Mubika pointed out that none of the state's witnesses had spoken of the alleged assault on the accused. He thus requested that the defence extend the courtesy of informing

the court what the witnesses were expected to say, an explanation Mr Sambere duly provided. The case was postponed to June 30. Sithole is charged with the murder of seven-year-old Tlotso Karema in 2022 in Lobatse.

He maintained his innocence in the trial-within-a-trial, testifying that he was not the last person seen with the child.

He previously told the court that on July 5, he was arrested and separated from those accompanying him.

He alleged that he was made to strip naked, wear a plastic bag as trousers and a T-shirt, and that a third bag was placed over his head to suffocate him.

He claimed he was assaulted by being beaten and kicked to coerce a confession for killing Karema. **BOPA**



Accused Zimbabwean national, Lovemore Sithole (right) leaving Broadhurst Magistrate Court after his trial on Friday. He is accused of killing seven-year-old, Tlotso Karema in 2022. The case continues on June 30. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

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## Kenyan youth win big at Huawei ICT competition

**NAIROBI** - Four Kenyan youth scooped a grand prize in the cloud category during the global finals of the 2025-2026 Huawei ICT Competition that took place this week in Shenzhen, China. It was the first time a Kenyan team secured a grand prize in the competition's 10-year history, boosting the East African Nation's credentials as a hub for digital innovation. "Amid intense global competition, Team Kenya demonstrated exceptional technical expertise, innovation, teamwork, and problem-solving skills to emerge as Grand Prize winners, earning the highest distinction available in the competition," Huawei said in a statement on Friday. Kenya last week dispatched 12 university students to China to participate in the global finals of the Huawei ICT Competition after demonstrating remarkable prowess in networking.

Xinhua

## Middle East tensions spur Namibia budget reforms

**WINDHOEK** - Namibia will accelerate budget reforms as escalating tensions in the Middle East add pressure to inflation, trade costs and economic growth, Prime Minister Elijah Ngurare said Monday. Speaking at the opening of the 2026/2027 budget reform roll-out workshop in Windhoek, Ngurare said the worsening global environment was already contributing to higher fuel and food prices, rising shipping costs and weaker external demand. "For Namibia, this has three important implications: higher imported inflation through fuel and food prices; increased pressure on trade and the external position through higher shipping and import costs; and weaker growth prospects through softer external demand and tighter financial conditions," he said. Ngurare said the developments underscored the need for greater policy discipline, resilience and reform to safeguard macroeconomic stability. Xinhua

## Seven OPEC+ countries to raise oil output in July

**VIENNA** - The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies, known as OPEC+, on Sunday decided to increase oil output by 188 000 barrels per day in July, according to an OPEC statement. The decision was announced following a virtual meeting attended by Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria and Oman, which reviewed global market conditions and outlook. Such move marks the fourth consecutive month for the OPEC+ to ramp up its production, in spite of the exit of the United Arab Emirates from the OPEC and the wider OPEC+ alliance on May 1. The reason of the upward production adjustment by the seven OPEC+ countries was the "collective commitment to support oil market stability", the statement said. According to the statement, the seven countries would retain full flexibility to adjust their production depending on evolving market conditions. Xinhua

# City project to reshape Botswana future

Thato Mosinyi  
**GABORONE**

In a defining moment for the future of Botswana, the United Arab Emirates-based Albaddad Group has partnered with the Botswana Development Corporation (BDC), to develop New Botswana City, a project expected to drive investment, innovation and large scale job creation.

Estimated at US\$1.9 billion (about P25.5 billion), the 126-hectare project represents a macro-level infrastructure commitment roughly equivalent to 10 per cent of Botswana's 2024 nominal GDP.

It is expected to generate an estimated 25 000 to 37 500 direct and indirect jobs for the citizenry and accelerate Botswana's diversification agenda while strengthening the country's role in global economic affairs.

Giving context during the groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, BDC Managing Director, Mr Oteng Keabetswe indicated that once fully operational, the project was expected to create between 8 000 and 12 500 permanent direct jobs.

Indirect opportunities in supply, logistics, catering, security, and site support could create another 8 000 to 12 000 jobs, while the construction phase alone will generate 14 000 to 21 000 jobs.

Regarding the partnership, Mr Keabetswe said the Albaddad Group was the ideal partner owing to its reputation as a world-class

developer with expertise in modular construction and the delivery of large-scale infrastructure projects.

He noted that the corporation's contribution included land valued at P198 million, while key preparatory work-such as the master plan and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) had already been completed.

Mr Keabetswe pointed out that BDC's land contribution represented approximately 2.25 per cent of the total project cost.

"Through the transaction structure, this has been adjusted and ring-fenced into a five per cent golden equity shareholding for BDC, giving Botswana direct participation in a privately financed development of national significance."

Mr Keabetswe explained that this structure recognised the strategic value of the land contribution while allowing Botswana to participate in the project without carrying the full capital burden of a

development of this scale.

Additionally, he said the broader value to Botswana was expected to flow through construction employment, permanent operational jobs, local procurement, skills transfer, tax revenues, tourism receipts, hospitality spend, business services, retail

activity, and the long-term positioning of Botswana as a premier trade and investment platform.

In his remarks, Dr Alfateen Albaddad, Chairman of Albaddad Holding, said the New

Botswana City reflected a shared ambition to create a platform that would generate opportunity, attract investment, and support Botswana's long-term economic growth.

"New Botswana City is more than a development project; it is an investment in people, enterprise, and future generations. Through our partnership with the Botswana Development Corporation, we are creating a destination designed to attract trade, business, investment, and tourism, while supporting local businesses, creating jobs, and opening new opportunities for the people of Botswana," Dr Albaddad said.

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Botswana Development Corporation managing director Mr Oteng Keabetswe

# Hard work turns dreams into milestones

Esther Mmolai  
**MAUN**

A career in travel and tourism can be incredibly rewarding, but perhaps only for those with the right skills, a positive mindset, and clear expectations.

Securing a job with the Wilderness Safari Company was an immense breakthrough for Ms Janet Monnaatsie of Mababe village, who once struggled for survival.

Transitioning from a scullery role to a housekeeping supervisor is a massive, exciting career milestone

for her.

She was hired 20 years ago as a temporary scullery worker for three months at the luxurious Savuti Camp, a position considered the back-of-house engine in the hospitality industry.

The nature of her job included maintaining kitchen hygiene

and managing food waste. She successfully applied herself to the new role while simultaneously embracing other responsibilities. When she started working, she was determined to give her best effort and to excel in everything she did.

Her relentless work ethic and dedication accelerated her transition from an anxious newcomer to a high-performing and indispensable asset within her team. Little did she know that by applying herself fully, she was positioning herself for future promotions and professional development.

In an interview, Ms Monnaatsie revealed that landing a job at Savuti Camp marked the beginning of a life-changing transformation.

In the beginning, she said it was very difficult and scary as she had to step out of her comfort zone. However, she soon realised that the most effective antidote to fear is understanding the environment, gaining experience, and building mental resilience.



Two-decade career at Savuti Camp is Ms Monnaatsie's testament to perseverance, adaptability and professional growth in Botswana's tourism sector.

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Janet Monnaatsie of Mababe said hard work, resilience and willingness to learn helped her rise from a temporary scullery worker to housekeeping supervisor at Savuti Camp. Photos: Esther Mmolai

## Hard work turns dreams into milestones

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That experience made her stronger, sparking a full transformation into the woman she is today.

Over time, she learned to distinguish the sounds of harmless local wildlife from actual threats.

She also quickly learned new systems while upholding the brand standards. Matching the brand with her own personality allowed her to go the extra mile, aligning herself with the company's image and brand awareness while increasing her knowledge and accountability.

Some people have a perception that starting a new job can be overwhelming because there is a lot to learn about the role and the organisational culture.

However, Ms Monnaatsie showed herself in the best possible light to avoid starting off on the wrong foot.

She recalled that when she arrived at the camp, she took time to understand her manager's communication style while fostering trust with her peers. This worked wonders, allowing her to adapt easily to new workflows. She grew from that experience and enjoyed it immensely.

Hardly had her temporary period ended when she was fortunate enough to be offered a permanent position as a housekeeper by the

company.

She was responsible for maintaining cleanliness and hygiene, stripping and making beds, changing bedsheets, supplying fresh towels, replenishing guest room amenities like toiletries, drinking glasses, coffee, and tea, as well as restocking minibars.

"I did not have any housekeeping experience, but it really grew on me. Cleaning rooms is hard work, but I enjoyed it because it gave me an eye for detail and made me a perfectionist," she said.

She views her role as the hidden engine of the hospitality industry, making tired guests feel completely at home.

Ms Monnaatsie excelled, and within a short period, the company offered her a training opportunity to enhance her knowledge and upscale her skills.

