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President Advocate Duma Boko (right) and Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe at the Economic Committee of Cabinet meeting in Phakalane yesterday. President Boko said the current economic trials demanded transformative leadership capable of engineered turnaround strategies for the betterment of the nation. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

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Nama community seeks recognition

Thuso Kgakatsi
HUKUNTSI

Across the Kalahari, indigenous communities share one demand recognition as the gateway to development. And Lokgwabe is not immune. Recently residents of Lokgwabe in Kgalagadi North told the Inter-Ministerial delegation assigned by the Office of the President to consult Basarwa communities that their political voice, language and land were key to survival

For the Nama people of Lokgwabe, that demand carries the weight of more than a century of displacement, war and marginalisation.

As the largest Khoekhoe group in Southern Africa, the Nama, also known as Namaqua or Khoe speak a click language and maintain an oral tradition rooted in pastoralism. In Botswana they are classified as Remote Area Dwellers. Nationally they number about 4 000, with roughly 1500 living mainly in Kgalagadi and Ngwaketse districts.

Though not many, the Nama are a distinct community with a history, culture, and identity that continue to shape the region. According to the information derived from the archives found in the village museum, Lokgwabe was born as a result of war. After the Battle of Swartfontein in 1905 during the Nama-German War, the Kharakhoen/Fransman Nama clan fled Namibia under pressure from colonial forces.

High-level negotiations between London, Berlin, and the Nama leadership led to the founding of Lokgwabe in 1909 by resistance leader Captain Simon Kooper.

Today the village has about 1417 residents and remains a living symbol of both colonial-era



Like many members of the Nama community, Ms Georgina Barkaath (left) and Ms Sarah Cooper of Lokgwabe, echoed calls for greater recognition and inclusion. They said meaningful development began with equal representation, preservation of their language and culture, improved access to land and services, as well as protection of their rich heritage. Photo: Thuso Kgakatsi

suffering and resilience.

Central to the community's grievances is lack of political representation.

Nama leaders told the delegation that no Nama currently hold elected or appointed positions at any level of government.

Some called for the appointment of their own Kgosi.

Others proposed that the deputy chief seat be reserved for a Nama,

given that Lokgwabe is shared with the Bakgalagadi.

"Inclusivity could go a long way in addressing most of our challenges. Our concerns would be articulated directly by one of our own," said one

Former Councillor Paul Cooper argued the same principle should apply to specially elected councillors.

"While merit should apply,

"Inclusivity could go a long way in addressing most of our challenges. Our concerns would be articulated directly by one of our own,"

consideration should be made to cater for marginalised groups.

Right now we are overpowered by the majority group, the Bakgalagadi, who win during elections and also get specially elected positions," Mr Cooper said.

"Representation is not about numbers alone, but about ensuring that policies and programmes reflect the realities of a community that has often been overlooked."

Secondly, the Nama community complain of language, culture and economic needs. Geogenah Baka called for the Nama language to be taught in schools. While a policy including Indigenous Knowledge exists, she said it is not being practised.

"For a community whose identity is tied to oral tradition and click-language, the loss of mother tongue would mean the loss of heritage," Ms Baka said.

She described Namas as naturally reserved, which she said has contributed to slow progress in empowerment, with only a few achieving success.

Ms Baka also requested that the community's patchwork attire be patented and protected. The garments, she explained, originated during the German genocide when clothes were torn as people fled, leading to patchwork designs that became a symbol of survival.

The community further raised concerns over the judging of Namastap competitions. As originators of the dance, they said it was losing substance because

adjudicators lacked the skill to identify authentic performances. They also appealed for government support to revive the Nama Cultural Festival, which was cancelled last year due to lack of funds.

On economic issues, residents said access to land for livestock was urgent.

"We are impoverished," residents told the delegation. "Farms would provide income, food security, and a pathway out of poverty for families that have historically depended on pastoralism."

A decades-old grievance was also raised. Hendrick Mogagomi said a clinic donation offered by Germany in 1973 as compensation for the genocide was built in Hukuntsi instead of Lokgwabe.

The council says there is no evidence to support the claim.

"For a community that traces its origins to war, flight and resettlement, the clinic would represent more than healthcare infrastructure, but an acknowledgment and justice," Mogagomi said.

Kgalagadi North District Council Chairperson Taolo Lucas acknowledged the distinction.

"I have recognised that the Namas are spectacularly different from the Basarwa. Their reasons for wanting their own Kgosi are understandable," said Mr Lucas.

Council leadership is beginning to appreciate the unique identity and needs of the Nama community, separate from other Remote Area Dweller groups."

From political representation to language, land and cultural festivals, the message from Lokgwabe was consistent.

With recognition, they believe, they will have schools that teach their mother tongue, farms that sustain livestock, a clinic in their ward, leadership that reflects their identity, and cultural programmes that preserve their heritage.

For the Nama of Lokgwabe, development cannot begin until they are first seen, heard, and counted as equal citizens of Botswana. **BOPA**

Healing programme begins with donation

Thuso Kgakatsi
KANG

First Lady Ms Kaone Boko has reaffirmed government's commitment to restoring hope and rebuilding the legacy of Matsha College, saying the school's painful past should serve as a foundation for healing, renewal and a brighter future for its learners.

Delivering the keynote address during a donation ceremony at the school on Tuesday, Ms Boko said the aim was to revive Matsha College's reputation and ensure that the tragedy which befell the institution would never be repeated.

The event formed part of activities leading up to the National Healing, Remembrance and Closure Programme.

"Matsha College continues to hold a special place in the nation's memory following the tragic road accident in Dutlwe in 2015, in which seven students lost their lives while travelling in a truck.," she said.

Ms Boko said she had come to the school with a message of hope and healing through the National Healing, Remembrance and Closure Programme, which seeks to assist communities, institutions and families affected by traumatic events to find healing while preserving the memory of those who were lost. As part of the

occasion, the First Lady donated blankets, mattresses, a stove, a printer and other essential items to the school, saying the gesture symbolised a shared commitment to restoring dignity and creating a conducive learning environment.

She said remembrance should go beyond erecting monuments, stressing that true remembrance was reflected in meaningful investments that promote healing and improve the lives of those left behind.

"The programme reminds us that remembrance is not just about putting up monuments, but about investing in healing," she said.

Ms Boko said the initiative was equally about creating opportunities that would enable future generations to thrive. She expressed hope that the engagement would inspire learners to excel academically and personally.

"We plead with you to listen to your teachers because we believe that the next time I visit this school, you will all have passed," she said.

She said she chose to visit Matsha College because she believed in the potential of its learners, adding that investing in children was an investment in the country's future.

Ms Boko described the donation as more than a contribution of material items, saying it represented an investment in education, dreams and the limitless potential of Botswana's children.

"We are saying that every child deserves to be in an environment where they can learn, grow and flourish," she said.

She noted that education remained one of life's greatest equalisers because knowledge could never be taken away, regardless of changing circumstances.

Ms Boko also paid tribute to teachers for their unwavering commitment, observing that their efforts often go unnoticed despite the significant role they play in shaping future generations.

"As we appreciate our children, we must also appreciate our teachers for the noble work they do every day," she said.

She encouraged learners to embrace the advice and mentorship offered by their teachers, revealing that she owed much of her own success to educators who believed in and encouraged her throughout her academic journey.

For her part, Kgosi Basadi Seipone III of Kang expressed confidence that the engagement would contribute to a significant improvement in Matsha College's academic performance.

She said the community was honoured to receive the First Lady, describing her as a caring parent to the nation's children.

Kgosi Seipone III added that the visit reflected a government that genuinely cared for the welfare and future of its people. **BOPA**

Boko pleads for transformative leadership

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

The President, Advocate Duma Boko has called on accounting officers to transform leadership and adopt bold strategies to uplift Botswana's ailing economy.

Speaking at the Economic Committee of Cabinet meeting yesterday, President Boko stated that the current economic trials demanded transformative leadership capable of engineered turnaround strategies for the betterment of the nation.

The President noted that the country's current economic status served as a clarion call for all citizenry to be 'hands on deck.'

He also pleaded with the

country's top brass to remain responsive and rigorous in their decision-making to successfully navigate such challenging economic times.

"This is the best time to be alive. This is the best time to serve this country. When everything seems bleak, dreary and gloomy, as decision-makers we are called upon to act. We are called upon to apply our minds. We are all professionals here of the highest eminence, trained and highly educated and the nation is looking upon us to steer the ship to safer shores," he said.

The President indicated that many of the country's top technocrats denied Botswana the benefit of their expertise and insight, despite possessing an awesome depth

of experience and a prodigious understanding of the issues they wrestle with.

"This is the test of our worth and mettle as intellectuals, scholars, professionals and educated people in whom this country has invested. What is our worth? How do we respond to these pressing challenges that face the country and our people? This is the time to prove ourselves. And so, I call on all of us to deal with these challenges and circumstances," he added.

President Boko further highlighted the need to find ways for government to reform itself, become more accountable and boost productivity. He emphasised that there was strict obligation to ensure that such reforms made the

state more efficient and agile.

Additionally, the President cautioned State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) to strive for self-sustenance and justify their continued existence.

"I have said this in relation to all State-Owned Enterprises and practically any and every other practice and institution, anyone of them that cannot justify its existence before the judgment seat of reason must and will give up that existence," he warned.

He stated that leaders must be exceptionally bold when making decisions regarding SOEs that offered no compelling case for their survival, noting that some may need to be dismantled or transformed into a shape or form that made them more responsive to current challenges.

Turning to governance, President Boko said government was fully committed to combating all acts of corruption, cautioning that the vice could completely destroy the economy if left unchecked.

"We will not succeed in achieving our desired goals, nor will we succeed in growing our economy in any meaningful way, if we allow corruption to be part of our business culture. I therefore wish to assure everyone that government is determined to do all it takes to win this battle," he added.

He further stated that the administration remained steadfast in finding the most potent and clinical ways to deal with corruption and ensure that it "never rears its head again in this jurisdiction." **BOPA**



First Lady Kaone Boko laying a wreath during the unveiling of a monument in Dutlwe yesterday, in memory of the nine Matsha College learners who died in a road accident in 2015. She urged all road users to observe road safety measures to help reduce road accidents. Photo: Felicity Male

First Lady unveils refurbished Dutlwe monument

Mothusi Galekhutle
DUTLWE

The First Lady, Ms Kaone Boko has, in a compassionate gesture aimed at healing decade-old wounds, unveiled the newly refurbished Dutlwe monument, transforming it into a permanent memorial and road safety hub for the nine Matsha College learners who tragically died in a 2015 open-truck accident.

On Friday, November 13, 2015, the learners were being

transported to their homes in the Letlhakeng region when the fatal crash occurred.

Speaking at the unveiling ceremony yesterday, First Lady Boko explained that the upgrade was designed to honour the victims and bring solace to their families, noting that the gesture was intended to provide closure and comfort rather than reopening healed wounds.

The First Lady emphasised that the newly designated hub must also serve as a reminder for all motorists and pedestrians to prioritise road safety to prevent future tragedies. Furthermore, she stated that the memorial should be a challenge to government to improve road conditions and infrastructure across the country.

Addressing the nation, she noted that combating road accidents required concerted efforts from everyone, hence called on Batswana to rekindle their inherent spirit of compassion.

The initiative falls under her broader National Healing, Remembrance and Closure programme, which aimed to support families grieving from tragic accidents while actively promoting road safety awareness.

Representing the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Ms Kankane Sephiri lauded the First Lady for championing the remembrance programme.

Ms Sephiri described the

refurbishment as a historic event, noting that the initiative aimed to pay tribute to the affected families rather than renew their grief.

She also noted that losing learners at such a tender age, before they could realise their dreams, was a profound tragedy.

She admitted that prior to the renovations, the dilapidated condition of the monument brought misery to the community, but the new upgrades had restored dignity and comfort to the site.

Again, she said that was not the only tragedy associated with Matsha College, explaining that prior to the road crash, the school had also lost nine learners who died after consuming ethanol.

The leadership also turned out in large numbers to support the initiative. Member of Parliament for Takatkwane Constituency and Minister of Sport and Arts, Mr Jacob Kelebeg, commended the First Lady's gesture, noting that the restored monument would bring lasting comfort to the community.

Chief of Staff at the Office of the President, Dr Oupa Tsheko also praised the First Lady for her dedication to honouring the victims.

Dr Tsheko highlighted that the entire refurbishment project was made possible through private donations to ensure that it was completed successfully without drawing from the government purse. **BOPA**

Parliament set for historic opening of winter session

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

For the first time in history and in a move aimed at strengthening democratic governance, Parliament will formally inaugurate its legislative meeting with a dedicated opening ceremony.

The landmark ceremony will take place at the commencement of the Third Meeting of the Second Session of the 13th Parliament, commonly known as the Winter Parliament, scheduled to begin on July 13.

Designed around themes of symbolism, dignity and brevity, the new ceremony will feature addresses from the Speaker of the National Assembly, Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition.

The joint addresses are intended to demonstrate that both government and the opposition remain united in their constitutional responsibility to uphold parliamentary independence.