She attended housekeeping training, where she completed levels one and two. Upon completion, she accepted an enticing job offer as a housekeeping supervisor.

Ms Monnaatsie found fulfillment and true joy while immersing herself in housekeeping operations, devoting herself to performing and mastering the functions.

She acknowledges that her route into management was fast and attributes that to discipline, professionalism, and outstanding performance.

"Being promoted to a supervisor

position was my proudest moment.

These are the traits that elevated my reputation and opened doors to leadership opportunities that talent alone cannot unlock. My day-to-day job contributes to a memorable experience by providing a welcoming and comfortable environment for the camp, and I do it without hesitation because I am working in beautiful surroundings with motivation and support from other team members," she said.

Ms Monnaatsie appreciates the company's efforts in maintaining a high localised employment rate and providing its employees with opportunities to grow and learn valuable tasks beyond their immediate roles.

Wilderness Company places a strong emphasis on staff development and training, treating its workforce as a vital component of its conservation and hospitality mission.

She described her experience with the company as the best, noting that she has learned a lot and enjoyed amazing opportunities.

"It is nice to work at a place where you have opportunities to grow, and I encourage fellow employees in the tourism industry to treat each job as a stepping stone to move ahead in their careers.

She is of the view that excellence in the tourism industry often means handling the unexpected with grace. **BOPA**

## Chinese brands gain strong foothold in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG

Chinese automotive brands are playing an increasingly vital role in South Africa's pre-owned vehicle sector, offering consumers newer, feature-rich options and driving intense competition across one of the country's most vibrant retail segments.

This structural market shift is driven by the expanding footprint of Chinese vehicle marques, which are rapidly capturing market share and redefining the concept of value for local motorists.

According to the latest data from AutoTrader South Africa, average pre-owned car prices remained resiliently higher year-on-year during the first four months of 2026, despite an increasing presence of Chinese models. This trajectory indicates a robust secondary automotive market that is simultaneously benefiting from broader consumer choices and heightened manufacturer competition.

In January, the average used-car price rose to R430,165, up from R415,770 (about US\$23,300) during the same period last year. Consistent year-on-year growth was sustained through February, March, and April, highlighting the underlying strength of the industry.

AutoTrader CEO George Mienie noted that these indicators point to an evolving ecosystem.

"The data proves that while average used-car prices remain high year-on-year, the marketplace is growing noticeably more competitive," Mienie said.

Chinese manufacturers are commanding a growing share of both pre-owned supply and demand, with a heavy emphasis on the hyper-competitive SUV and crossover categories.

Models like the Haval Jolion, Haval H6, Chery Tiggo 4 Pro, and Omoda C5 are going head-to-head with legacy global brands across price points, mileage, age, and standard specifications.

Market data from April indicated that the Haval Jolion recorded an average pre-owned price of R302,782, compared to R393,328 for the Toyota Corolla Cross. The Chery Tiggo 4 Pro averaged R267,234 against the Kia Sonet's R317,779, while the Omoda C5 averaged R345,966 compared to R363,667 for the Mazda CX-30.

The rising appeal of Chinese vehicles stretches far beyond baseline affordability.

AutoTrader listings from April revealed that the average Chinese-branded used vehicle possessed a registration year of 2024 and an odometer reading just under 29 000 kilometers. Conversely, non-Chinese pre-owned vehicles averaged a 2020 registration year with more than 72 000 kilometers of mileage.

This combination of recent model years, minimal wear, and high levels of standard equipment is allowing Chinese brands to reshape luxury and value expectations among South African motorists.

"Consumers are not necessarily looking to spend less money; instead, they are looking to maximise the value they get for their spend," Mienie added.

This swing in consumer sentiment is backed by concrete sales volume. Pre-owned sales of Chinese vehicles on the AutoTrader digital platform surged from 6 314 units during the first four months of 2025 to 10 295 units during the corresponding period in 2026. This pushed their total used-car market share up from 4.9 per cent to 7.2 per cent.

Combined pre-owned sales for front-running Chinese models, including the Chery Tiggo 4 Pro, Haval H6, Haval Jolion, and Omoda C5, climbed to 3 686 units between January and April, up from 2 459 units in 2025.

The broader secondary market retained a highly active tempo, with overall platform sales rising from 128 309 units in the first four months of 2025 to 142 663 units over the same period this year.

Mienie concluded that the rapid ascent of Chinese carmakers was a net-positive disruption for the local automotive sector.

"Chinese brands are injecting healthy choice into crucial buying segments, which forces a re-evaluation of value benchmarks," he said.

"This creates more stock variety and fierce competition, which ultimately serves the consumer well."

The latest metrics point toward a resilient secondary vehicle sector, with Chinese manufacturers acting as an influential catalyst in steering buyer preferences and sustaining growth across core automotive tiers. **Xinhua**

## National treasury welcomes credit rating upgrade

JOHANNESBURG

The South African National Treasury has welcomed Fitch Ratings' decision to upgrade the country's long-term foreign and local currency debt ratings.

Fitch on Friday upgraded South Africa's Long-Term Issuer Default Ratings from 'BB-' to 'BB' and maintained a stable outlook.

The agency noted that despite weak economic growth and persistent domestic and external shocks, South Africa has implemented prudent fiscal

management and made visible progress on fiscal consolidation.

According to the National Treasury, gross domestic product (GDP) adjustments have left the government's debt-to-GDP ratio well below the levels anticipated when the country was downgraded to 'BB-' in 2020.

The Treasury highlighted that this marks Fitch's first sovereign rating upgrade for South Africa in nearly 21 years, making it only the second G20 nation to be upgraded by the agency this year.

"Improved sovereign credit

ratings help to lower borrowing costs for government, businesses, and households, yielding tangible benefits for ordinary people," said Duncan Pieterse, the Director-General of the National Treasury.

"South Africa still has some way to go to regain its investment-grade credit rating, but for the first time in more than a decade, we are seeing a clear turnaround in the downward ratings trend. This turnaround is especially notable because it comes at a time when the global sovereign credit trend is overwhelmingly negative," Pieterse

added.

The Treasury emphasised that the upgrade was particularly impressive given the challenging global environment.

Since geopolitical conflicts escalated, Fitch has taken negative rating actions against five separate investment-grade sovereigns, contrasting sharply with South Africa's upward trajectory.

In its assessment, Fitch observed that South Africa had transitioned from primary fiscal deficits to consistent and widening primary surpluses.

The agency pointed out that government debt was stabilising due to improved revenue collection and disciplined expenditure management. Furthermore, ongoing structural reforms in the energy and logistics sectors are projected to bolster economic growth in the coming years.

In recent years, South Africa has actively driven structural changes to eliminate energy deficiencies, clear logistics bottlenecks, and resolve operational challenges plaguing the domestic transport sector. **Xinhua**



Member of Parliament for Maun North Mr Dumelang Saleshando

# Sewage contaminated area impact Goroku residents

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe  
**GOROKU**

Residents of Goroku in Maun North have raised concerns over a sewage-contaminated area near their settlement, stating that it has become a hotspot for crime, human-wildlife conflict, and potential health risks.

The concerns were raised during a kgotla meeting addressed by the Member of Parliament for Maun North,

Mr Dumelang Saleshando, where community members appealed for urgent government intervention.

Resident Ms Martha Eagleton said wastewater discharged into a forested area near the settlement has created severe challenges for both people and livestock.

She explained that elephants and other wild animals were frequently drawn to the area, increasing dangerous encounters between wildlife and residents.

Ms Eagleton further noted that livestock often drunk the wastewater, raising serious concerns about the health and safety of animals that many families depended on for their livelihoods.

Additionally, she stated that the area had become a hiding place for criminals involved in livestock theft, noting that she had fallen victim to these thieves.

“I had a lot of cattle which helped me to manage my house and take care of my family, but now I have become poor because all my livestock has been taken by thieves in that wastewater area,” she said.

According to residents, thieves take advantage of the dense vegetation surrounding the pond to conceal stolen livestock before

moving them elsewhere.

“The area has become dangerous for both people and animals,” Ms Eagleton added.

Another resident, Ms Segametsi Morokotso, echoed similar concerns, arguing that the wastewater discharge continued to negatively affect the community.

She alleged that criminal activities associated with the area had resulted in devastating losses for some residents and called for immediate intervention.

The issue forms part of wider concerns raised by residents regarding safety, environmental management, and the protection of livelihoods in the settlement.

The Goroku community has appealed to authorities to investigate the matter and explore possible solutions to mitigate the risks associated with the wastewater.

Responding to the residents, Mr Saleshando, acknowledged their concerns and assured the community that the matter would be brought to the attention of the relevant government departments for consideration.

He further urged residents to continue working together to come up with possible community-led solutions, advising them not to rely solely on local authorities since official interventions might take time to resolve their issues. **BOPA**

“The area has become dangerous for both people and animals.”



Residents of Goroku in Maun North during a kgotla meeting addressed by Member of Parliament for Maun North Mr Dumelang Saleshando recently. They raised concerns over a sewage-contaminated area near their settlement, saying it had become a hotspot for crime, human-wildlife conflict and potential health risks. Photos: Gaolethoo Kgatitswe



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# Harare faces waste management crisis

## HARARE

Before sunrise, Kudzai Gwati sweeps a fresh layer of rubbish from the dusty pavement outside her home in Mbare.

The smell arrives before the heat. Torn plastic bags flutter from fences like faded flags. Food scraps attract flies. A blocked drain nearby has become a stagnant pool where sewage, rainwater and garbage mix into a foul soup.

By afternoon, the street will be dirty again. Across Harare, from the narrow streets of Mbare to the bustling marketplace of Highfield, waste is no longer something that disappears when the refuse truck arrives. It has become part of daily life.

A *New Ziana* analysis of municipal records, waste-management reports and partner data covering 2020 to 2025 shows that Harare is collecting less than half of the waste generated across the city, leaving more than 180 000 tonnes of refuse uncollected every year.

### The Accountability Gap

Perhaps the most striking finding of the investigation was not the volume of rubbish piling up across Harare, but the lack of publicly accessible evidence showing whether refuse collection spending is producing measurable results.

*New Ziana* found that Harare City Council records do not provide a clear link between budget allocations, expenditure and service delivery outcomes.

Residents cannot easily determine how much money was budgeted for waste collection, how much was spent, how many trucks were operational, how many collection routes were completed, or whether service levels improved as a result of that spending.

One concrete example in council planning and reporting is a 2024/2025 budget document stated US\$30 million had been allocated for waste collection, but

a subsequent full council meeting on October, 31 2025 reported that the annual budget had been exhausted, without a publicly verifiable breakdown showing how delivered service changed over that same time.

The absence of such information makes independent public scrutiny difficult and limits accountability over one of the city's most visible services.

Harare generates approximately 995 tonnes of solid waste every day, according to city officials quoted by *The Sunday Mail*. That amounts to roughly 363 000 tonnes annually.

Analysis of council and waste-management records indicates that collection levels remain below 50 percent, meaning more than 180,000 tonnes of refuse are left uncollected each year. The waste accumulates in residential areas, open spaces, storm-water drains and illegal dumpsites across the capital.

That is enough rubbish to fill thousands of refuse trucks annually or bury entire neighbourhoods under layers of discarded plastic, food waste and construction debris.

### The Numbers Behind The Crisis

The city's ability to collect waste has steadily weakened over the past five years as population growth, urban expansion and rising consumption have increased the volume of refuse generated. In the 1980s, the city collected 80 per cent of refuse.

While waste volumes have continued to rise between 2020 and 2025, collection capacity has not kept pace. Collection has dropped to between 30 and 50 per cent today.

### The Biggest Constraint Is Transport

Council records reviewed by *New Ziana* show that Harare currently operates only 33 refuse trucks despite requiring an estimated fleet of about 120

vehicles to provide reliable citywide collection services.

In practical terms, the city is operating with just 27.5 per cent of the fleet needed, leaving a deficit of 87 trucks.

The consequences are visible across many high-density suburbs, where refuse often remains uncollected for days or weeks.

### Public Health Risks Grow

Health experts warn that poor waste collection creates conditions that can contribute to disease outbreaks, particularly during the rainy season.

Harare City Council Director of Health Services Dr. Prosper Chonzi said the risks multiply when refuse accumulation combines with sewage leaks and inadequate sanitation.

"When waste services break down, conditions become more favourable for the spread of disease," he said.

A May 2025 health report reviewed by *New Ziana* highlighted sanitation-related pressures in clinics serving densely populated suburbs where diarrhoeal illnesses frequently rise during periods of poor environmental conditions.

For Mercy Tobaiwa, a resident of Mabvuku, the statistics are deeply personal.

"I didn't sleep last night. My baby's stomach was bloated and he couldn't stop vomiting," she said after another visit to a local clinic.

### Residents Demand Action

"When trucks do not come, people have nowhere to put the rubbish," said another Mabvuku resident, James Tofa.

"It ends up in drains, open spaces and along roadsides."

Residents' groups say years of underinvestment in municipal infrastructure have left the city unable to keep pace with growing demand.



**HARARE** - Data reviewed by *New Ziana* suggests that waste collection challenges remain widespread and poses a threat to environment and public health. Photo: *New Ziana*

"The root of this problem runs deep," said Precious Shumba, director of the Harare Residents Trust.

"Without adequate investment in infrastructure and service delivery, residents continue to suffer."

City officials acknowledge the scale of the challenge but argue that financial pressures have limited their ability to improve services.

Acting Harare Town Clerk Warren Chiwawa said the municipality was operating under difficult economic conditions.

"The city council has been doing its best to manage waste, but we have been facing financial

challenges," he said.

The municipality says it is implementing an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan aimed at addressing equipment shortages, illegal dumping and the absence of a modern engineered landfill.

Acting Harare City Council Amenities Manager Engineer Keith Mapunzamoyo said reducing the volume of waste sent to disposal sites remains critical.

"We must minimise the amount of waste we dispose of and always strive to reuse or recover," he said.

### Can Partnerships Solve The Problem?

In 2022, Harare entered into a public-private partnership with Geo Pomona Waste Management to support a waste-to-energy project designed to process up to 12 000 tonnes of waste annually.

Supporters say the project could modernise waste management and reduce pressure on existing disposal facilities.

However, data reviewed by *New Ziana* suggests that collection challenges remain widespread, particularly in suburbs identified as waste hotspots.

Whether the partnership will significantly improve collection rates remains uncertain.

Back in Mbare, Gwati pauses after sweeping another heap of rubbish into a pile beside the road. The corner where residents dump waste has grown into a small hill of plastic, cardboard and rotting food. She points towards it and shakes her head.

"Tomorrow it will be bigger," she says.

Until Harare closes the widening gap between the waste it generates and the waste it collects, residents will continue paying the price through polluted neighbourhoods, blocked drainage systems, environmental degradation and more public health risks. *New Ziana*



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# Khoemacau funds Maun regeneration project

Esther Mmolai  
MAUN

MMG Khoemacau Copper Mine has injected P650 000 towards the implementation of the Maun Urban Regeneration Project, an initiative aimed at reimagining the future of Maun as a city.

The funding will be directed towards the master planning phase of the project and the construction of a solar

photovoltaic (PV) station at the Maun Education Park.

Implemented by the Fauna Conservation Trust of Ngamiland, with Nhabé Museum as a subsidiary partner, the project seeks to transform key areas of Maun, including the airport enclave, the Nhabé Museum precinct, the Thamalakane riverfront and the Maun Education Park, into a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly hub that promotes informal sector

growth, cultural expression and tourism diversification.

Khoemacau chief of staff, Mr Eddie Zhao, announced the contribution during the Nhabé Museum's 30th anniversary celebrations, noting that the project reflected a shared vision of transforming Maun from a tourism transit point into a destination in its own right.

He said the initiative sought to make the tourism town a place where visitors could stay longer,

engage more deeply with local culture and experience the rich heritage and natural beauty of Ngamiland beyond its role as the gateway to the Okavango Delta.

Mr Zhao said the project would also create greater economic opportunities for local communities through inclusive urban spaces and sustainable development.

"Nhabé Museum is central to this vision as it anchors the cultural narrative that will make

this transformation meaningful and authentic. At the mine, our corporate social responsibility is grounded in creating lasting value for communities, and we believe development should empower local institutions, strengthen cultural identity and promote sustainable economic opportunities," he said.

He said the mine's support for the project reflected its commitment to community development, adding that the financial contribution was not merely an investment in infrastructure planning but also in people, heritage and the future of Maun.

Mr Zhao further congratulated the museum on reaching the milestone, describing it as a treasured cultural institution that lies at the heart of Maun's identity.

He said the museum was more than a repository of artefacts, but a living centre of history, education and storytelling that plays a vital role in linking conservation, culture and community development.

Through its exhibitions, outreach programmes and community engagement initiatives, he said, the museum ensured that the traditions, knowledge systems and identity of the region were preserved and shared with future generations and visitors from around the world.

Elder and cultural advocate Dr Eagilwe Segosebe underscored the need for the nation to begin recognising culture as a valuable national resource.

For many years, he said, Botswana's global identity had been strongly associated with diamonds and wildlife tourism. While these remained important economic pillars, culture represented an untapped resource for sustainable development.

Dr Segosebe said stories, music, fashion, heritage sites, indigenous knowledge and artistic expressions carried immense social and economic value.