Opposition Chief Whip and Member of Parliament for Maun West, Mr Carterpillar Hikuama, welcomed the initiative as a major step forward.

"This is a welcome development

for our Parliament. As the opposition, we should embrace these changes as we move toward making Parliament more independent," Mr Hikuama said.

He applauded the current Speaker of the National Assembly, Dithapelo Keorapetse, praising his progressive approach to parliamentary reform and leadership. He noted that the changes marked a significant and positive departure from traditional practices.

"The formal opening of the legislative meeting will set the tone for how the Speaker expects Members of Parliament to conduct business and it outlines what MPs should expect to see happening throughout the session," he added.

He further noted that past parliaments were often heavily influenced by the Executive branch, which frequently predetermined how parliamentary business was conducted.

On one hand, Mr Hikuama stated that the opposition was gearing up to bring critical community issues to the floor.

"We will be focusing on bringing forward issues affecting our communities through Motions and Private Members Bills," he said. **BOPA**



Opposition Chief Whip and Member of Parliament for Maun West, Mr Carterpillar Hikuama. He welcomed the introduction of Parliament's first formal opening ceremony for the legislative meeting, saying was a step towards strengthening parliamentary independence and democratic governance. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

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ICT Awards to celebrate digital innovators

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GABORONE

Recognising and celebrating local innovators can accelerate the country's digital transformation and strengthen its position in the digital economy.

Delivering the keynote address at the launch of the 2026 National ICT Summit and Awards nomination process, Cavista Technologies Botswana general manager Ms Katlego Arnone said Botswana was at a pivotal moment in its digital journey and should position itself as an active creator of technology rather than merely a consumer.

Ms Arnone said Africa was increasingly shaping its own technological future through innovation, artificial intelligence and cybersecurity, adding that the continent had an opportunity to develop home-grown digital solutions capable of addressing local and global challenges.

She said innovation was driven by individuals who were willing to take risks, think differently and challenge conventional ways of doing things, noting that while technology and digital infrastructure were important, it was people who ultimately transformed nations through their ideas and creativity.

Ms Arnone further stressed the importance of recognising innovators while they were still alive, saying celebrating excellence inspired future generations and encouraged more people to contribute to Botswana's growing digital economy.

Launching the nomination process, Botswana Information Technology Society (BITS) president Mr Tshepo Bathai encouraged individuals and organisations to nominate deserving candidates or submit nominations for themselves for the national ICT awards.

Mr Bathai said the launch marked another milestone for the initiative, following the inaugural summit and awards launch last year. He said the awards recognised individuals and organisations making significant contributions to Botswana's digital transformation.

He further said digitisation was central to the successful implementation of the P358 billion National Development

Plan (NDP)12, underscoring the critical role the ICT sector would play in Botswana's economic and social development.

He added that BITS continued to engage government on the regulation of the ICT profession to strengthen professional standards and support the sector's continued growth. He also invited companies and organisations to partner with BITS by sponsoring the awards, saying private sector support would contribute to recognising excellence and promoting innovation across the country's ICT industry.

Meanwhile, chairperson of the ICT awards adjudication committee, Mr Noble Katse explained that the awards featured 11 categories organised under four streams: Innovation and Digital Transformation; Entrepreneurship and Start-ups; Education and Capacity Building; and Inclusion, Diversity and Leadership.

The awards, billed for November 6, will recognise excellence in areas including digital transformation, entrepreneurship, cybersecurity, education, women and youth in ICT, media excellence and lifetime achievement. Nominations are now open and will close on the date announced by the organisers. **BOPA**



ICT awards adjudication committee chairperson, Mr Noble Katse (left), Cavista Technologies Botswana general manager, Ms Katlego Arnone (centre) and Botswana Information Technology Society president, Mr Tshepo Bathai during the unveiling of categories of the national ICT summit and awards 2026 in Gaborone on Wednesday. Ms Arnone said Botswana was at a pivotal moment in its digital journey and should position itself as an active creator of technology. Photo: Washa Bofelwang

DEA unveils official uniform and logo

Taboka Ngwako
GABORONE

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has unveiled its official uniform and logo, symbolising the identity and values of Botswana's newest law enforcement institution as it prepares to strengthen the country's fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking.

Launching the new identity on Wednesday, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, said the occasion was more than the unveiling of a uniform and logo, but a public affirmation of an institution established to protect communities, uphold the rule of law and reinforce the nation's response to one of the most pressing security and social challenges of the time.

He said drug abuse and illicit trafficking continued to have far-reaching consequences, affecting not only those directly involved but also families and communities.

"The consequences reach far beyond those directly involved. Families are left to carry the burden of addiction, communities experience rising levels of crime and insecurity, and too many

young people see their hopes and aspirations diminished," he said.

Minister Mohwasa said while government remained firm in holding drug traffickers accountable, there was also a need to support individuals affected by addiction through rehabilitation and recovery programmes.

DEA Director General, Mr Phemelo Ramakorwane, said the

new corporate identity would enhance the agency's visibility, strengthen collaboration with stakeholders and promote public awareness of its mandate.

He said the branding comes at a time when DEA continued to establish itself as a key institution in combating illicit drugs, adding that progress has been made through the recruitment and training of

its first officers and the near-completion of its headquarters and regional operational office.

Meanwhile, Tlokwen MP Mr Pheny Segokgo called on society to change perceptions around rehabilitation centres, saying they played an important role in helping people affected by addiction to recover and reintegrate into their communities. **BOPA**



Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (left), Assistant Minister, Ms Maipelo Mophuting-Dikoloti (second right) and Drug Enforcement Agency director general, Mr Phemelo Ramakorwane (right) during the unveiling of the new logo and uniform for DEA in Gaborone on Wednesday. Mr Mohwasa said the unveiling of the uniform and logo symbolised the identity and values of Botswana's newest law enforcement institution as it prepares to strengthen the country's fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

New guidelines delay implementation of Child Welfare Fund

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

The implementation of the Child Welfare Fund has been delayed due to the introduction of the revised eligibility guidelines that require all councils to re-screen beneficiaries.

In an interview, Francistown City Council deputy town clerk (Operations), Ms Pedzani

Selwana-Mahama said all councils across the country received the revised guidelines two weeks ago to look into and then facilitate the implementation of the programme.

She explained that the guidelines had introduced revised income brackets with only mothers earning a monthly wage of below P4,000 now qualifying for assistance.

Due to the changes, she said the council had to go back and review its existing list of beneficiaries.

Ms Selwana-Mahama further explained that the screening process had been done as beneficiaries (mothers) had to present their national identity cards or provide affidavits to confirm whether they meet the new income threshold.

She said the council had since submitted the updated list to the relevant ministry and was now awaiting a response adding that 'once approval is received,

eligible beneficiaries will be notified on when and where to collect their dues'.

"It will be an easy process because we already have the contact details of all those who qualify. We will also communicate through the council's official Facebook page, which has a large following and reaches many residents," she said.

The Child Welfare Fund was introduced by government to support infant health and early

childhood development with a monthly stipend of P300.

It was initially expected to be rolled out at the start of the current financial year.

However, implementation was postponed to end of June due to delays in the release of the operational guidelines.

Ms Selwana-Mahama assured that disbursements would proceed immediately once the ministry gives the green light. **BOPA**

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Botswana Oil Limited senior project manager, Mr Kabelo Lanka, said while fuel consumption was expected to increase and reduce strategic fuel capacity, it is envisaged that the Tshele project, upon completion, would increase reserves to 60 days by 2035. Photo: Felicity Male

Botswana Oil targets 60-day fuel buffer

Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE

The country’s fuel storage capacity is envisaged to reach 55 days’ cover by the first quarter of the 2027/28 financial year. This will be dependent on the commissioning of the Francistown Depot early next year and the Gantsi Depot, both of which are currently under construction. Botswana Oil Limited (BOL) Senior Manager, Project Management Office, Mr Kabelo Lanka, said this during a media tour of the Gaborone BOL Depot on Tuesday. “We hope and believe that by mid-next year, the country will be sitting comfortably at about 55 days’ cover, which will be a

significant improvement from the current 15 days’ cover,” Mr. Lanka said. He said the Francistown Depot was nearing completion, while work has started on the Gantsi Depot, adding that the two depots would take the country’s reserves to 55 days. This figure excludes the Tshele Depot, which will be constructed under a Public-Private Partnership, pointing out that the government, through the Omani government, had secured a partner for the project. Mr Lanka further stated that while fuel consumption was expected to increase and reduce strategic fuel capacity, it is envisaged that the Tshele project, upon completion, would increase reserves to 60 days by 2035. He added that all the storage

facilities would give the country 60 days’ cover, which would, however, be below the 90 days recommended by the feasibility study. He said the storage facilities were strategically located as the country imports fuel from South Africa, Mozambique and Namibia. “Gantsi will come in handy for Namibia imports, Francistown for Mozambique, and Tshele for South Africa,” he said, adding that the routes were diversified strategically to compensate for supply shortfalls identified in the feasibility study. According to Mr Lanka, Francistown would have 98 million litres of storage, Gantsi 30 million litres with a future expansion of 25 million litres, and Tshele Hills 187 million

litres. He added that most of the country’s fuel demand was in the southern part of the country and further said the country was looking at building coastal storage in Namibia, revealing further that the project was still at an infant stage. For his part, BOL Head of Health, Safety, Security, Environment and Quality (HSSEQ), Mr Ronny Orlando stated that the organisation ensured there was quality in the fuel it imported into the country. He said fuel was subjected to tests to meet set standards before loaded into storage, adding that a quality framework was in place. “Any fuel that is suspect is taken for further assessment to ensure it meets the required quality,” he said. **BOPA**

North West key player in economic diversification

Esther Mmolai

MAUN

A combination of booming tourism revenue and a P14 million import-substitution drive by local Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) has positioned the North West District as a key player in the county’s economic diversification strategy. The surge comes at a critical time as government is currently implementing interventions to slash the high import bill and drop food imports from 21.7 per cent to 13.7 per cent of total imports by the 2029/2030 fiscal year. The North West District is already proving that this goal is well within reach. According to a recent District Development Committee (DDC) report, 27 agricultural and manufacturing SMMEs in the region have directly driven such reduction and the value of their import substitution efforts skyrocketed to over P14 million this quarter, a massive leap from the P8 855, 786.33 recorded in the previous quarter. Such high-performing businesses span a diverse range

of local industries, including horticulture, cleaning detergents, fibre products, aluminium and concrete manufacturing, embroidery, bottle production as well as paint processing. While manufacturing and farming secure the district’s supply chains, its traditional economic engine is also firing on all cylinders. Updating stakeholders on local economic empowerment programmes, monitoring and evaluation officer at the office of the district commissioner, Mr Pelotshweu Ntesang, highlighted that tourism continued to act as a big catalyst for regional growth. “The tourism sector in the district continues to contribute significantly to local economic development through business growth, employment creation and revenue generation, particularly within accommodation establishments and mobile safari operations,” Mr Ntesang noted. He added that to sustain such momentum, the Department of Tourism’s Maun office had ramped up its regulatory oversight, focusing heavily on inspections, licensing and compliance. He said a major driver of the sector’s recent success was the upgraded

registration of the Tourism Statistics Tool (T-Stats) system. Designed to provide actionable and evidence-based insights for both local and national boards, he said the digital platform tracked critical employment, room occupancy and visitor data. He further said the system’s financial data reflected a rapidly growing industry with revenue collection having climbed steadily throughout the fourth quarter, bringing in P174, 410.00 in January and P177, 350.00 in February, before surging to P259, 240.00 in March. Mr Ntesang attributed the sharp March spike to a higher volume of operators successfully adopting and updating their information on the digital platform. He indicated that the digital transition had coincided with an influx of new market entrants. Also, he said the department recently inspected 34 tourism enterprises, approving 11 new licenses, while deferring eight applications due to regulatory non-compliance. Despite the defers, Mr Ntesang however emphasised that the steady rise in active licenses reflected robust investor confidence, particularly among

locals. “As a district, we have noted an increasing number of booked inspections from citizen-owned companies eager to venture into the tourism sector,” he said. However, he indicated that safeguarding such economic progress required confronting several ongoing operational challenges. He said the challenges included illegal operations, licensing documentation delays, technical system limitations and incomplete statistical reporting. He however assured stakeholders that such issues were being countered through joint inspections and targeted stakeholder engagements. Mr Ntesang also underscored the need to address the district’s low average length of visitor stays, warning that short trips limited total revenue and stifled broader job creation. To ensure the North West District remained an economic powerhouse, he called for a unified push to aggressively strengthen destination marketing, diversify local tourism products and encourage longer and more immersive visitor itineraries across the region. **BOPA**

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Central zones farmers to supply Maun BMC plant

LETLHAKANE - Livestock farmers in zones 3C, 5, 6a, 8, 9 and 10 will soon be allowed to sell their cattle at the Botswana Meat Commission Maun plant, with the entity offering a P41 per kilogram purchase price. This follows the easing of the Foot and Mouth Disease related cattle movement restrictions in central zones. Speaking during a consultative meeting with farmers and other stakeholders in Letlhakane yesterday, BMC livestock procurement executive manager, Mr Kenneth Makubate said the Maun plant had the capacity to slaughter 130 cattle per day. He highlighted that currently Maun BMC had 1 900 cattle from Ngamiland quarantined and ready for slaughtering, a number he said upon finishing, the plant would open a quota for the aforementioned zones. Farmers were also informed that BMC would cover transport and insurance costs. **BOPA**

Zimbabwe sends first blueberry cargo to China

HARARE - Zimbabwe has exported its first-ever shipment of blueberries to China following the signing of a phytosanitary protocol between the two countries last year, the Horticultural Development Council (HDC) confirmed to *Xinhua* on Wednesday. The HDC, an industry association representing horticultural exporters, said the development marked a major milestone for the country’s horticulture industry, opening one of the world’s largest consumer markets to Zimbabwean growers. “As an industry, we will continue pushing for policies that support increased production, as we keep testing the best routes to ensure a reliable supply of premium Zimbabwean blueberries to Chinese consumers,” said the HDC. *Xinhua*

Canton fair connects Africa businesses with global buyers

ADDIS ABABA - Officials from China and the African Union (AU) have emphasised the significance of China Import and Export Fair, also known as the Canton Fair, in connecting African businesses with global buyers, investors, technology partners, and new commercial opportunities. Speaking at the event, Jiang Feng, head of the Chinese Mission to the AU, said the Canton Fair serves as a key platform for promoting economic and trade exchanges between China and Africa. The provides a valuable platform to strengthen business connections, and expand cooperation between African and Chinese enterprises. *Xinhua*



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Professional herding emerges as viable model

Manowe Motsaathebe
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Professional herding and range restoration approach is a demonstration to the livestock community that when livestock is herded and grazed properly-good management of livestock-can actually reduce overgrazing even in communal areas.

Under this approach, unlike in farms where there are ranches and fences for demarcation, trained eco-rangers and restoration workers are employed to act as fences in communal grazing areas.

They move livestock accordingly, to ensure that there is restoration of degraded rangeland and control of the spread of diseases amongst other things.

“They do so by ensuring that animals avoid certain areas with diseases such as Foot and Mouth Disease,” said Herding for Health Manager, Conservation International, Dr Edwin Mudongo.

In a telephonic interview about the Herding For Health concept under which professional herding falls, Dr Mudongo explained that based on its benefits, the approach would improve the livelihoods of farmers.

“Farmers won’t be losing their livestock to diseases, predators, theft and their livelihoods will improve as long as there’s a market to sell to,” Dr Mudongo said.

They move livestock accordingly, to ensure that there is restoration of degraded rangeland and control of the spread of diseases.

Currently funded by Great Climate Fund at USS37 million, USS 54 million by the government of Botswana and USS 6.8 million in kind by Conservation International (CI), the idea behind the approach is for farmers to learn and take it up when the project term ends in 2030.

The project has been piloted and proved successful at Habu, where it has been ongoing for about five years while in Phuduhudu, the project is in its third month.

In Bobirwa it is expected to kick-start in 16 villages. In total,

the project will be undertaken in 104 villages in Botswana.

Eco-rangers, who double as restoration workers, are trained at BUAN, courtesy of CI, following their successful recruitment.

Government provides salaries of these herders under the public works programme, otherwise referred to as Ikageng. Conservation International further provides camping equipment, tools for restoration and food rations to the eco-rangers and restoration workers who spend 24 hours tending to livestock and its needs.

The concept of Herding for Health, Dr Mudongo narrated, put a lot of emphasis on stewardship of the environment which has given birth to a rangeland stewardship agreement (RSA) - a voluntary, non-legally binding agreement signed between the community and the project.

The RSA entails that when a community wants to start the model Herding for Health project with CI and the government, the trio would identify the areas to work in, devise a grazing or restoration plan and the community would then commit to taking part with their livestock grazed according to principles of Herding for Health.

The eco-rangers are Batswana aged between 18 and 64 years old and living in the villages under which the project would be undertaken in order to qualify

for the green jobs.

A total of 6000 people are expected to benefit from the project as herders and restoration workers. The project, according to Dr Mudongo, targets people that are a collective and shifts rangeland management from uncoordinated to disciplined, professionalised system.

Amongst a plethora of benefits, the project seeks to emphasise capacity-building as part of behavioural change.

“You can’t expect people to just herd without capacitating them because otherwise, they will just do the business as usual,” said Dr Mudongo.

Also herders according to Dr Mudongo are equipped with skills in primary livestock healthcare, grazing and grazing management practices inter alia.

Herding for Health is a livestock management model that improves the health of livestock, the rangeland where livestock is kept, the livelihoods of the people as well as all the enabling environment policies and structures.

“So, it is an adaptive model which is also area-specific to each community, taking into account things like geographic location, culture and many others,” Dr Mudongo said adding that the model is community-led by structures such as grazing area committees.

At the end the eco-system based adaptation and mitigation should be able to reduce greenhouse gases by 21 metric tonnes in 20 years while also restoring 4.6 million hectares of degraded rangelands. **BOPA**

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Mabe nurtures future generation of farmers

Marvin Motlhabane
KANYE

In the sun-baked soils of Nneneke, Gamonnedi, just outside Kanye village, 58-year-old Tlhomamisang Mabe tends a thriving 17-hectare integrated farm that quietly defies the odds. While many of his generation have swapped the unpredictable rhythms of the land for the promise of city life, Mr Mabe has transformed his fields into a ‘living’ classroom’.

His property is one of only 14 farms in the area that have forged a strategic partnership with the Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN).

Here, aspiring young farmers do not just absorb theory from textbooks. They roll up their sleeves for six weeks of hands-on placement, gaining real enterprise-based experience. This training prepares them to launch and run successful agricultural businesses, allowing them to step confidently into any role the industry demands.

Mr Mabe, who retired in 2024, began his farming journey in 2013 with weekend visits while still employed.

Today, his fully equipped operation features three solar-powered boreholes, three hectares under plough, a quarter-hectare shade net, a climate-controlled tunnel for tomato production to beat the harsh winter chill, and a solid shelter for pig production.

“This internship programme is a huge part of my Corporate Social Investment. It equips young people with practical skills and gives them the chance to shadow real working models. Unemployment is rising, and I believe we can create more opportunities through mutual learning. The students also bring fresh knowledge that helps us build

more sustainable farms,” he says.

Mr Mabe speaks passionately about the broader challenges facing Botswana’s farmers among others soaring input costs, low profits, and the urgent need to diversify the economy beyond diamonds. Yet his optimism remains unshaken.

He praises government support where it exists and calls for smarter interventions, such as subsidies on fuel and fertilisers.

He also advocates for timely updates to prices under the school feeding programme, which has not adjusted for inflation in over three years. To beat the extreme winter cold that once caused heavy losses, Mr Mabe has become strategic and now focuses on resilient crops like cabbage, onions, and tomatoes.

Through the BUAN placement, students witness these adaptations first-hand. They study infrastructure for temperature control, precise soil and bed management, crop-specific techniques, humidity regulation, and disease control.

From BUAN’s side, Industrial Attachment Programme Coordinator, Dr Kgomotso Mabusa describes the Kanye partnership as a milestone. Launched with support from the Kanye Farmers Association, the programme stepped in where university budgets fell short, particularly regarding student accommodation.

The selected farms provide proper housing, turning what could have been a logistical hurdle into an immersive, life-changing experience. “We admit six weeks is not enough and we are working to extend the duration for deeper, uninterrupted learning,” Dr Mabusa said adding that the programme deliberately pairs students from diverse disciplines namely; horticulture, animal husbandry, agricultural economics, and engineering with farms so both

sides can learn from each other. While financial constraints remain the biggest obstacle to scaling, the mutual benefits are already clear. In some cases, students are even placed on struggling farms to help diagnose operational problems and improve productivity.

The Chairman of the Kanye District Horticulture Farmers Association, Mr Aubrey Rowland traces the initiative to an eye-opening trip to Bangladesh with the Office of the President. There, interactions with professors highlighted the power of experiential learning.

Upon return, the association stepped up to support the programme, seeing it as both a responsibility and an opportunity to showcase the district’s agricultural strength.

Mr Rowland notes that modern infrastructure on farms like Mabe’s is opening students’ eyes. “They see state-of-the-art buildings and systems that protect crops and reduce risks. It shows them that commercial farming is possible here in Botswana,” he said. Both farmers and BUAN hope to expand the attachment from six weeks to a full semester. This change is essential for crops like cabbage, which require 90 days of careful management from planting to harvest. They envision a lifelong partnership that strengthens clusters, associations, and cooperatives in their engagement with the government.

For second-year student Ms Marry Barayang, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education, the six weeks have been transformative.

“University gives us mostly classroom theory,” she says. “Here, we do real practical work. I learned how to spray cabbage properly—something we weren’t taught at school, using exact measurements and timing,” she said. Ms Barayang appreciates the decent accommodation provided by host farmers, which is a far cry from sleeping in tents. She now sees farming not just as a fallback option, but as a viable and fulfilling career path. The attachment programme stands as a smart government intervention that bridges academia and industry. If nurtured and expanded, it holds genuine potential to equip a new generation with the skills and confidence to tackle unemployment while strengthening Botswana’s food security and agricultural innovation. **BOPA**



Away from classroom learning, Thomas (left) and Barayang have amassed a great deal of knowledge from cabbage to pig production, skills that have prepared them to graduate into starting and growing sustainable ventures. Photos: Marvin Motlhabane

Mr Tlhomamisang Mabe of Nneneke Farm (centre) appreciated BUAN attachees; Marry Barayang (left) and Thulani Thomas, saying internship programme was a huge part of his Corporate Social Investment.

BUAN attachees, Marry Barayang (left) and Thulani Thomas said the six weeks attachment had been transformative. The attachment programme stands as a smart government intervention that bridges academia and industry.



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National Healing, Remembrance & Closure

2015 - Matsha Community College truck accident
2024 - Mmamatlakala bus tragedy

Lindi Morwaeng
MOLEPOLOLE

The sound of an angle grinder cut through the stillness of Garanta Cemetery as sparks danced above freshly laid concrete.

Nearby, men worked quietly on the newly built grave foundations, smoothing and preparing them for the permanent tombstones that would soon mark the final resting places of their loved ones. At first glance, it looked like an ordinary day of preparation, but nothing about this place was ordinary.

In a matter of days, the cemetery would become the centre of a nation’s remembrance as families, government officials, church leaders and mourners gather for the Tombstone Unveiling and Memorial Monument Ceremony for Mmamatlakala victims on July 18.

The occasion will honour the 45 people who lost their lives when a bus carrying St. Engenas Zion Christian Church (ZCC) pilgrims from Molepolole to Moria, South Africa, plunged into a ravine at Mamatlakala on March 28, 2024.

More than two years have passed since the nation stood united in grief. The funeral is over. The flowers faded long ago. Life, everyone said, had to move on.

Yet, walking among the graves this week, it became clear that for many families, grief has refused to keep time. One moment captured that reality more than anything else.

Fixed above each grave since the burial were temporary metal frames bearing the names of the deceased. As permanent tombstones took shape, the frames had served their purpose. Ordinarily, they would simply be removed and taken away.

Instead, relatives carefully stripped away the metal, cut it into smaller pieces and quietly laid the fragments on top of the grave foundations before the tombstones were installed.

No one wanted to take them home. Some family members explained that according to their beliefs, taking the metal structures home could invite another death

Mmamatlakala tragedy carries painful memories

The accident did not end with the burial. It continues through the challenges faced by those who survived



Relatives, friends and members of the Molepolole community erecting tombstones for members of St Engenas Church who died in the Mmamatlakala bus tragedy in 2024. The tombstones will be unveiled on July 18. Photo: Keetile Bontsibokae

into the family. Others said they simply could not bear the thought of carrying home another reminder of the loved one they had buried. The metal would remain where it belonged, with the dead.

It was a small act, almost unnoticed among the bustle of preparations. Yet it spoke volumes about grief, memory and the unseen ways people continue to carry loss.

Equally striking was who was missing. Not every bereaved family could bring themselves to return to the cemetery. Some sent brothers, sisters, uncles or cousins to prepare the graves on their behalf. For them, more than two years had done little to soften the pain.

The cemetery was no longer simply a place of burial. It had become a place where courage was

quietly measured.

As I watched families smoothing fresh cement, pulling weeds and preparing the final resting places of their loved ones, memories carried me back to another morning, one that remains etched in my mind as though it happened yesterday. It was May 4, 2024.

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Care and human rights: Two coins of the Boko coin

Tshireletso Motlogelwa
GABORONE

Let us talk about the First Lady. Not the one in the headlines. Not the one in the gowns and the motorcades. Let us talk about the office itself - this strange, unwritten thing that sits somewhere between the Constitution and the conscience of a nation.

Because here is the truth: Botswana has never really known what to do with the First Lady. We have never written her job description. We have never put her on the payroll. And yet, every republic finds it has one. And finds she matters.