"There must be a mindset shift regarding culture and heritage. Cultural tourism has the potential to diversify the economy, create employment opportunities, empower youth and women, stimulate creative industries and strengthen community livelihoods," he said.

He noted that visitors travelled not only to see landscapes and wildlife, but also to experience people, identity, heritage, food, music, craftsmanship and authentic stories.

"Experience tourism is the future, and we must intentionally position museums as central players within Botswana's tourism ecosystem," he said.

Dr Segosebe called on the private sector to forge meaningful partnerships with cultural institutions such as the Nhabé Museum Trust, saying such investments contributed to national identity, education, tourism development and community empowerment.

He also encouraged tourism operators to incorporate museums into their travel itineraries and urged corporations to support exhibitions, digitisation projects, educational programmes, research initiatives and infrastructure development.

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# Africa CDC and WHO launch Ebola preparedness plan

ADDIS ABABA

The Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) on Friday launched a continental Ebola outbreak preparedness and response plan, aiming to coordinate efforts to contain the outbreak.

Addressing a joint virtual press conference, heads of the Africa CDC and WHO said the newly launched plan would serve as a coordinated framework to support affected states, strengthen preparedness and protect Africa's health security.

The plan aims to raise US\$518 million to support African countries to prepare for, rapidly detect and respond to the outbreak for the period between June and November.

Africa CDC Director-General Jean Kaseya said the joint plan 'gives the continent a clear path to act with speed and unity to save lives, support the affected countries, and protect neighboring

communities.'

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, for his part, underscored the urgent need for enhanced collaboration among the affected and at-risk countries as well as continental and international partners.

"Containing Ebola depends on political commitment, sustained financing and the trust and engagement of communities," Tedros said.

"This plan places communities at the centre, because without their participation, contact tracing falters, safe care is delayed, and transmission continues."

The six-month plan brings together governments, partners and communities under a unified 'One Response' approach to strengthen outbreak response measures, including emergency coordination, disease surveillance, laboratory testing, infection prevention and control, clinical care, community engagement, research, logistics and support for essential health services. *Xinhua*



ADDIS ABABA- World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Ghebreyesus (right) said the Africa Ebola outbreak preparedness and response plan placed communities at the centre because without their participation, contact tracing falters and safe care was delayed while transmission continued. Photo: Xinhua

# Ramaphosa outlines plans to address illegal immigration

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa president Cyril Ramaphosa on Sunday night announced a series of measures aimed at tackling illegal immigration amid growing public concern over the issue.

In a national address in Pretoria, the president said the cabinet had adopted a Comprehensive Approach for Migration Management designed to strengthen immigration enforcement, secure borders, combat corruption, and improve the immigration system and policies.

Under the new approach, Ramaphosa said the government would beef up efforts to identify and deport undocumented migrants, establish dedicated immigration courts to expedite deportation processes, strengthen border security, and impose tougher penalties on employers who knowingly hire undocumented foreign nationals.

The measures come as concerns over illegal immigration have featured prominently in public discourse in recent months, with some community groups staging demonstrations in several cities, including Johannesburg, Durban, Pretoria, and Cape Town.

Ramaphosa said many South Africans had expressed concerns about pressure on public services, unemployment, crime and competition for economic opportunities.

The president cautioned against blaming migrants for all

the country's socio-economic challenges.

"Illegal immigration is not the cause of all our economic challenges," he said, adding that faster economic growth, investment and job creation remained essential to addressing the country's broader problems.

However, Ramaphosa warned that irregular migration posed security and governance challenges if left unchecked, noting that illegal migration routes often overlapped with organised criminal activities, including human trafficking, extortion, illegal mining, drug trafficking, and money laundering.

He also stressed that enforcement of immigration laws remained the responsibility of the state and urged citizens not to take the law into their own hands.

"We will act against forces who are exploiting the concerns of our people about illegal immigration to further their own political, personal or criminal agendas," he said.

Ramaphosa called on South Africans to tackle the challenge through unity, determination, and respect for the rule of law, and reiterated that South Africa would continue to uphold its constitutional values and international obligations, while ensuring that everyone living and working in the country does so legally.

According to Statistics South Africa, the country is home to an estimated 3.3 million foreign-born residents, with nearly two-thirds originating from southern African countries. *Xinhua*

# WHO hands over medical supplies for Ebola prevention

LUSAKA

The World Health Organization (WHO) on Friday handed over medical supplies to Zambia to help strengthen the country's preparedness and response to the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda.

The donated medical supplies, valued at US\$22,000, included personal protective equipment, specimen transportation materials and laboratory reagents.

Clement Lasuba, the WHO Representative in Zambia, said during a donation ceremony held in Lusaka, that the move demonstrated the organisation's commitment to supporting Zambia in strengthening its preparedness and response capacity. He expressed hope that the donation would significantly enhance Zambia's ability to diagnose and test suspected Ebola cases, following the provision of a mobile laboratory.

"This handover is not simply a donation; it is a contribution toward a stronger, safer, and more resilient health system, one that is capable of detecting threats, responding rapidly, and protecting communities before outbreaks become emergencies," he said.

Lasuba thanked Zambian authorities for the measures taken so far to prepare the country, including the development of a national preparedness and response plan and the implementation of other preventive measures.

According to Lasuba, the WHO, in collaboration with the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, had launched a continental preparedness and response plan to contain the outbreak as quickly as possible, support affected countries, and prevent its spread to countries bordering

the DRC.

George Sinyangwe, permanent secretary for donor coordination at the Ministry of Health, thanked the WHO for the donation, saying it was a testament to the enduring partnership between

the WHO and Zambia.

He pledged that the donated supplies would be used transparently and efficiently to ensure that frontline health workers are protected and that communities remain safe. *Xinhua*



GOMA - Medical workers at an Ebola treatment centre in the Democratic Republic of the Congo recently. The World Health Organization has donated medical supplies worth US\$22,000 to Zambia, to demonstrate the organisation's commitment to supporting Zambia's response capacity. Photo: Xinhua

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**NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION**

**NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION-OWNER** of plot 60419 Gaborone wishes to develop a boundary wall. Any objections should be sent to Gaborone City Council Physical Planning ( 3657400 ) within 14 days of this notice.

**CHANGE OF LAND USE** owner of plot 15857 want to change land use from residential to commercial. For any objection call 75649179 or contact Physical Planning Office Mogoditshane District Council during working hours

**CHANGE OF LANDUSE** notice-Owner of plot 27138 Ledumadumane, Mogoditshane wishes to change the use of their plot from single family to multifamily residential. Any objections to the proposal should within 14 days be referred to Mogoditshane / Thamaga District Council, Physical Planning Department, Telephone number 3105615

**PLOT 6988-KO THE** owner of plot 6988-KO wishes to develop a multi story residential house and boundary wall in Eco-City, Gaborone, Botswana. For any enquiries contact 77501025/74272326

**MOCHUDI ROVERS SPORTING** club intends to change land use of Tribal lot 18981 in Mochudi from Civic and community to commercial use. Any objections should be forwarded to Kgatleng district council physical planning office (+2675777411) within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice

**OWNER OF PLOT** 3303,Tlokweng Metlabeng wishes to consult plot 3302 & 3304 on their intention to construct a boundary wall. Objections should be directed to Tlokweng physical planning office at 5777411 within 14 days of publication.

**OWNER OF PLOT** 2177, Metlabeng, Tlokweng intends to erect boundary wall. Objections call 3695018 within fourteen days of this publication.

**OWNER OF PLOT** 6870 Metsimotlhabe Block-4 wishes to consult plot 6886, 6871 & 6885 on their intention to construct a boundary wall. Objections should be directed to Mogoditshane physical planning on 3105651 within 14 days of publication.

**VACANCIES**

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**CHANGE OF LAND -USE**  
Catherine Rapelang Bogatsu, (owner), would like to change land use of **Plot 1150, Tlokweng** from single-family residential to multi-family residential. For objection contact **Tlokweng District Council, Physical Planning office on Telephone No: 3928355**, within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

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Application deadline: 23 June 2026



**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
Master's Reference: ESHGB-000305/26

**IN THE ESTATE** of the **Late CANCHANLAL JINABHAI** who died at Mumbai on the **16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024**. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the 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 GABORONE ON THIS 3rd DAY OF JUNE 2026**

The Executor  
Kunaal Jinabhai  
C/O Akheel Jinabhai & Associates  
P.O Box 20575  
GABORONE  
Cell: 3163125  
Email: akheel@aja.co.bw  
tiso@aja.co.bw


**LOST TITLE DEED**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 1252/2020 dated **21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2020** made in favour of **PURPLE-BLUE HOLDINGS PROPRIETARY LIMITED**, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

**CERTAIN:** piece of land being Lot 17628 Gaborone;  
**SITUATE:** in Gaborone Administrative District;  
**MEASURING:** 684 m<sup>2</sup> (Six Hundred and Eighty Four Square Metres);  
**WHICH PROPERTY:** is held under Deed of Transfer No. 1252/2020 dated 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2020 made in favour of **PURPLE-BLUE HOLDINGS PROPRIETARY LIMITED**;

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

**DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026**



**SITUATION VACANT: FARM WORKER REQUIRED AT SANDVELD FARMS (No.1 POSITIONS)**

**HOW TO APPLY**  
Applicants should send their applications with a detailed CV and certified copies of their academic qualifications to: The Office Manager, Estate Property Investments (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. or hand delivered to the above address on or before the **22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2026**.