Mma Ruth Khama gave the First Ladyship its first real meaning. She attached herself to the Red Cross, to child welfare, to ordinary suffering — and made the office human. Mma Olebile Masire built on it. Ga Mma Masire is not just a youth centre in Mmankgodi. It says the First Lady can leave behind social infrastructure that outlasts the administration. Then Mma Neo Masisi dragged gender-based violence, teenage pregnancy and HIV into the public square. Some people squirmed. Good.

Now we have Mma Kaone Boko. And already, the pattern is shifting — and widening.

She calls her programme Mpepu. And before the bureaucrats turn it into a PowerPoint, let us sit with that word.

Mpepu.

In Setswana, it is not just cloth. It is a way of being. The child on the back is not luggage. The child is carried into life. The mother walks, works, leads - and the child is there, held, present, protected. The child is inside life, even before they can walk.

Tell me that is not a national metaphor. It says the vulnerable are not an afterthought. It says a nation cannot speak of progress while its youngest citizens are outside the circle of care.

And Mma Boko is treating it that way. She has structured Mpepu around two pillars: Early Childhood Development - maternal and infant care, nutrition, learning disabilities - and Child Protection: positive parenting, masculinity and femininity, and child-friendly environments.

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Survivors endure emotional scars years after

Booster Mogapi
MOLEPOLOLE

Eleven years after the tragic Matsha College road accident that claimed the lives of nine learners, many survivors continue to live with the physical and emotional scars of the disaster.

The accident occurred on November 13, 2015, along the Morwamosu-Letlhakeng Road near Dutlwe in the then Letlhakeng Sub-district. A government truck carrying about 126 learners who had just completed their Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education examinations at Matsha College in Kang overturned, killing nine learners and injuring many others.



Mr Keobiditse Dittale

For many survivors, memories of that day remain fragmented. Some recall nothing beyond waking up in a hospital bed, while others remember only the pain, confusion, and cries that filled the



Mr Kitso Mochanang

accident scene.

A survivor from Dutlwe, Mr Kitso Mochanang, now 30, said he vividly remembers the excitement among learners as they headed home after completing their

examinations.

“There was a lot of noise in the truck because everyone was celebrating and sharing how the examinations had gone. Almost everyone was standing throughout the journey,” he said.

He said the learners were laughing, shouting, and chatting until they suddenly heard a loud bang.

“I do not know what happened after that. The next thing I remember was waking up in a hospital bed,” he said.

Mr Mochanang said at first he was unable to remember what had happened.

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NATIONAL HEALING, REMEMBRANCE & CLOSURE

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Kgosi Puleng recalls 2015 Matsha College truck accident

Booster Mogapi
DUTLWE

Kgosi Martin Puleng of Dutlwe still remembers November 13, 2015, the day a government truck carrying more than 100 Matsha College learners from Kang overturned near his village, killing nine pupils.

“I remember we were attending another funeral in the village when we received the sad news of the accident. Immediately, we all left to attend to the scene and asked people to use their vehicles to help transport the children to the nearest clinic,” he said in an interview.

Kgosi Puleng said the scene was heartbreaking, with learners in pain and suffering from various degrees of injury.

He said the day continues to bring painful memories of the impact the tragedy had on families and friends.

“There is nothing as sad as losing a child at a young age when you are expecting a better future for them. The Matsha College

accident shall forever remain etched in our hearts as a tragic incident that stole the lives of our children and left many with permanent scars that cannot be erased,” he said.

Kgosi Puleng said he was grateful that medical staff responded swiftly to the accident and that residents also played a major role in helping the injured.

He said those who witnessed the crash would never forget the scene or the atmosphere that followed.

Speaking with visible sadness, Kgosi Puleng said



“She was a child who took life seriously, but ever since the injury, she is just there and does not care much about life.”

Ms Tshediso Seokoane

he was relieved that some learners survived, adding that this was one of the few things that brought him comfort.

However, he said the families who lost their children would need time to heal, as the day continues to bring painful memories.

Kgosi Puleng said his village lost one pupil, while a few others

survived and have since continued to rebuild their lives.

He said many people were emotionally affected by the tragedy and it took time for them to recover.

Kgosi Puleng said transporting learners in trucks or open vehicles had always been a ticking time bomb.

He said he was glad that after the accident, pupils began to be transported in buses instead of trucks, although it took some time before the change was made.

One of the parents who lost a daughter in the accident, Ms Tebatso Tsogwane of Takatokwane, was overcome with emotion as tears welled up in her eyes and she struggled to speak.

Trying to gather strength between tears and sobs, she said, “Why are you coming to me after 11 years of the accident? Are you not torturing me again with the loss of my child?”

Ms Tsogwane said her daughter was a good child and that she had expected a great future from her, but she was now gone.

As the firstborn in the family, much had been expected of her, and her death under such circumstances has remained deeply painful.

She said reliving the memories was distressing and that she needed continuous counselling because thoughts of her daughter still sadden her.

Another guardian, Ms Tshediso Seokoane, the sister of another survivor from Dutlwe, said she had raised her younger sister from a young age and described her as a good child.

She said the accident left her sister shattered and that her life has never been the same since.

Ms Seokoane added that the injury also changed her sister’s mental state.

“She was a child who took life seriously, but ever since the injury, she is just there and does not care much about life,” she said.

She said this saddens the family because they no longer expect much from her, as she is now living life on her own terms. **BOPA**

Survivors endure emotional scars years after

He had sustained serious head injuries, broken arms, severe chest pain, and fractured collarbones that took time to heal.

He said the accident permanently changed the course of his life.

After requesting to be transferred from Princess Marina Hospital in Gaborone to Scottish Livingstone Hospital in Molepolole so he could be closer to his family, Mr Mochanang spent nearly a month recovering in hospital.

“I carry permanent scars from the accident that have changed the course of my life. I can no longer do physically demanding jobs such as cutting trees because my upper body gets tired easily, and I continue to experience pain, especially around my shoulders,” he said.

Mr Mochanang said the injuries also affected his academic performance, as he did not perform well in his BGCSE examinations. He added that his physical condition has since made it difficult to earn a living through manual labour.

Despite the hardships, he expressed gratitude to the government for the support provided throughout their

“Our lives were never the same after the accident. It changed the future we had imagined for ourselves.”

recovery.

“The government took good care of us during our recovery,” he said.

He also acknowledged the assistance of the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund, saying its continued support had been invaluable to survivors and their families.

Another survivor, Mr Keobiditse Ditlale, also 30 and a resident of Dutlwe, said his first memory after the crash was waking up in the

middle of the tarred road, unable to feel his body.

Mr Ditlale said he struggled to crawl to a shaded area as the scorching sun beat down on him. He said members of the public came to his rescue and helped him to the shade of a nearby tree.

He recalled seeing fellow students scattered across the accident scene, many crying in pain while others had sustained severe injuries.

“I then looked at myself and realised I had injuries to my hands and the side of my head, while my back had been badly scraped, possibly by the tarred road,” he said.

Mr Ditlale said he remembers many people stopping to assist, including members of the Botswana Defence Force who happened to be travelling along the same road.

He said the survivors were transported to different hospitals for treatment, with those who had sustained minor injuries being discharged after receiving medical attention.

“It was a sad day for us as we watched our fellow learners, especially those who were seriously injured, endure unbearable pain

while others lost their lives on that fateful day,” he said.

Mr Ditlale said the survivors struggled to come to terms with the tragedy, but the government provided them with much-needed support during the difficult period.

He said they spent nearly six months at Molepolole College of Education, where they received counselling and participated in various recreational activities designed to help them cope with the trauma and grief of losing their friends.

“The accident changed our lives. It left many of us traumatised and afraid of travelling in open vehicles. Although the fear has not completely

disappeared, we have gradually found the strength to face it,” he said.

Mr Ditlale said the survivors later created a Facebook group to stay connected, support one another, and maintain the friendships they formed at Matsha College.

“Most of us are now adults with families and careers, and we rarely meet in person. The group helps us keep in touch and reminds us of the bond we share,” he said.

“We still have a long journey ahead of us, but we continue to move forward because we have lives to live and families to care for,” he said. **BOPA**



The old monument for Matsha learners.

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Mmamatlakala accident scene in South Africa.

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Forty-five wooden brown coffins arrived at Molepolole Sports Complex in solemn procession, escorted by flashing police lights. One after another, they were laid side by side on the grass before thousands of mourners who had gathered to bid farewell to husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, friends and neighbours whose journey of faith had ended in unimaginable tragedy. That morning, the nation buried 45 lives. This week, standing among the same families once again, I realised something else. The funeral ended. The mourning never did.

The road to this moment began on a Thursday morning in March 2024, when a journey of faith turned into one of this nation’s darkest moment.

On that day, a bus carrying 45 members of the St. Engenas Zion Christian Church (ZCC) Molepolole Branch left Botswana, carrying pilgrims who were travelling to Moria, South Africa, for the annual Easter pilgrimage.

They left with prayers, hope and anticipation of a spiritual journey. They never returned home.

Near Mmamatlakala in Limpopo Province, South Africa, the bus crashed, killing 44 passengers and the driver. Only an eight-year-old girl survived, becoming a symbol of hope amid a tragedy that shook Botswana and attracted international attention.

In the days that followed, the nation mourned.

Families waited anxiously for news. Some travelled to South Africa to identify their loved ones. Others endured the painful process of waiting for confirmation as authorities worked to establish the identities of those who had perished.

The streets of Molepolole carried the weight of sorrow. Homes that had once been filled with laughter and conversations fell silent as families prepared to receive their loved ones for the final time.

The tragedy was not only about the 45 people who died on the road between Botswana and Moria. It was about the many lives they left behind. However, the Setshwantsho family from Ditshegwane remembers the support they received during the immediate aftermath.

“During the tragedy and a month after the funeral, we received psychosocial support from social workers,” said family representative, Mr Gothata Setshwantsho, brother to the late Ms Kakanyo Juliet Setshwantsho, who was among those who died in the tragedy.

But as time passed and the public attention faded, the family had to confront the reality of rebuilding their lives without their loved one.

Ms Setshwantsho left behind two children, a 20-year-old daughter and a 14-year-old son who is now in Form One. For them, the loss was not only emotional. It changed their daily reality.

Their mother, who had been a source of care and support, was suddenly gone. The grandparents who had helped look after the children later passed away in 2025 and 2026, adding another layer of grief to a family already struggling to cope. Mr Setshwantsho said the boy, in particular, needs support as the family struggles to meet his needs.

The child’s father, Mr Tolly Losiame, said unemployment has made it difficult for him to provide everything his son requires.

For the family, the tragedy did not end with the burial. It continues through the challenges faced by those who survived. They believe counselling should continue because grief does not follow a timetable.

They also welcomed the government’s decision to erect tombstones and establish a memorial monument, saying the initiative would help preserve the memory of their loved ones and assist families who may not have been able to afford individual tombstones.

AS FAMILIES PREPARE FOR JULY 18, THE MONUMENT REPRESENTS MORE THAN A STRUCTURE

It represents an acknowledgement that behind every name engraved there is a story of a life lived, a family changed and a wound that still needs healing.

For the Siako family, the pain of Mamatlakala accident carries a particularly painful memory. They are the family of the only child survivor of the tragedy, the young girl now 10, whose survival brought a rare moment of hope to a nation struggling to comprehend the scale of the loss. But behind that story of survival was another family grieving deeply.

The survivor lost her grandmother, the late Ms Onkemetse Siako, who was among the 45 people who died when the bus plunged into the ravine in Limpopo.

Speaking on behalf of the family, Mr Kabelo Selome said they received psychosocial support during the immediate aftermath of the tragedy.

However, he believes the support ended too soon. He said while counselling was provided during the incident, it should have continued beyond the funeral because families were left to deal with the long-term effects of grief on their own.

“Social workers should have continued assessing families even after the funeral to understand their conditions and determine whether they still needed support,” he said.

For many families, he explained, the hardest part came after the crowds had gone, the condolences had slowed down and life was expected to return to normal.

Some relatives still cannot bring themselves to visit the graves of their loved ones, a sign that the emotional wounds remain open more than two years later.

Mr Selome welcomed government’s efforts to provide tombstones and establish a memorial monument, saying it was a meaningful gesture that ensured all victims would be remembered with dignity.

He said many families would have struggled to afford tombstones, especially those who lost several relatives in the same tragedy.

However, he acknowledged that the process had also brought painful emotions back to the surface.

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This is not feel-good work. This is architecture. But here is what separates her from the NGO crowd: she knows you cannot do this from Gaborone alone. In June, she took Mpepu to the Ntlo Ya Dikgosi. She stood before traditional leaders and said: this is your programme too. She asked for their wisdom, for their guidance, for what would work in their villages.

And the dikgosi told her something important. Talk to our wives, they said. Talk to the Bahumagadi. They know the children. They see the neglect, the hunger, the abuse. One kgosi suggested village committees of Bahumagadi to anchor the programme. Another asked for mental health to be woven in — because what is the point of feeding a child if the child is broken inside?

This is what happens when the First Lady stops performing and starts listening.

Through Mpepu, she has partnered with the Merck Foundation, bringing psychometric tools for children with disabilities, scholarships for healthcare professionals, and support for twenty underprivileged girls in school. She has spoken about child malnutrition, underage pregnancy, and the need for age-appropriate sexual education and a toll-free abuse helpline. She has handed out sanitary pads, yes, but she has also spoken about what it means when a girl who cannot afford a pad cannot stay in school — and what that says about us.

But the most revealing thing she has done is the National Healing, Remembrance and Closure Programme.

Launched this month, it honours the 54 Batswana who died in the Matsha truck accident of 2015 and the Mmamatlakala bus tragedy of 2024. This is not a feeding programme. It is not a scholarship. It is the state — through the First Lady’s office — returning to families still carrying grief. Refurbishment of the Home Economics Laboratory at Matsha. Housing improvements for vulnerable families. Upgrading the Dutlwe Memorial Monument into a permanent site of memory and road safety awareness. Psychosocial support. Household engagements with bereaved families. Road safety reforms to protect minors.

This is not charity. This is the republic saying: we remember.

Your loss is our loss. Your pain is not forgotten. That is moral architecture — what happens when the First Lady understands her office is not about cutting ribbons, but carrying the nation’s grief when government has moved on.

And here is something worth noticing.

Her husband, President Duma Boko, built his political life around human rights. A constitutional lawyer who ran a public interest firm, who fought for the indigenous groups, who helped draft the Children’s Act of 2009. His philosophy is cerebral: rights, statutes, the machinery of justice.

Mma Boko’s work is the communal extension of that same philosophy. Where he works through courts and constitutions, she works through communities, families, the social fabric that holds people together when the law is not enough. The child on the back. The village gathering. The bereaved family. The Bahumagadi committee. The memorial monument.

These are not contradictions. They are complements. The rights of the citizen and the care of the community — two sides of the same Boko coin.

Sceptics will say: the First Lady has no constitutional power. She cannot pass laws, command ministries, or appropriate funds.

True. And that is precisely the point.

The power of the First Lady is soft power — influence not by command, but by attraction, persuasion, example and moral legitimacy. It is the power to convene where institutions work in silos. To bring dikgosi, Bahumagadi, teachers, churches, civil society, the private sector, development partners and ordinary communities around a table and say: this matters.

Eleanor Roosevelt used it for human rights. Michelle Obama for health and education. Queen Rania for dialogue. They did not command. They attracted. They persuaded. They led by example.

Botswana needs this now more than ever.

We are a small country whose influence has never come from military might or economic scale. It has come from governance, peace, constitutionalism, and the moral story we tell about ourselves. That is our soft power. And it is wearing thin.

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First Lady has structured Mpepu around two pillars: Early Childhood Development - maternal and infant care, nutrition, learning disabilities and Child Protection: positive parenting, masculinity and femininity, as well as child-friendly environments.

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“Go kgobolantho legogo,” he said, meaning the initiative had brought back memories and reopened wounds that families had been trying to live with.

For the Siako family, the memorial will therefore carry two meanings.

It will be a place of honour and remembrance, but also a reminder of a loss that continues to shape their lives.

BEYOND THE STORY OF THE SURVIVOR, FAMILIES CONTINUE TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES AROUND AN ABSENCE THAT CANNOT BE FILLED

Among them is the Balotlegi family, which suffered one of the heaviest losses in the tragedy. The family lost four members in the Mamatlakala crash, including Ms Mokgabo Balotlegi, who was born in 1951. For her daughter, Ms Onthatile Balotlegi, the death of her mother changed the direction of her entire life.

Before the tragedy, she worked as a hairdresser while her mother helped care for her young children. When her mother died, that support system disappeared overnight.

She was forced to leave her job to take care of her children. Today, she describes life as extremely difficult because there is no longer an income coming into the household.

The loss of her mother and the other family members left behind what she described as a permanent scar. The memories, she said, continue to return unexpectedly.

For Ms Balotlegi, her mother’s absence is felt not only through grief, but through the everyday struggles of raising children and trying to survive without the person who once helped hold the family together.

For Mr Moneedi Tshekiso, the pain of Mamatlakala is carried through multiple names and memories.

He is part of the Balotlegi family that lost four members in the tragedy, including his sister Ms Mokgabo Balotlegi. But his loss did not end there.

He also lost his wife, Ms Boitshoko Tshekiso, his brother Mr Motlapele Tshekiso and his niece Ms Thato Tshekiso in the same crash.

In one devastating moment, a family lost a mother, a wife, a sister, a brother and a daughter. Two years later, Mr Tshekiso says life remains difficult.

The death of his wife changed the structure of his household. He suddenly found himself carrying the responsibility of raising their four children alone.

Having retired from the public service the previous year, he said the responsibility has not been easy, especially as he tries to support children who are also dealing with the emotional consequences of losing their mother.

One of his greatest concerns is the impact the loss has had on their education. He said his youngest son, who is currently in Form Three, has struggled since his mother’s passing and his academic performance has declined.

For Mr Tshekiso, supporting the children is not only about meeting their daily needs. It is about ensuring that the tragedy does not determine their future. He appealed for assistance towards the education and welfare of children who lost parents and caregivers in the crash, saying many families are still struggling to rebuild their lives.

Despite the pain, Mr Tshekiso expressed



appreciation for the government’s decision to erect tombstones for the victims and organise the memorial ceremony.

He said they had often wondered how they would manage to provide permanent memorials for all four family members they lost.

The government initiative, he said, had lifted a burden from families already carrying heavy emotional and financial responsibilities.

However, like many other families, they hope that the support does not end with the unveiling ceremony.

Mr Tshekiso and Ms Balotlegi also appealed for government to fulfil its earlier commitment to assist families in visiting the accident scene in South Africa.

For them, returning to the place where their loved ones took their final breaths is not about reopening wounds, but about finding answers, acceptance and a form of closure.

Hence for many bereaved families, the journey to healing remains incomplete.

For Mr Oaitse Sekei, the tragedy took away not only his sister, but also important pillars of support within his family and church community.

Speaking on behalf of his late sister Ms Gogaisakitso Sekei and four St. Engenas pastors who died in the crash, he described life after Mamatlakala as extremely difficult.

His sister had been the family’s breadwinner. She worked as a shop assistant in Gaborone and supported her three sons,

who were left behind after her death.

But the family’s grief was compounded by another painful loss.

Mr Sekei said they recently buried their father on June 2 this year, a reminder that for some families, mourning has continued through one loss after another.

Although the family received counselling during the immediate aftermath of the crash, he said some members have still not recovered.

“We still need counselling,” he said.

He explained that one of his relatives remains unable to visit the gravesite because the pain is still too overwhelming. For Mr Sekei, this is evidence that healing cannot be measured by the passing of time alone.

He called for continued psychosocial support for affected families and said there should be special consideration for children who lost breadwinners in the tragedy.

He said some children need support with basic welfare needs, education and future opportunities because the people who provided for them are no longer there.

He also raised concerns that some families were still waiting for assessments promised through the South African Motor Vehicle Accident authorities.

For the Mmunyane family, the pain of Mamatlakala tragedy has been followed by even more heartbreak.

Mr Montisetsi Mmunyane, the first-born son of the late Ms Baalatlha Kareng, said life changed completely after the tragedy. His mother, who was born in 1946, was among

the faithful pilgrims who lost their lives on the journey to Moria.

Mr Mmunyane said shortly after losing his mother, the family experienced more deaths, including the loss of their father and sister.

Each passing brought back memories of the tragedy and deepened the pain they were already carrying.

“For us, these deaths brought nothing but immense pain,” he said.

He explained that the family had relied heavily on the old age pension of their mother, and her passing created additional challenges as they tried to survive without the support she provided.

The memorial monument will preserve the names of those who died.

But for the families left behind, remembrance is also about acknowledging the responsibilities and roles those individuals carried while they were alive.

Among the voices calling for recognition is Ms Gaolebale Siako, the mother of the young survivor. Her story is unique because, while the nation celebrated her child’s survival, she was also carrying her own private grief.

In the middle of a national tragedy, she lost her mother, the late Ms Onkemetse Siako. But there was little time for her to mourn. Her immediate responsibility was caring for her daughter, who had survived the crash and needed protection, medical attention and emotional support.

Ms Siako said she had to put aside her own pain because her child needed her. During that period, she said, her focus was on ensuring that her daughter was safe and receiving the necessary care.

Ms Siako said that during the time her daughter was receiving specialised attention away from home, she was also required to be there for her.

She later lost her job because of the responsibilities that came with caring for her child after the tragedy. She said the support that had been provided to her daughter after the incident gradually stopped after she returned home.

She also said she had previously received a government allowance of P5,000 for almost a year which has since stopped. For Ms Siako, the aftermath of Mamatlakala has been a difficult journey of rebuilding.

She believes people often remember the survivor, but forget the family members who were also affected by the tragedy.

“I also lost my mother,” is the message she wants people to remember. **BOPA**

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The First Lady can help renew it. At home, she can keep children, families, bereaved communities and the vulnerable at the centre of national development. Abroad, she can project Botswana as a caring, humane republic. She can shine light on what policy documents bury: malnutrition, child neglect, gender-based violence, the boy-child nobody watches, the bereaved family, the grief that outlasts the headlines.

But this influence must be protected. The moment the First Lady’s office becomes a parallel ministry, it loses its power. The

moment it becomes a procurement office, it loses its trust. Its strength lies in advocacy, convening and moral persuasion. It works best when it supports institutions rather than competing with them. When it helps the country feel, not merely administer.

From Mma Ruth Khama’s humanitarianism, through Mma Masire’s institutions, through Mma Masisi’s advocacy, Mma Kaone Boko now has the opportunity to place the child, the family, remembrance, healing and community protection at the centre of Botswana’s next social conversation. And she is doing it with her husband’s human rights philosophy

in one hand, and Setswana wisdom about carrying the vulnerable in the other.

This is not small work.

A country is not built only through roads, budgets, laws and industries. It is built through care. Through the way it treats the child in the village, the girl in danger, the boy without guidance, the mother without support, the bereaved family, the community under strain. The First Lady cannot solve all of this. Nobody expects her to.

But she can help the nation see it.

And sometimes, in public life, making a nation see clearly is where transformation begins.

This is a special section of the DailyNews covering the National Healing, Remembrance and Closure Programme. Launched this month, it honours the 54 Batswana who died in the Matsha College truck accident of 2015 and the Mmamatlakala bus tragedy of 2024. This week’s event focused on the Matsha truck accident, while next week will focus on the Mmamatlakala tragedy.

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Tebogo Masuruke TUTUME

Boeteledipele, barutabana le batsadi ba baithuti ba sekole sa Pandagala kwa Tutume ba tshwaragane go tsholetsa serudumo sa sekole seo. Mo mosepeleng wa go aga baithuti le go tsholetsa maduo a ditlathobong, sekole se ne sa dira ithutuntsho ya beke ya boot camp mo sekoleng seo bosheng.

Fa a bua morago ga go wetsa ithutuntsho eo, mothusa mogokgo wa sekole sa Pandagala, Rre Joseph Gopolang o ne a leboga tirisanyo mmogo e batsadi ba e supileng, a re ka lebaka la tomagano eo ba tlaa isa sekole kwa pele.

Rre Gopolang o ne a bolela fa baithuti bangwe ba inakantse le ditiro tse di duleng mo tseleng mme seo se itaya tsebe ba ba tlhoafaletseng go ithuta.

Le ntswa go le jalo, boot camp e ne e akaretsa moithuti mongwe le mongwe, maikaelelo e le go leka go busetsa baithuti mo tseleng, go aga botsalano jwa bone e le

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A re gape ba ne ba batla go gata mo dikgatong di le dingwe go sena ope wa bone yo o salelang morago, go dira jalo e le go bolotsa phadisanyo e e mashetla mo maduong a ditlathobong tsa lokwalo la boraro.

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o ne a tlatlhelela baithuti bao ka tsa kaedi le tse dingwe, a bo a lebogela tshwaragano ya batsadi le barutabana ba sekole seo.

Rre Tafa a re kemo nokeng ya botsadi jwa bana ba sekole sa Pandagala e supa gore thuto ya

gagwe ga e a wela mo mmung yo o lekgarapa, mme batsadi ba tlaa sala ba e tsweledisa go tsholetsa serudumo sa sekole.

O kopile batsadi go nna pelotelele, lerato le go pepetletsa bana go ba betlela isago. **BOPA**

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Fa a bua mo potsolotsong,

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Supt Orateng a re ba sepodisi ba ne ba ya kwa lefelong la tiragalo kwa ba fitlhetsewang rre yo a akgega mo ditlhomong tsa ntlo, mme a ragosediswa kwa sepateleng sa Gumare kwa ba bongaka ba

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GENERAL FARM WORKER WANTED. Location: Gweedore farm 31-JO, Digawana, Southern District Botswana. Apply to: The Director, GoSure360 Pty Ltd. P O Box AD54 ACJ Riverwalk, Gaborone. Phone: 72 182 671. Advert closes in 14 days.