H/W MRS PHETOGO  
**IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF GHANZI HELD AT GHANZI**  
CCCMGZ-0000211-24

In the matter between

**Lesedi Lemme** **PLANIFF**  
AND  
**Ephraim Solomon** **RESPONDENT**

**SUBSTITUTED SERVICES**

**TO: EPHRAIM SOLOMON**, An adult male Resident at Lethakane of full capacity who's full and better particulars are to the plaintiff unknown.

**TAKE NOTICE;** you are hereby summoned to appear before **24<sup>th</sup> June 2026** at **08:30 am** before H/W **Mrs Phetogo** ,to show cause why a decree of civil imprisonment should not be made against you at the Lesedi Lemme for non-payment.

**DATED AT GHANZI THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026**

R.N.RAMOLEFHE.  
PLAINTIFF DEPUTY SHERIFF.  
P.O.BOX 2362, **FRANCISTOWN**  
CELL NO; 74576587

**HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES BOTSWANA (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED IS A LEADER IN PROVIDING NEXT GENERATION TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS, LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

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**Education & Experience**  
**Education :** Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Supply Chain Management, Finance, or a related field (or equivalent experience).  
**Experience :** Typically requires 2-4 years of experience in a procurement, purchasing, or administrative operations role.

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The Visa Specialist (Botswana) is responsible for managing, preparing, and processing visa and work permit applications for international employees, clients, or travelers entering or departing Botswana. This role ensures full compliance with Botswana's Department of Immigration and Citizenship and Ministry of Labour rules, focusing heavily on local localization policies and skills-transfer regulations.

**Key Responsibilities**

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**Requirements & Qualifications**

**Experience :** 2-5 years of experience in immigration consulting, global mobility, or corporate HR specializing in Southern African (specifically Botswana) immigration procedures.

**Knowledge:** Deep understanding of the Botswana Department of Immigration and Citizenship framework and the Regional Immigrants Selection Board processes.

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**APPLICATION IN TERMS OF REGULATION 46 (3) OF THE DEEDS REGISTRY ACT CAP 33:02**

I, the undersigned:.....**Maripe Sophonia Rampou** ... being the executrix/executor of the estate of the late ... **Mofulatsi Isaiiah Rampou** ... being duly authorized thereto by virtue of a family resolution dated ...**29... Day of ...May...2012...**

Do hereby make oath and state that:

Do hereby make application to the Registrar of Deeds in terms of the above-mentioned provision for a certified copy in respect of the following property;

**CERTAIN** : \_\_\_\_\_ Piece of land being Portion 16, a Portion of Portion 2, of the farm PUMULA No. 20-JO

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I have attached an Affidavit and adverts as required by statutes to support my application.

APPLICANT

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**CHANGE OF LAND USE**

**FRANACO (PTY) LTD**, through **Royland Park (Pty) Ltd**, wishes to change land use of their **Plot 11885 Mogoditshane**, from commercial to mixed use (**Commercial and Mixed Use**).

For enquiries contact Royland Park (Pty) Ltd, Cellphone No. **71894935** or Mogoditshane Sub-District Council on telephone - **310 5615**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

MASTER'S Reference ESHGB 000293/24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **CECILIAH MBOHO** who died at Marepo ward Thamaga Kweneng District Botswana on the **24th February 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.

EXECUTOR DATIVE  
INNOCENT MATLHOKO  
P O BOX 836  
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**Closing Date: 22/06/2026**

**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that at a special general meeting of members of Kweneng North Horticultural Farmers Marketing Cooperative Society Limited, **Registration No.298**, held on **24 January 2026**, it was resolved that the name of the Cooperative Society be changed to **GRAND AGRO INDUSTRIES COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED**. The change was duly approved by the Department of Cooperatives on **8th April 2026**.  
Godfrey Mudanga  
Chairman

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA AT LOBATSE**

CASE NO. CVHGB-000337-26

In the matter between  
**ESINAM FRANCISCA TEY** PLAINTIFF AND  
**ONYANA MOTLHALAMBE** DEFENDANT

**NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION**

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to an Order of this Honorable Court dated 25th day of March 2026, the following **immovable property** of the above mentioned Defendant will be sold in execution to the highest bidder by Deputy Sheriff **Daniel Gabathlokwe** in the manner hereinafter set out.

**DATE OF SALE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2026  
**TIME OF SALE:** 10:00 a.m.  
**PLACE OF SALE:** PLOT 38483, BLOCK 5, MOGODITSHANE  
**TERMS OF SALE:** Cash or bank guaranteed cheques  
**PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:**  
Plot 38483, Block 5, Mogoditshane (Multi Residential) Situated at Bakwena Tribal Territory. Measuring 45x52x57x40 square metres which property is held under Certificate of Customary Land Grant dated 29 April 2004 made in favor of Binang Letshelea, with some developments thereon being; (three two and halves fitted with bathroom and toilet), three roomed house, two roomed house and two bedroomed house fitted with bathroom and kitchen, fenced.  
\*The conditions of sale may be inspected at the Offices of Deputy Sheriff Gabathlokwe. The highest bidder shall be required to make an upfront payment of P10,000.00 at the auction sale non-refundable\*  
**DATED AT GABORONE THIS 3rd DAY OF JUNE 2026**

DEPUTY SHERIFF DANIEL GABATHLOKWE  
CELL: 72816562/77815765  
C/O: KP LAW GROUP  
PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY  
PLOT 19172, PHASE 2,  
GABORONE WEST  
GABORONE  
TEL: 74344906 / 3126190

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000525-24**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **GABAITSE KGOSIDINTSI-ESHGB 000525-24** who passed on at Lenmed Health Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 29th June 2021.

**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 on the 03.05.2026**  
Obamang Kgosidintsi  
+267 72236506

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

Mater's Reference: **ESHGB 000629-24**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **MHIEMANG MHIEMANG AND KEBOTSE MHIEMENG - ESHGB 000629-24** Who both died at Thamaga Primary Hospital, Thamaga Kweneng District, Botswana on the 9th June 2012 and Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 27th June 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.....2026**  
The Executrix, Monnosi Mpedinyane, P O BOX 1070.THAMAGA  
Cell: 71217039

**FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000450/25

**IN THE ESTATE** of the Late **STELLA SANKI TEMA** who died at Sir Ketumile Teaching Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

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

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

**DATED at ..... this ..... Day of ..... 2026.**

Executrix Dative  
**Emisang Tema**  
P. O. Box 82130, GABORONE  
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**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:** 1472/1999 dated 2nd day of September 1999 made in favour of Gladys Nono Phokodi In respect of:

**CERTAIN** : Piece of land being Lot 12179  
**SITUATE** : Gaborone  
**MEASURING** : 435 m<sup>2</sup> (Four Hundred and Thirty-Five Square M)  
**HELD UNDER** : 1472/1999 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1999

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 \_\_\_\_\_ ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_**

Mercy Mavis Segale  
APPLICANT

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE**

**IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KWENENG HELD AT MOGODITSHANE**

Case No: CCMG-000593-25  
**In the matter between:**  
**Tapologo A. Mogorosi** - Applicant  
and  
**Thalefang Nkwane** - Respondent

**TAKE NOTICE** that legal proceedings have been instituted against you in the Magistrate Court for the District of Kweneng held at Mogoditshane under Case Number CCMG-000593-25.

By an Order of Court granted on 26 May 2025, service of the court you are required to contact the Clerk of Court.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that service shall be deemed to have been effected **seven (7) days after the date of publication** of this notice.

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- Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration or equivalent accounting qualifications plus full membership to a professional accounting institution such as ACCA, CIMA, CA
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- Minimum 15 years post qualifications experience with at least 7 years experience in a senior management position.
- Proficiency in basic computer applications (including MS Microsoft Suite products Excel, word and PowerPoint)

#### How to apply

Interested candidates are advised to apply in writing with a detailed CV and copies of relevant certificates to the address below:

#### Contacts

HR Agrifeed  
Head Office, Plot 75775, Sethoa, Gaborone  
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Closing date: 26th June 2026



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Interested candidates should submit their applications to recruitmentbw@mitchellgroup.net

Applications must include:

- **A motivational letter** explaining your interest in the role.
- **A comprehensive CV** addressing the specific requirements outlined above.
- Copies of all **relevant qualifications**.
- **Traceable references**.