TWO FARM WORKERS WANTED Hatsalatladi Kweneng District. Call Lopang Baig 72 900 400. Closing date 15/07/2026

FARM WORKER WANTED at Tlokweg, Notwane east Ramokobetwane 71545149

HERDBOY WANTED EFFECTIVE August 2026. Apply to P O Box 495 Bobonong.

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Thamaga farms age 30-40 years. Call 72 948 188.

FARM WORKER WANTED, Malokaganyane farms. Zacharia Seleka 75 781 668

FARM WORKER, MAMASHIA Lands. Mooketsi Chinyoka Box AB 103 ABC, Gaborone. 73 246 294

4 FARM WORKS NEEDED @ Nshakazhogwe. Lameck Mbaakanyi 72600300 Box 341 Mogoditshane

KATE LETSHWENYO NEED FARM WORKERS. Apply to P O Box 314 Metsimotlhabe

THEMBA SIHLAHLA WANTED farm worker, apply to P O Box 202 Gabane

HORTICULTURE FARM WORKERS needed in Kgope, near Lentsweletau. Apply to: White Ntlhaga. P O Box 405662, Gaborone.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mantshwabisi. Apply: Z. P. Siwawa, Box 80116 Gaborone. Closing date: 24.07.26

HERDBOY WANTED AT MAISWE lands in Bobonong by Onkarabile Ramphe. Contact 76 094 513

2 FARM WORKERS WANTED at Poloka lands. Apply to : Mothusi Mooketsi, Box 27 Thebephatswa

FARM WORKER WANTED at Gakgatla. Applications to be sent to M. Mpuchane P.O Box 40300 Gaborone. Contact 73317725

I D Rickerts

We are looking for Ivan Desmond Rickerts who was last seen in or around Francistown, Botswana, in connection with the Estate of his late mother, Monica Elizabeth Rickerts. If you have any knowledge of his whereabouts or know where we can make contact with him, urgently make contact with Vilinchia van Wyk at +264 811270230 or Yolande Meissenheimer at +264 811227923.

Continents and Beyond Pty Ltd

SEEK INIDIAN CURRY CHEF & CONTINENTAL CHEF

Requirements: Minimum 15 to 20 Years of Experience in INDIAN, MEDITERRANEAN, CONTINENTAL & ARABIAN CUISINE with complete knowledge of Traditional Clay Tandoor. Must have experience in Bulk Cooking and running a 1000 people capacity Mess or Kitchen. All application should be submitted to P O Box 1693 Gaborone. Or email to sizzlebw@gmail.com closing date 24/07/2025

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000428-24

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **SHIMA MOKWENATLHOGO** who died at Mparalatsane Ward, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on the 30th March 2022.

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 Dative
Thato Battalion-Botsele
P.O. Box 1165
MOLEPOLOLE
Tel: 71760487

NOTICE OF A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intents to apply for a certified copy of Deed No 1432/2003 dated 23rd day of July 2003 MADE IN FAVOUR OF **DORCUS SEIPONE MOSELE** In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being PLOT NO 49796
SITUATE: GABORONE WEST EXTENSION 49
MEASURING: 749SQM(SEVEN HUNDRED AND FOURTY NINE SQUARE METRES)
HELD UNDER: DORCUS SEIPONE MOSELE

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 30 DAY OF JUNE 2026
CARTHAGE BATSALELWANG
APPLICANT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act
(Cap 31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given thatby virtue of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 33:01), the heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Mahalapye High Court on the dates and times specified opposite the names of their deceased 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
MMOLOKI NABALO	ESHMY 0000039-26	24.08.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 19TH JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMN-000059-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **NORMAN CHRISTIAN JENSEN** who died at New stance Ward, Plot 193, Pandamatenga, Republic of Botswana on **09TH April, 2026.**

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 application hereof.

DATED at Gaborone this 02nd day of July 2026

The Executrix
Mavourneen Linda Jensen
P O Box 2466, **Maun**
Cell:71301292

or c/o ADOM & BOTHA ATTORNEYS,
P.O. Box 2466,
MAUN
Telephone No. 6861090 / 74994878

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act
(Cap 31:01)

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KWENJE ZWINILA	ESHFT-000529-26	16-09-26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000792-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late TSHOTLEGO MATHEO Who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 30th September 2019

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

The Executor, Boikanyo Matheo, P O Box 502176, GABORONE, Cell: 71420997/ 74956798

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

OF ACCESS ROAD / ALL ACCESS JUNCTION

UNITY GROUP(PTY)LTD. hereby give notice of intention to construct an access road along A1 Road into a proposed consolidated commercial Plot No. 6309 and Plot 6310 situated in Boatle Industrial site.

The proposed works will involve the construction of an access road/junction connecting the development to the main road. All interested and affected parties, including neighboring properties and the general public, are hereby informed of this intended development.

Any person who wishes to object to or comment on the proposed works may do so in writing.

For any objections or further information, please contact:

UNITY GROUP(PTY)LTD
71722944

P.O.Box V680, Ramotswa, Botswana

All objections must be submitted within fourteen (14) days of the date of this publication.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000196-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MOLAMU RABIBA** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **16th August 2013.**

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026

The Executrix
Baaname Molamu
P O Box 44
Mogorosi
Cell: 77701694

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

ESHFT 000410-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Dumano Jori Sephela – ESHFT 000410-24** who died at Tonota Clinic, Central District on the **29 November 2023.**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 10TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

TAPOLOGA DUMANO
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O Box 36091
FRANCISTOWN

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

FARM WORKES

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Bokaa. Call 73 364 212/ 75 366 979

FARM WORKERS NEEDED in Kumakwane Lands. Call Nametso at 71538988

TWO FARM WORKERS WANTED to work at Phiring lands in Molepolole. Duties include cropping planting & general farm maintenance & looking after chickens. 2 years experience required. Apply to: Goitsewang Ramaeba at Box 446 Gaborone or send text to 77 441 087. Deadline : 15/07/2026

HORTICULTURE FARM WORKERS wanted in Rasesa and Matebeleng. Crest Concepts Pty Ltd 71 747 537 P O Box 2063 Gaborone

LOOKING FOR FARM WORKERS at RJ Poultry Box 318 Oodi at plot 102 with broiler keeping experience on before 21/07/2026

WANTED IN MOCHUDI 3 farm workers for Integrated farming. Work experience/training in small stock/and or horticulture an advantage. Apply to Gladstone Rankoa Pilane P.O Box 2, Mochudi. Cell 72 289 425. Closing date 23.07.26

SEASONAL FARM WORKERS wanted in Fikeng and Metsimaswaane. Apply to – Fikeng conference Center & Resorts Pty Ltd VB#73 698 691 Gaborone Mall, Closing date : 24/07/2026

FARM WORKERS WANTED in Dikgatlong near Ramotswa. Apply to- John Batsalelwang Box V840, Ramotswa. Closing date : 24/07/2026

FARM WORKERS WANTED in Senthlane. Apply to – Anthony Siwawa P/Bag 0034, Gaborone. Closing date ; 24/07/2026

FARM WORKERS WANTED in Crocodile Pools. Apply to – Norman Ntshepe Setshwaelo Box 10301 Taung. Closing date : 24/07/2026

FARM WORKERS WANTED in Matebele. Apply to – Fazlur Moorad Box 70543 Gaborone. Closing date: 24/07/2026

FIVE FARM WORKERS NEEDED at Rhakuna. Contact Sinthu Holdings, Box 46568. 72 870 643

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For full time positions on a developing farm

Requirements

- Live and work on site
- Actively participate in daily farm operations

Skills and experience

- Practical experience in horticulture production and general agriculture
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Candidates who meet the above requirements can submit their detailed CV to:

HR MANAGER

EKO A (PTY) LTD

nvmogapi28@gmail.com

Closing date: 22 July 2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference ESHMY-000304-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BADIRETSWENG S. LEEPILE** who died at Basimane Ward, Pilikwe, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 12th March 2026. 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 **MAHALAPYE** on this **19 Day of June 2026**

The Executrix

Judith Leepile

P O Box 124 Pilikwe Cell : 71384084

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

TSHOSA J.

HELD AT GABORONE

CASE NO: **CVHGB - 0002966-23**

In the matter between:-

ESTATE OF LATE GANELANG SEITSHIRO

PLAINTIFF

And

MUMBA MABULA

DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to judgment of the above Honourable court, the following movable property of the above mentioned Defendant will be sold by public auction to the highest bidder by deputy sheriff **URGENT J. CHILISA** as follows;

DATE OF SALE : 31st July 2026

TIME OF SALE : 10:30 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE : IN FRONT OF BROADHURST MAGISTRATE COURT

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : 1x DARK BROWN TABLE WITH 6 CHAIRS, 1x WHITE SANSAI BAR FRIDGE, 1x TABLE TROJAN TREADMILL, 1x BLACK 40 –INCH LG FLATSCREEN TELEVISION, 8 ASSORTED COLOURS METAL OUTDOOR CHAIRS, 1x BROWN WEAVED WITH GLASS-TOP OUTDOOR TABLE, 1x BROWN WEAVED OUTDOOR CHAIR, 1x BLACK GRILLER.

CONDITIONS OF SALE : ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER OR CASH.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 26th DAY OF JUNE 2026.

DEPUTY SHERIFF URGENT J. CHILISA, P O BOX 21939, PLOT 17153, GABORONE-WEST, GABORONE, TEL: 3180990, CELL: 74770666/71594008, C/O – SENAMELA SEKGA ATTO RNEYS



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Requirements:

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- Be suitably qualified
- Ability to coach various sports and cultural activities will be beneficial
- Good interpersonal, planning, organisational and reporting skills.
- Produce a valid Police Clearance Certificate if shortlisted

Application letter, CV, copies of qualifications and at least three contactable references should be forwarded to:

The Headmaster : Clifton Preparatory School

Private Bag F48, Francistown

Tel : 241 3979

Email : board@cliftonschoo.net

Closing date : 24 July 2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHFT-000168-24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **CONSTANCE MMILA MAKGOSA** who died at Selibe Phikwe, Central District, Republic of Botswana on the 01st day of August 2023. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026

The Executor

Mantshapelo Masilompana/Moloko Makgosa

P O Box 9 **MOLALATAU**

Cell: 71822515 / 71382472

VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST (REF: PSYCM002/26)

1 x 2 Positions

PsychMatters (Pty) Ltd invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced professionals for the position of Clinical Psychologist.

Minimum Requirements

MA/MSc or PhD in Clinical Psychology or Counselling Psychology.

Current professional registration with the relevant regulatory body.

Teaching, lecturing, or facilitation experience at a College, University, or tertiary institution.

Experience in psychological assessment, intervention, and mental health service delivery.

Key Competencies

Excellent facilitation, presentation, and communication skills.

Strong knowledge of evidence-based psychological practice.

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Professionalism, ethical practice, and teamwork.

Key Responsibilities

Facilitate psychology and mental health training programmes.

Prepare learning materials and assessments.

Assess and support learner development.

Contribute to curriculum development and quality assurance initiatives.

Experience

3 years

Application Requirements

Interested candidates should submit:

- Cover Letter
- Detailed CV
- Certified copies of qualifications
- Proof of professional registration
- Two professional referees

Applications :

info@psychmatters.co.bw

Closing Date : 25 July 2026

PsychMatters (Pty) Ltd is an equal opportunity employer committed to excellence in mental health, teaching, learning, and professional development.

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Position: Farm Manager (1); Supervisors (2)

Location: Tuli (Mmadiphala and Mmaditlou Farms) and Letlhakane

Employer: B. L. Moalosi Enterprises

B. L. Moalosi Enterprises is looking for a motivated and experienced Farm Manager and two Supervisors to oversee daily farm operations at our sites in Tuli (Mmadiphala & Mmaditlou Farm) and Letlhakane.

Key Responsibilities

- Plan, organize, and manage all farm activities to ensure productivity and profitability
- Supervise farm staff, allocate duties, and monitor performance
- Oversee livestock/crop management, feeding, health checks, and record keeping
- Ensure maintenance of equipment, infrastructure, and farm facilities
- Implement health, safety, and environmental standards
- Prepare reports on production, costs, and farm performance for management
- Liaise with suppliers, buyers, and relevant authorities

Requirements

- Diploma or Degree in Agriculture, Farm Management, Animal Science, or related field for Manager
- Certificate or Diploma in Agriculture, Farm Management, Animal Science, or related field for Supervisors
- Minimum 2-3 years' experience in farm management or a similar role
- Strong knowledge of livestock and/or crop production practices
- Good organizational, leadership, and problem-solving skills
- Computer literate – MS Excel/Word preferred
- Valid extra-heavy duty driver's license will be an added advantage
- Must be willing to reside and work between Tuli and Letlhakane

Submit your CV, certified copies of certificates, and a cover letter stating your availability to:

Private Bag 007 Letlhakane

email: blmoalosi83@gmail.com

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FARM WORKES

FARM WORKER WANTED x 1 at Lebutse lands (Tsonyane) for production of vegetables. P.O Box 148 Kopong Contact : 77 422 334, 73 856 420 Batsile Rammopo

FARMER WANTED DIKGONNYE

farmlands, Rasesa P O Box 2920 Gaborone. Contact 71 460 223: Closing date 24/07/2026

FARM WORKERS WANTED

Glen Valley, Box 404081 Gaborone. Email CV: sales@cpcaconsulting.co.bw before 18/07/26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000463-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **AARON FARIREPI MATSAIRERE ESHGB 000463-26** who died at Sidilega Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on the 26th day of January 2026.