Candidates should be free of encumbrances. Closing Date for Applications: 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2026

## NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

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

Name of Deceased Person.	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
JACOB JAJANE.	ESHMY 000052-26.	16.06.26.	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 27 APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000649-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KGALALELO BALANG** who died at 18 Claridge Road, Hartshill Stoke on Trent in the United Kingdom on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

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

DATED at \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

THE EXECUTOR | Kenneth Moabi Matlakele  
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  - \* Alarm monitoring and Response management
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  - \* Special events management
- Must be computer literate and have excellent excel, word, and outlook skills
- Must have own vehicle and valid driver license.

All applications must be submitted to Plot 168, unit 8, Commerce Park, Gaborone, or e-mail to info@stallion.co.bw.

Tel :- 391 2201

Closing Date: 19/06/2026

## FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB-000409/23

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MICHAEL JACK DIPUO** who died at Athlone Hospital, Lobatse, Lobatse District, Botswana on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

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

DATED at \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026

The Executrix, Tshakiso Michael, P O Box 10156, Woodhall, LOBATSE  
Cell: 72215657

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000224-24

IN THE ESTATE of the later **MILLICENT NOSIPHO QAMPI** ESHGB 000224-24 Who dies at Lenmed Bokamoso P. Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 15th 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 \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

The Executrix  
Dolly Goitseone Qampi  
P O Box 1504  
GABORONE  
Cell: 74341797

## NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KWENENG HELD AT MOGODITSHANE

Case No: CCMG-000593-25

In the matter between:

Tapologo A. Mogorosi - Applicant  
and

Thalefang Nkwane – Respondent

TAKE NOTICE that legal proceedings have been instituted against you in the Magistrate Court for the District of Kweneng held at Mogoditshane under Case Number CCMG-000593-25.

By an Order of Court granted on 26 May 2025, service of the court you are required to contact the Clerk of Court.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that service shall be deemed to have been effected seven (7) days after the date of publication of this notice.

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference:  
ESHMY 0000128-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **GOSABOELWENG KEITSE** who died at Block 8, Plot 34149, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

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

DATED at MAHALAPYE on this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of MAY 2026.

The Executive  
Golebaganye Keoitse  
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Cell: 71494067

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference:  
ESHGB-000001/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **Moiserale Modisagarekwe** who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

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

DATED at ..... on this .....day of .....2026.

Executrix Dative  
Keolebogile Gaalafe  
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## CHANGE OF LAND USE

**Kesegofetse Mosimanyana**, owner of plot No. 7152, Bokaa, Kgatleng District would like to Change land use from multi-family residential to mixed use (Commercial and Recreational)

For any objection contact Kgatleng District Council, Physical Planning Office tel ; 577 3512 /14/ 09 ; or plot owner on 71 551 020 within **14 days** of this publication.

## FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

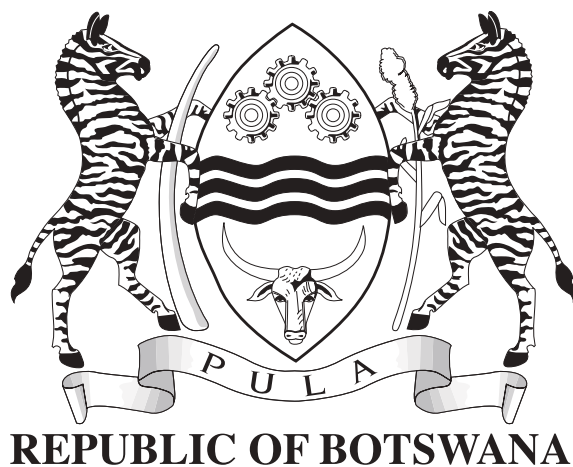
ESHGB-000805/23

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE **GAREITSHENYE NKUELANG** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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

DATED AT...GABORONE...ON THE... 28<sup>th</sup> .....DAY OF ..... MAY.....2026

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## DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES

# TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

**REF: SP/DBS/002/2025-2026**

**REQUEST FOR TENDER CANCELLATION AND RE –  
TENDERING FOR – CYCLE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT  
FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STUDIO, AUDITORIUM AND  
AMPHITHEATER LIGHTNING SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED  
EQUIPMENT FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY (24) MONTHS.  
TENDER NO. SP/DBS/002/2025-2026**

Bidders are informed that the above mentioned tender which was an open domestic bid and was advertised on the **8<sup>th</sup> of September 2025** and closed on the **22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2025** has been cancelled in accordance with **Public Procurement Regulation 2023, Regulation 66 Sub Regulation 4(a)**.

**We regret the inconvenience caused.**

Thank you.

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Office of the Government Buyer  
**Ministry for State President, Defence and Security**



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA  
Ministry of Health

# AMENDMENT NOTICE

This notice constitutes an amendment to the previously published advertisement that was published on **Tuesday June 2, 2026** in the Daily News.

**Amendment: Extension of Application Deadline**

Please be advised that the application deadline for the positions listed below has been extended. The new closing date for submissions is **19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**.

**Affected Positions:**

- Assignment Title: **RECRUITMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RISK MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST**  
Reference No.: BW-MOH-543805-CS-INDV
- Assignment Title: **MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M&E) OFFICER**  
Reference No.: BW-MOH-543796-CS-INDV
- Assignment Title: **SOCIAL SAFEGUARD SPECIALIST**  
Reference No.: BW-MOH-543799-CS-INDV

Applicants who have already submitted their applications are not required to resubmit. All other terms and conditions of the original advertisement remain unchanged.

For any additional queries please do not hesitate to reach out to the following email: [heprrmohproc@gov.bw](mailto:heprrmohproc@gov.bw)

## FOURS TAKEAWAY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### DIRECTOR – OPERATIONS

Fours Take Away (Pty) Ltd is one of Botswana’s fastest-growing quick service restaurant operator, currently managing 9 outlets located in Gaborone, Mogoditshane, Gabane, Main Mall, Tlokweng, Ghanzi, and Maun. As part of our aggressive expansion strategy to establish outlets throughout Botswana, we are seeking a dynamic, highly experienced, and results-oriented professional to fill the position of:

#### DIRECTOR – OPERATIONS

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Provide strategic leadership and operational oversight for all existing and future outlets.
- Drive business growth, profitability, and operational excellence.
- Develop and implement systems, policies, and procedures to support rapid expansion.
- Lead and mentor outlet management teams to achieve company objectives.
- Monitor financial performance, customer satisfaction, and operational standards.
- Identify and execute opportunities for business improvement and expansion.

**Minimum Requirements:**

- A minimum of 20 years’ relevant management and operational experience, preferably within the retail, hospitality, food service, or quick-service restaurant industry.
- Relevant academic qualifications in Business Management, Operations Management, Commerce, Hospitality Management, or a related field.
- Proven experience in managing multiple business locations and large teams.
- Strong leadership, analytical, financial, and communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to manage growth and expansion projects.
- Must be willing and able to travel extensively throughout Botswana.

**What We Offer:**

- Opportunity to lead a rapidly expanding national brand.
- Competitive remuneration package commensurate with experience and qualifications.
- Career growth within an ambitious and dynamic organization.

Interested candidates should submit a detailed CV together with certified copies of qualifications and references with in 7 days to: [contactus@fours.co.bw](mailto:contactus@fours.co.bw) / P.O. Box 768ABG, Sebele, Gaborone



# 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	EXIT DATE	MEMBERSHIP STATUS
Shathani Patricia Kelatetswe	16/09/2025	Active
Motlhagodi Bonang	24/11/2025	Active
Nthusang David	27/09/2025	Active
Bogosi Dijo	01/03/2025	Active
Sophie Kewagamang	21/01/2026	Active
Kgatlhego Lux	30/01/2026	Active
Baeti Machangane	06/02/2026	Active

MEMBER NAME	EXIT DATE	MEMBERSHIP STATUS
Mampitsa Matenanga	22/08/2024	Active
Kerapetse Molaudi	09/12/2025	Active
Kennetswe Mosugelo	19/01/2026	Deferred
Kgosimore Onalepelo	25/08/2025	Active
Violet Pharithi	05/01/2026	Active
Letota Tshosa	09/07/2025	Active

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School Visit Maun SSS	Maun	10 June @ 14:00
Expo At Cresta Rileys	Maun	10 June @ 18:00
Visit to Dukwi Refugee Camp	Dukwi	11 June @ 13:30-15:00
School Visit FSS	Francistown	12 June @ 14:00
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# Netanyahu has no choice - Trump



**LONDON** - US President Donald Trump asserted that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would have no choice but to accept any potential agreement the United States negotiated with Iran. Photo: Xinhua

LONDON

President Donald Trump has said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would have “no choice” but to accept any agreement reached between the United States and Iran, the Financial Times reported late Sunday.

Washington, not Israel, would determine the outcome of negotiations with Tehran, Trump said during a telephone interview with the British daily shortly after Iran launched a salvo of ballistic missiles at Israel.

“He won’t have any choice,” Trump was quoted as saying. “I call the shots. I call all the shots. He doesn’t call the shots.”

Asked whether Iran’s missile strikes on Israel would affect Washington’s willingness to continue negotiations with Tehran, Trump said the attacks would have no impact on a potential agreement.

“I think the deal is going on. We’ll see what happens,” he said, adding that any agreement would succeed or fail on its own merits and that the strikes would not alter his calculations.

Trump also downplayed the attacks, saying they “did not kick at all,” and described the conflict between Iran and Israel as “one of those things that’s been going for 3,000 years, or 47 years, depending on how you count.”

When asked what would happen if negotiations ultimately failed, Trump outlined two possible options. One would involve military action to address what he described as unfinished objectives in Iran, and the other would be to maintain a blockade on the country.

“The blockade has been probably more powerful than any attack that was ever made on that country,” he said.

Trump’s remarks came after U.S. media outlet Axios reported details last week of a heated telephone conversation between Trump and Netanyahu.

According to a U.S. official cited in the report, Trump told the Israeli leader: “You’d be in prison if it weren’t for me.”

Everybody hates you now. Everybody hates Israel because of this.”

Trump confirmed to the Financial Times that the call had taken place and did not challenge the characterisation of the exchange.

Despite several U.S.-brokered ceasefires between Israel and Lebanon, Washington has been unable to prevent Israel from carrying out near-daily strikes inside Lebanon.

Israel on Sunday launched another strike on a Hezbollah stronghold in Beirut.

Iran said its latest missile attacks on Israel were carried out in retaliation for that strike. Xinhua.

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## FIRST AND FINAL CALL FOR BENEFICIARIES - DEATH BENEFITS CLAIMS

Mmila Fund Administrators has received notifications regarding pension Death Benefits for Debswana Pension Fund members listed below. Investigations of these notifications are ongoing with the known family members. In order to ensure that all possible dependents and/or beneficiaries are accounted for, Mmila Fund Administrators wishes to give NOTICE to any unknown potential dependents and/or beneficiaries of the deceased members. Family members who have been contacted should ignore this notice.

**Respondents are required to contact Mmila Fund Administrators no later than 14 days from date of publication of this notice.**

Full Name	Member Status	Date of Death	Place of Residence
Maitiso Tekisi	Active	03.02.2026	Jwaneng / Moshopa
Balogi Ketsweletse	Pensioner	20.11.2025	Jwaneng / Kanye
Keekae Radipotsane	Pensioner	11.01.2026	Jwaneng / Pilikwe
Ofentse Kedule	Active	26.12.2025	Jwaneng / Thamaga

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# Arts & Culture

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Setsuatsue Traditional Group performing at Nhabe Museum 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Maun on Saturday.

## Batawana celebrate 30 years of cultural heritage

Esther Mmolai  
MAUN

Dressed in vibrant array of traditional attire, the Ngamiland community thronged the Nhabe Museum on Saturday.

They gathered to celebrate the museum's milestones, the endurance of memory, identity, and the community spirit.

The magnificent commemoration was held under the theme: The Nhabe Museum: A critical space

for safeguarding knowledge and celebrating cultural diversity.

The event celebrated 30 years of preserving stories, protecting heritage, inspiring learning, and providing a home for cultural expression.

Energetic indigenous songs, dances, poems, traditional cuisine, and cultural practices brought the event to life.

Delivering the keynote address, retired UB lecturer, Dr Eagilwe Segosebe stated that the anniversary was not just a celebration of the institution itself. It also honoured the people whose histories, traditions, creativity, and lived experiences have shaped the cultural landscape of the Ngamiland region and Botswana at large.

"As we commemorate this important milestone and this beautiful theme, we are invited to reflect deeply on the meaning and responsibility carried by this institution," Dr Segosebe said.

He said the theme reminded

all and sundry that museums are custodians of knowledge.

"They preserve the wisdom of generations—our languages, customs, oral traditions, music, crafts, sacred objects, historical records, and indigenous knowledge systems.

Without institutions such as the Nhabe Museum, many of these treasures risk disappearing forever." Dr Segosebe said, highlighting that the theme also recognises cultural diversity as a source of strength rather than weakness.

He noted that distinct cultures, traditions, and identities were not barriers to community cohesion but served as bridges that connect communities, encourage mutual respect, and strengthen social bonds.

According to Dr Segosebe, culture is the soul of a people, giving meaning to who they are, where they come from, and where they are going, a thing he stated help communities develop a sense

of belonging and pride.

Furthermore, he noted that in a rapidly changing world where globalisation and modernisation continued to influence lifestyles and identities, cultural institutions had become more important than ever.

"Museums are no longer silent buildings filled with old objects. They are living spaces of dialogue, learning, healing, innovation, and transformation," he said.

He thus appreciated that the Nhabe Museum Trust which has for three decades, played a significant role in safeguarding the rich and diverse cultural expressions of Ngamiland and Botswana.

The museum has documented histories, preserved invaluable collections, empowered artists and

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researchers, educated learners, and created platforms where communities can see themselves reflected and celebrated.

As the museum moves forward, Dr Segosebe encouraged local communities to contribute toward its collections.

He noted that families possess historical materials such as photographs, artefacts, oral histories, traditional tools, baskets, musical instruments, and important records that tell the story of the people.

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*Ndapiwa Van Den Brenk flanked by her princesses after being crowned Mrs Botswana 2026 at the pageant grand finale in Tlokweng on Saturday. She also won the Mrs People's Choice and Best Impression awards. Mrs Botswana organisation on Saturday premiered, Ms Entrepreneurship World during the crowning of the organisation's 10<sup>th</sup> Queen Photo: Pheny Ramatu*

# Miss Entrepreneur World pageant in the offing

**Idah Basimane**  
**GABORONE**

A great movement begins with a great dream—a dream that refuses to remain a mere idea.

It is a dream that demands courage, and those who pursue it with perseverance are ultimately rewarded. It is to this end that the Mrs Botswana organisation on Saturday premiered, Ms Entrepreneurship World during the crowning of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mrs Botswana queen amid gleam and glam at the Royal Aria convention centre in Tlokweng on Saturday.

Mrs Botswana organisation hope to leverage the initiative to broaden its vision and lure entrepreneurs from all corners of the globe to share knowledge, build partnerships, exchange ideas and inspire one another.

The international brand is scheduled to stage its inaugural event next year. It is committed to creating a global community of entrepreneurs, innovators, change-makers and leaders who are passionate about developing solutions and advancing economic empowerment.

Mrs Botswana envisions a platform that will not only

recognise women but also connect inspire and amplify their influence across the borders.

The founder and Chief Executive Director of Mrs Botswana, Kgalalelo Nolly Lesetedi, revealed that the concept of Ms Entrepreneur World lived in her heart long before it became a reality.

She explained that the idea stems from a simple but powerful belief: entrepreneurship has the power to transform lives, families, communities, and nations.

“Around the world, there are countless women building businesses, creating jobs, solving problems and driving change. Yet, many of their stories remain untold, their impact unrecognised and their potential under-celebrated,” Lesetedi said.

She added that the official launch by the Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeg, reflected the growing importance of women's leadership, entrepreneurship, innovation and national development.

It is now clear that Mrs Botswana was never meant to be just a pageant. Instead, it is designed to be a platform of purpose, a podium where leadership meets enterprise, a platform where vision meets opportunity and an arena where influence meets impact, she said.

In the past, contestants from this organisation had worked on a broad spectrum of projects that included, tackling child protection, poverty relief and gender-based violence (GBV).

At this year's landmark event, 21-year-old Mrs Ndapiwa Van Den Brenk of Nswaswi was crowned the 10<sup>th</sup> queen, ahead of

nine other finalists. The stunning Mrs Van Den Brenk shared that she felt completely ‘numb’ when announced as the winner.

Joining her court was 50-year-old Sylvia Moremong of Mochudi, who was crowned the 1<sup>st</sup> princess. Mrs Temo Oteng Eric of Ramokgonami took 2nd runner-up. Thirty-one-year-old Mrs Gofaone Kabiti of Ratholo took 3rd runner-up, while Mrs Boitumelo Pagiwa of Thamaga, aged 41, finished in the fourth position.