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
Placxedes Matsairere
Plot 4251
MAFITLHAKGOSI
Cell: 72853755/76903632

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a Certified Copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant NO: 16/2010 dated 8th January 2010 made in favor of GETRUDE BOK in respect of the following property:
CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 6115 Lobatse
SITUATE: in Lobatse Extension 24
MEASURING: 375 m² (Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Square Metres)
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Certificate of Registered State Title No. 1049/95 dated 8th December 1995.
AS WILL MORE FULLY APPEAR: from general Plan DSL No 111/91 surveyed by Land Surveyors G.G.I De Wilde in June 1996 and approved by the Director of Surveys & Land on 30th October 1995
All persons having objections to issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge their objections with the Registrar of Deeds for Botswana at Gaborone within three (3) weeks of the date of the last publication of this notice.
DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 4TH DAY OF JULY 2026
NDZINGE MAKHAMISA LAW GROUP PLOT 17999, BLOCK 1, UNIT 3 AND 4 GABORONE WEST INDUSTRIAL GABORONE

Masters Ref: ESHMN-000052-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **BOSENAKITSO MUKUWA** who died at **KAZUNGULA – PANDAMATENGA ROAD, BOTSWANA** on the 14th day of **SEPTEMBER, 2025**.

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

DATED AT KASANE ON THIS THE 07TH DAY OF JULY, 2026.

JOSHUA MOSWEU MUKUWA
P.O. Box 412, KASANE
Tel: 6251879 Cell: 72383096
Email: mukuwajoshuamosweu@gmail.com

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000268-26

IN THE ESTATES of the late **LESEGO MAGOWE** who died at Sefhare Primary Hospital, Sefhare, Central-Mahalapye Distric, Botswana on the **17th April 2025**.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of **June 2026**

The Executrix
Lealakanyo
R.Magowe
PO BOX 21
MAUNATLALA
cell:74205333

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

MASTERS REFERENCE: ESHMY 000271-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MAREA MOTSAMAI** who died at Dilaene Ward, Mahalapye, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the **7th August 2025**.

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this **03rd Day of July 2026**.

The Executor Dative
Peter Phiri Motsamai
P. O Box 416
MAHALAPYE
CELL: 74150085

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 2311/2008 dated 17th September 2008 made in favour of Richline Investments (Proprietary) Limited in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

1.CERTAIN: piece of land being Portion 10 (a Portion of Portion 2) of the Farm 150-NK;
SITUATE: in the Ghanzi Administrative District;
MEASURING: 10,0000 Ha (Ten comma Zero Zero Zero Zero Hectares);
And
2.CERTAIN: piece of land being Portion 11 (a Portion of Portion 2) of the Farm 150-NK;
SITUATE: in the Ghanzi Administrative District;
MEASURING: 10,0000 Ha (Ten comma Zero Zero Zero Zero Hectares);
BOTH OF WHICH PROPERTIES: are held under Deed of Transfer No. 2311/2008 dated 17th day of September 2008 made in favour of RICHLINE INVESTMENTS (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 of the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 24TH DAY OF JUNE 2026.

MINCHIN & KELLY (BOTSWANA)
Attorneys for Applicant
The Fields Precinct, Lot 54349 CBD, Office Block B, 3rd Floor,
Corner of Molepolole Rd and Western Commercial Rd,
Gaborone, Botswana
(TD/gk/MO08315)

HOUSEMAIDS

DOMESTIC WORKER WANTED in Molalatau village. For more information contact 75 209 570 / 77 695 665

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

ALL NEIGHBOURS OF plot 9442 are informed of change of land use from single family to multi-residential in Tlokweng. For clarity call 71 395 852 or visit Tlokweng physical planning unit within 14 days

Application for a Certified Copy of Lost Deed of Transfer

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No: 1985/2015 dated the 24th July 2015 made in favour of MOKAEDI MONNANE MONNANE in respect of;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 4317,Gaborone
SITUATE: in Gaborone Township Extension 14, Gaborone.
MEASURING: 464 m² (Four Hundred and Sixty-four Square Metres).

Any person having objection to the issuance of such a copy is hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds at Gaborone within three (3) weeks of the second publication of this notice.
LUCKY DESMOND ATTORNEYS Applicant's Attorneys, Plot 40335, Makhubu Hill Road Block 5, Gaborone, P.O Box 504347, Gaborone,
First Publication.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference:ESHMY 000034-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MAREA TSHIAMISO** who died at BoikagWard,Palapye,Palapye District,Botswana on the 09th October 2012.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims on whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026

The Executrix
Pedra Tshiamiso
P O Box 258 **Gaborone**
Cell:71467344

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE Administration of Estate Act [cap 31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estate Act [Cap 31.01] heirs and next of kin of the deceased persons specified below are hereby invited to attend next of kin meeting before **OFFICE OF THE MASTER** at the **GABORONE HIGH COURT DIVISION**. On the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relative. At the respective meeting, the next of kin are to recommend person[s] to be appointed as Executor[s] Executrices Dative, identify beneficiaries and to discuss any other business related to the estate of their deceased relative. For any enquiries concerning the deceased person's estate please contact the Master's office on **3718343, or 371800/3718040**

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
DITSHOKE LEBOTSE MONAMETSI	ESHGB-001109/25	27/08/26	0830HRS	SAM :B Kgweretwa

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

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

ERALETSE ERIC MODISE	ESHMY 000195-26	25.08.26	09000HRS	SARM
Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 3RD JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000096

IN THE ESTATE of the late **LUCKY DIALWA** who died at Jwaneng Mine Hospital, Jwaneng, Jwaneng District Botswana on the **22nd September 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 MAHALAPYE THIS 29th DAY OF JUNE 2026.

The Executrix
Ookeditse Dialwa
P.O. Box 35
Lerala
Cell: 76980446

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An established leading Retail chain store invites applications from citizens of Botswana for the following Senior ERP 300 Functional Consultant Analyst.

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Tasks and duties.

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Qualification

- Bachelor of Commerce with Computers (Major in Business Management)

Experience

- Minimum of 8 Years’ Experience of which 5 years’ experience in accounting and operational Management and ERP Systems.

Send certified copies of Certificates, C.V and traceable references to:
The Director, Gafoor Investments (Pty) Ltd, P.O. Box 259, Gaborone
Closing Date: 14 days from date of issue of this advert

OWNER OF PORTION 238,

a potion of portion 226 (a Portion of portion 12) (a Portion of Portion 11) of the Farm Crocodile Pools No. 15-KO wishes to change land use from agricultural use mixed use agriculture. For any objection, contact Gamalete district council, physical planning office.

THE OWNER OF PLOT 6615,

Mogoditshane Block 5 would like to erect a boundary wall. Any objections contact Mogoditshane/Thamaga District Council-Physical Planning office on 316 6653.

NEIGHBOURS OF PLOT 27860

Ext 2 Palapye, owner wishes to change land use from single family residential to multi family residential. Contact Palapye District Council on 493 0881 for any objection.

LEKHUBU KMG PTY LTD.

Change of land use from mixed agriculture to mixed use (50% Agriculture & 50% Tourism) at Lathapeo Zoroga. Any objections call Tutume Physical Planning or 71 303 676

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB 000201/21

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE **MOOKANGWANE ALEX OBAKENG** who died at Kudumatse, Central -Mahalapye on the **15th day of June 2021**.

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

DATED on the 24 Day of 2026.

The Executor | Sebopiwa Motsopa
P.O. Box 2 | **MOOKANE** | Cell: 76018659

Notice of Next of Kin Meeting Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01),heirs and next of kin of the deceased person and all persons having claims against the below estate are being called upon to attend a meeting before the Master of High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relative 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 the Deceased Person
Derrick Dichaba Maphomo

Estate Number
ESHMN-000078-26

Date of meeting Time
06/10/26 1430hours

Master
SARM

Master of the High Court
Maun

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000115-26**

IN THE ESTATES of the late **REX LERE CHIBUA** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital. Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 7th November 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 undersigned within(30)days after the publication hereof.

DATED at Mahalapye on this 16 Day of June 2026.

The Executrix, Segolame Chibua,
PO Box 18, SEROWE,
Cell: 71809836

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND USE: owner of lot no 5318 (Winswana) Extension 11 to change land use from single family to multi-family residential. Any objection to this proposal to be forwarded to Gaborone city council, physical planning office or call 365 7400, within 14 days of publication notice

OWNER OF PLOT 13107 at Extension 22, Gaborone wishes to change land use from civic and community use to mixed use-commercial. For any objection, contact Gaborone city council, physical planning office or call 77 621 481 within 14 days from this publication notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 5658 in Tlokweng, Selokwana ward wishes to erect a boundary wall. Objections should be directed to Tlokweng physical planning office at 577 7411 within 14 days of publication.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master Reference:
ESHGB-000083/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late Jacob Boy Sibiya who died at Pela Crescent 2573, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 28th April 2012.

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 publication hereof.

LINDIWEA. HITCH, The Executrix,
P.O. Box 993,GABORONE,
Cellphone No. 74102896

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act
[Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	BOTSANG MOLAPISI
Estate Number	ESHFT-000523-26
Date of Meeting	09/09/26
Time	0900 HRS
Master	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 29TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

Notice of Next of Kin Meeting

Administration of Estates Act
(Cap.31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01),heirs and next of kin of the deceased person and all persons having claims against the below estate are being called upon to attend a meeting before the Master of High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relative 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 the Deceased Person	Dichaba Maphomo
Estate Number	ESHMN-000078-26
Date of meeting	06/10/26
Time	1030hours
Master	SARM

Master of the High Court
Maun

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer no. 299/85 dated the 12th day of **June 1985** made in favour of **ISY INVESTMENTS PROPRIETARY LIMITED** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;
CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 257 Lobatse (formerly Lot 219 Lobatse);
SITUATE: in the South East Administration District of Botswana;
MEASURING: 499 m² (Four Hundred and Ninety Nine square metres);

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 3RD DAY OF JULY 2026

AJA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews
Plot 54373 CB0, Gaborone
P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana
Plot 17396 Boseja Ward Maun, Botswana

Tel: (+267) 316 3125 Fax: (+267) 316 3124
Email: info@aja.co.bw
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VACANCY – FINANCIAL CONSULTANT

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Minimum Requirements

- Member of the Botswana Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA) in good standing.
- Minimum of four (4) years' relevant professional experience in accounting, financial consulting, or a related field.
- Strong practical knowledge of Caseware Working Papers.
- Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Excel.
- Working knowledge of SQL and Python for financial analysis, automation, and data management.
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NOTICE OF INTENDED APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION/TRANSFER OF MOTOR VEHICLE - OWNER UNTRACEABLE

Notice is hereby given that *KADHIKWA ESTHER GWASHAMBA*, ID No: *88122800408*, of *Erf No 4478, Mahohoma Location, Katima Mulilo, P.O. Box 621*, intends to apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for registration/transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle currently in my possession:

* Make*:	TOYOTA
* Model*:	LANDCRUISER
* Body Type*:	STATION WAGON
* Year*:	Unknown
* Registration No*:	B223AMN
* Chassis/VIN No*:	KZJ900026795
* Engine No*:	1KZ0597797
* Colour*:	WHITE

The last known/registered owner is *HEINRICH ANDERS*, VRL No: *VRL00104567*, last known address *Plot No6363, Gaborone*, who cannot be traced after reasonable enquiries/diligent search.

Any person who has any claim, right, title, interest, or objection to the said motor vehicle is hereby called upon to lodge such objection in writing with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Ministry of Transport & Communications, Private Bag 004, Gaborone, within 21 days from the date of the last publication of this notice. Failing which, the application will be proceeded with.

KADHIKWA ESTHER GWASHAMBA*

Contact: +264812676149

Email: muyapekwatimothy@gmail.com

Notice of Intention to Dispose Tribal Land to a Non-Citizen

NOTICE IS ISSUED in compliance to the provisions of the Tribal Land Act of 2018, section 34, subsection (1) (a) and transaction involves the following property in Tribal Land:
CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Plot No. 30822
SITUATED: Letlhakane Tawana under Letlhakane Sub land board
MEASURING: 37.64x23.61x34.84x22.10 Meters
HELD UNDER: Letlhakane Sub land board

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: multi-family residential
The transaction is valued at P200 000.00 (Two hundred thousand pula only). By virtue of this notice, any citizen willing and able to likewise conclude such transaction may make a similar offer through Neo Matlhapadiatla, PO Box 136 Letlhakane, Botswana, Cellphone: 77634286 within thirty (30) days of this advert.
The intended transaction is between Neo Matlhapadiatla and Kotar786 Proprietary Limited.