Meanwhile the Minister Kelebeg described Ms Entrepreneur World as a bold and brilliant initiative.

He stated that the movement was a transformative step designed to champion female enterprise globally while showcasing Botswana's growing influence as a vibrant hub for international business and tourism.

“The inception of Ms Entrepreneur World marks a major shift in mindset from participation to ownership, from

consumption to creation, and from exporting opportunity to attracting it to Botswana. It demonstrates the country's ability to build international-standard brands that can draw envoys, investors, tourists, entrepreneurs, and global attention,” Minister Kelebeg said.

He further noted that the endeavor aligns with the government's mandate to boost citizen economic empowerment and develop sustainable industries.

**BOPA**

## Batawana celebrate 30 years of cultural heritage

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Furthermore, he noted that the future of the museum lies in transformation, innovation, and digital adaptation, calling on everyone to boldly confront the future.

“Technology has created opportunities for museums to reach audiences beyond geographical borders and to create immersive experiences for varied audiences across the world. We must, therefore, embrace information and communication technologies as critical tools for advancing the museum's mandate,” he added.

Kgosi Tawana Moremi

acknowledged that the museum had been quiet for years and commended the museum board and local artists for resuscitating the facility and restoring its prestige as a lively cultural hub.

While acknowledging that the region is made up of different tribes, he reiterated that the museum's revival requires the concerted efforts of all ethnic groups to ensure that collections authentically represent their diverse cultural heritage.

“We appreciate that, in due course, our museum will take centre stage as companies like Chobe Holdings and Khoemacau, among others, are coming forward to support it. I wish

other companies would follow suit and support the museum so it can continue preserving heritage for future generations,” Kgosi Tawana added.

Outlining the objectives of the event, Nhaba Museum Board Vice-Chairperson Seloilwe Seloilwe noted that the celebration aimed to honour the region's cultural diversity and living heritage, strengthen community participation, and foster intergenerational learning.

It also aimed to support local artists and cultural practitioners, position the museum as a regional knowledge and cultural hub, and use heritage to promote unity.

**BOPA**



## Andreeva wins maiden Grand Slam title

### PARIS

Russian teenager Mirra Andreeva captured her first Grand Slam title after defeating Polish qualifier Maja Chwalinska 6-3, 6-2 in the French Open women's singles final on Saturday.

Playing in just her fourth French Open, 19-year-old Andreeva completed a remarkable rise on the Paris clay.

She made her Grand Slam debut by coming through qualifying at Roland Garros in 2023, reached the semifinals one year later and lifted the Coupe

Suzanne-Lenglen this season.

Chwalinska, ranked 114<sup>th</sup> before the tournament, also enjoyed a breakthrough run.

The 24-year-old Pole advanced from qualifying and defeated several higher-ranked opponents, including China's Zheng Qinwen in the opening round, before seeing her fairytale campaign ended by Andreeva.

Coached by former world No. 2 and 2000 Roland Garros runner-up Conchita Martinez, Andreeva went one step further than her coach by claiming the trophy in Paris. **Xinhua**



**PRETORIA** - Members of the South African squad for the 2026 FIFA World Cup posing for a group photo with head coach Hugo Broos (first row 7<sup>th</sup> right), South African President Cyril Ramaphosa (first row 8<sup>th</sup> right) and others during a send-off dinner in South Africa recently. Hugo Broos said his team must stick to its game plan and ignore the crowd when it faced co-host Mexico in Thursday's World Cup opener at the Mexico City Stadium. Photo: Xinhua

## South Africa ready for Mexico test

### MEXICO CITY

South Africa coach Hugo Broos said his team must stick to its game plan and ignore the crowd when it faces co-host Mexico in Thursday's World Cup opener at the Mexico City Stadium.

The Belgian said the match would provide a unique opportunity for his players, but warned them against being overwhelmed by the experience.

"It's going to be a special and fantastic experience because my players have never been in this situation," he told reporters on Sunday.

"It's going to be very important that we stick to our game plan. We all know how many Mexicans will be in the stadium. But we're clear on what we need to do when they have the ball and when we have possession. We'll work on the final details in our next two training sessions. Everything is focused on this game."

Broos said Mexico's strength lies in the quality and depth of its squad, rather than any individual player.

The South African coach said his side would need to produce a high-level performance against a team he described as committed and ambitious.

"All of Mexico's players are dangerous," he said. "They have great movement and solidarity. They want to be world champions. They are playing well and are committed. They are a very good team and we'll have to be at our best if we want a good result."

Broos said South Africa had prepared for Mexico's aggressive style and expected the host to play with a particularly high tempo on Thursday.

"I do not have one particular name from Mexico that worries me because the y have many quality players.

I expect them to perform at a high level next Thursday. They are a very complete and aggressive team across the pitch, something we will try to balance out," the coach said.

Broos also downplayed the value of any recent footage Mexico may have studied of his team, saying the opponent was already familiar with South Africa.

"I was also surprised that the highlights of this match against Jamaica were all over social media. But Mexico's coach does not need that match against Jamaica to know us, he probably knows more about us," he added. **Xinhua**

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"This is not my first international assignment, but every opportunity to officiate at this level is special. Being selected for the World Boxing Cup is a huge honour and recognition of the work that I have put into the sport over the years," he said.

Ngwako said the assignment carried added significance because he would be the only black official representing Africa at the tournament.

"In most cases there are about 40 officials at these competitions and I will be the only black official representing Africa and Botswana. That alone makes me very proud because I know I am carrying the hopes and aspirations of many people back home and across the continent," he said.

Despite the milestone, Ngwako said Africa had the potential to produce more world-class boxing officials if greater investment was made in the sport.

"We have talented people across Africa who can reach this level. The challenge is often funding. More tournaments and greater exposure are needed to develop officials and give them opportunities to gain international experience," he said.

A highly respected international referee and judge, Ngwako has officiated at several major competitions around the world and continues to serve as one of Botswana's leading ambassadors in boxing.

His latest appointment is expected to further enhance his international profile while contributing to the growth and development of boxing in Botswana. **BOPA**

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## Botswana to host African chess championships

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**MOLEPOLOLE**

Botswana is set to host Africa's finest chess players, officials and guests for the 2026 African Individual Chess Championships, scheduled to take place at Debswana Jwaneng Mine from June 18 to 27.

In a press release, the Botswana Chess Federation (BCF) said the championship marks a historic milestone as it will be the first time Botswana hosts the continent's premier individual chess competition.

BCF president, Kutlwano Tatolo, said the tournament was recognised as Africa's most prestigious individual chess event and served as a qualification pathway to the FIDE Chess World Cup, attracting some of the continent's strongest players.

"We are delighted to confirm participation from 25 African countries, including three Grandmasters and more than 10 International Masters, alongside numerous titled players and rising talents who represent the future of African chess. Their presence reflects the growing strength and popularity of chess across the continent and underscores the importance of this championship within the global chess calendar," Tatolo said.

She said this year's championship was particularly significant as it coincided with the 50th anniversary of the African Chess Confederation (ACC).

Tatolo said Botswana was privileged to join the African chess community in celebrating five decades of promoting, developing and advancing the sport across the continent.

"Botswana is deeply honoured to host this milestone celebration in Jwaneng and to contribute to the continued growth of African chess," she said.

She further noted that hosting the championship demonstrated Botswana's growing reputation as a destination capable of staging world-class sporting events.

According to Tatolo, the event also presented an opportunity to showcase Botswana's hospitality, culture, tourism potential and organisational excellence to visitors from across Africa and beyond. She expressed gratitude to Debswana Jwaneng Mine, sponsors, partners, volunteers, government stakeholders and the ACC for their support in making the event possible.

Tatolo also invited Botswana to join the rest of the continent in celebrating the landmark occasion and to support players as they compete for continental honours and qualification to the FIDE Chess World Cup.

"Together, let us make the 2026 African Individual Chess Championships a memorable celebration of excellence, unity and the enduring power of chess to connect people across borders," she said. **BOPA**



Botswana Chess Federation president Kutlwano Tatolo

# Ngwako lands World Boxing Cup role

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Ngwako, a certified World Boxing International Referee and Judge, will be among a select group of officials overseeing bouts

at one of the sport's premier global competitions. He is expected to depart for China on Friday.

The appointment has been hailed as a significant achievement for both Ngwako and Botswana boxing.

Botswana Boxing Association (BoBA) Public Relations Officer Kabelo Seleka said the selection reflected growing international recognition of Botswana's technical officials.

"His appointment shows

that our officials are recognised internationally and that Botswana is producing individuals capable of performing at the highest level," Seleka said.

He said the appointment also demonstrated Botswana's increasing influence within international boxing circles.

Meanwhile, Ngwako described the assignment as a great honour and a proud moment for both Botswana and Africa.

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