DATED at Francistown on this 6th day of July 2026

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Who We Are

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- Proven ability to perform QC/grading of fancy shapes, including Princess, Cushion, Radiant, Emerald, Asscher, Oval, and Pear.
- Demonstrated diamond grading experience, with expertise in EX, VG, and G makes for both round and fancy shapes.
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Closing date: **23 July 2026**

VACANCY

Rhino Steel Rolling Mills (Pty) Ltd, Ramotswa Station Industrial, invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the following positions:

Steelmaking & Casting Manager
Must possess sound metallurgical knowledge with a minimum of 8 years' experi-ence in steelmaking operations from raw material charging through billet casting. Responsible for managing the complete steelmaking and billet casting process, including induction furnace operations, molten metal treatment, continuous billet casting, pro-duction planning, quality assurance, refractory management, process optimisation, preventive maintenance, breakdown troubleshooting, and supervision and training of technical personnel.

Industrial Electrician – Steel Plant
Must have a minimum of 5 years' experience in steel manufacturing plants. Responsi-ble for installation, preventive maintenance and breakdown troubleshooting of induction furnaces, continuous casting machines (CCM) and rolling mills. Must have hands-on experience with furnace PLCs, VFD/AC drives, HMI systems, HT/LT switchgear, transformers, motors, MCCs, instrumentation, sensors, encoders, hydraulic and pneu-matic electrical controls, and industrial control panels. Must be capable of fault diag-nosis, commissioning, reading electrical drawings, minimising plant downtime and training shop floor personnel.

CCM Mould Operator
Must have a minimum of 5 years' experience in continuous billet casting operations. Responsible for mould tube installation and replacement, mould alignment, mould os-cillation, lubrication, breakout prevention, mould condition assessment, and ensuring consistent billet quality during casting operations.

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Must have a minimum of 5 years' experience in continuous casting operations. Re-sponsible for ladle

preparation, slide gate assembly, nozzle setting, tundish prepara-tion, refractory checks, ladle preheating, and controlling molten steel flow throughout the casting sequence to ensure safe and uninterrupted production.

Apply in confidence to:
The Director,
P.O. Box 3028,
Gaborone,
Botswana

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNERS OF PLOT 87887 and plot 87889 Gaborone North please contact owner of plot 87888 at 71 410 352 regarding screenwall development.

OWNER OF PLOT 15788 Letlapeng Tlokweng wishes to inform neighbours plot 15787, 15789 of the intention to erect a boundary wall. For any objections to contact Tlokweng building control within 14 days of publications

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intents to apply for a certified copy Of Deed NO: FT MA 249 dated 15th day of October 2010

Made in favour of: Hotline Security Services (Proprietary) Limited In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being TRIBAL LOT 1334 MAUN

SITUATE: MAUN

MEASURING: 2666 (Two thousand six hundred and sixty six) square metres

HELD UNDER: FT MA 249/2010

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: 08 on this Wednesday day of July 2026

APPLICANT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s Reference: ESHMY 000049-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late MMANKHA SEDISA who died at Rakgomo Ward, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 9th January 2015.

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
Duncan Liza Sedisa
P O Box 30668
Serowe
Cell: 76787980

Application for Lost Deed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we intend applying for a certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No ST206 /2021 dated 30th March, 2021 in respect of the following property;

CERTAIN: Unit consisting of Section No.1;

SITUATE: on Lot 75748 Gaborone (a portion of Lot 55720 Gaborone) in the Gaborone Administrative District.

MEASURING: 194m² (One Hundred Ninety-Four Square Metres)

HELD UNDER: Deed of Transfer No. ST 206/2021 dated 30th March, 2021, made in favour Jones Accounting Services (Proprietary) Limited.

All persons having objection to the issuance of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same, in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds for Botswana within three (3) weeks from the publication of this notice.

DATED at Gaborone on this 24th day of June, 2026.

LOKWALO ATTORNEYS, P.O Box 787 ABG, Sebele, GABORONE, Plot 28562, Unit F14, Fairground’s mall, GABORONE.

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a Certified Copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 424/93 dated 27th May 1993 made in favour of SHADRACK MPOLOKA in respect of the following property;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 19633, Gaborone;

SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extension 12;

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

HELD UNDER: Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 424/93 dated 27th May 1993 made in favour of SHADRACK MPOLOKA.

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

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 24TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

Shadrack Mpoloka, Applicant, P. O. Box 50282, Gaborone

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: 1512/1991 dated 23rd day of October 1991 made in favour of Joseph Nasando Nyambe in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land Lot 19399 Gaborone

SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extention 12

MEASURING: 450M2,Four Hundred and Fifty Square Metres

HELD UNDER: Deed of fixed period state grant NO. 1512/1991 Adated 23rd October 1991

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 06th JUNE 2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s Reference: ESHGB 000338-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late THEBE JOHN MOERANE who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on 8th August 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 thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

Executrix Dative
Loungo Rebecca Thamaga
P O Box 856
LOBATSE
CELL: 72264693/71688257

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s reference: -ESHFT 000163-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late Festus Senyane Dikgale who died on the 04 March 2025 at Selibe Phikwe Government Hospital, Selibe Phikwe, Central District.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

The Executor Testamentary

OWNER OF PLOT NO 101 Block 1 Metsimotlhabe wishes to inform neighbours & the public of the intention to change land use from residence to multi residence. For any objections to contact Mogoditshane physical planning department

THE OWNER OF lot no. 75859, Gaborone North, wishes to notify owner of lot 75860, lot 75858 & lot 75857 of intention to develop a double storey residential building. For any queries, viewing of proposed development, contact (+267 74 014 752) within 14 days.

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CONTACT NUMBER: 71858233/78367224

APPLICATION FOR A LOST TITLE DEED IN TERM OF REGULATION 46 (1) OF THE DEEDS REGISTRY ACT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 2661/2012 dated 21st November 2012 passed in favour of JEPHIAS NHIRA in respect of the following property;

CERTAIN : piece of land being Lot 31718 formerly Portion 496, content farm NO.1 – KO, Portion of Portion 206, content farm No. 1KO, Gaborone)

SITUATE : in Gaborone Township Extension 64;

MEASURING: 613m² (Six Hundred and Thirteen Square Metres);

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

Modie and Partners P.O. BOX 3259 GABORONE , TEL: 74790059, Block 9, Plot 24270

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intents to apply for a certified copy of Deed NO: 279/ 2014 dated 13TH dayof OCTOBER 2014 made in favour of GRACE MUZILA In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being TRIBAL GRANT NO. 1298 KO, GABORONE

SITUATE: AT MOLONGWANE LANDS IN THE BAKGATLA TRIBAL TERRITORY

MEASURING: 2.6985 HA (TWO POINT SIX NINE EIGHT FIVE HECTARES) HELD UNDER: NO: TG 279/ 2024

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 29 DAY OF JUNE 20 26

GRACE MUZILA APPLICANT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s Reference: ESHMY 000065-26

IN THE ESTATE of Late GOITSEMODIMO KEORATE who died at A14 Road Near Morupule Bridge, Palapye District, Botswana on the 29th September 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 MAHALAPYE on this 22nd Day of June 2026.

The Executor
Moses Keorate
P O BOX 30780
RASEBOLAI
SEROWE
CELL: 71446700

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s Reference: ESHMY 000193-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late PATSON CHELE who died at Palapye Primary Hospital, Palapye-District, Botswana on the 30th May 2025.

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this June Day of 29 2026.

The Executrix Dative
Nametso Chele
P O Box 10508
PALAPYE
Cell: 76190155

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s Reference: ESHMY 000183-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late DINEO GLORIA TSHIRELETSO who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospi-tal, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 06th March 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 Executor
Modise TshireletsoTshireletso
P O Box 975
Serowe
Cell:74200429/78183152

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT GABORONE ESHGB: 000002/ 22

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late NOBERT NKILE, ESHGB – 000002/ 22 who died at PRINCESS MARINA HOSPITAL, GABORONE, GABORONE DISTRICT on the 16th September 2021.

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

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 06 DAY OF JULY 2026

Mr Tlhalefo Bobby Mopipi, The Executor,
P O Box 07, Ghanzi. Cell No 76566918/ 76022252

OWNER OF TRIBAL LOT 14781, situate at Mahalapye-Xhosa 2 would like to change landuse from single family residential to commercial use. For objection contact Mahalapye District Council Physical Planning Office at 4718600 or call 71 609 815 within 14 days of this publication.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the neighbours of plots 2960 and 2962 in Tatisiding of the intention to construct a two storey building at plot 2961, Tatisiding. Any queries be forwarded to Physical Planning Office in Tatisiding 243 1136 or the owner 71 611 155 within 14 days from days of this notice

TRUST POLITE MONGWA, owner of plot no: 3934 in Francistown would like to change land use of his plot from single-family residential to mixed use. Any objections should be forwarded to City of Francistown Council Physical Planning Department within 14 days of this publication

CHANGE OF LAND-USE and boundary wall. Owner of plot 12300, Bobonong, Rasetimela ward would like to change land use from commercial to civic and community and erect a boundary wall. For any comments or queries contact +267 2619274 during working hours.

OWNER OF PLOT no 17371 at Dibokwe, Palapye intend to change land use from residential to multi-residential. Any objections contact Palapye Distrcit Council Physical Planning Office at 4930821, within 14 days of this publication

OWNER OF PLOT 16886, Mogoditshane, Oakantse Alfred wishes to change the land use from single family residential to multi-family residential. Any objection to this proposal should submit their objection to the Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council Physical Planning Office or 75384966 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

THE OWNER OF TRIBAL LOT 4808, Mmpopane intends to change land use from single to multi-family residential. Forward objections within 14 days of this publication to Mogoditshane District Council (+267) 310 5615) or consultant (+267) 76 060 228).

CHANGE OF LAND USE. Owner of plot 77404 in Gaborone North, wishes to change land use from residential to multi-residential. For any objections, contact Gaborone City Council physical planning office 3657400, within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

NEIGHBOURS OF PLOT 12429, Ledumadumane Mogoditshane, owner wishes to change landuse from single family residential to multi-family residential. Contact Mogoditshane/ Thamaga District Council on +267 3960790 for any objection.

OWNER OF PLOT 10908 Tonota is erecting a boundary wall. All neighbours concerned may contact Tonota District Council at building control office. Tel 245 2570

OWNER OF PLOT 2194 Metlhabeng-Tlokweng would like to inform neighbors about erecting a boundary wall. Objections to be forwarded to Tlokweng District Council. Tel : 392 8200

OWNER OF PLOT No. 6552, Mmaratanang- Tlokweng would like to notify neighbors and the public of the intention to make alterations and extension on the existing residential development. For any objections please contact Tlokweng District Council, Physical Planning Office on Telephone No. 369 5000 within fourteen (14) days of this publication

PROPERTIES

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Anafiki life story comes to big screen



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Renowned musician Anafiki Dita, best known for her iconic hit *Mpolelele Re Babedi*, is set to premiere her biographical documentary on September 30, 2026.

Speaking about the project, Anafiki's said the documentary was both educational and entertaining, offering audiences an intimate account of her journey to becoming one of Botswana's celebrated musicians.

Described as a major blockbuster, the film tells the story of a young woman who longed for parental guidance and support but did not receive it. It also carries an inspirational message for people living with disabilities, encouraging them to persevere and highlighting the importance of resilience. At its core, the documentary traces Anafiki's life, exploring who she is and the experiences that shaped her musical career.

Produced by Flave Productions, trading as Botswood Studios, the documentary, titled *Anafiki*, runs between 60 and 90 minutes.

Producer Thabiso Ranthoyakgale described t h e

production as a biographical drama chronicling the extraordinary life of Anafiki, a legendary visually impaired keyboardist and songwriter. The film follows her journey from humble beginnings to the release of her iconic hit *Mpolelele Re Babedi* in 1982. It is both a love story and a powerful testament to resilience in the face of trauma.

Filming began on May 28 at several locations, including the Resource Centre, Northside, Pudulogong and the Phuthadikobo Museum in Mochudi. Most scenes were shot in Kgatleng District, where many of the events leading up to the release of *Mpolelele Re Babedi* took place.

To mark the final day of production, Flave Productions opened its film set to television, radio and print journalists on June 30 at the Phuthadikobo Museum. The media event provided an opportunity for interviews, photographs and behind-the-scenes access to the production, while giving journalists the chance to engage with key cast members, crew and Anafiki herself.

Speaking to the *BOPA*, actress Sheila Tlou, who portrays Anafiki's grandmother, said her character played a pivotal role in raising the musician after her mother accidentally caused the loss of her eyesight during an episode of postpartum depression, a condition that was not widely understood at the time.

Tlou said the film also highlighted the culture and traditions of the Bakgatla people while promoting values of resilience and self-reliance among young people, qualities she believed defined Anafiki's remarkable life story.

As anticipation builds ahead of its September premiere, Anafiki said audiences can expect a compelling blend of biography, culture and inspiration, celebrating the life of a woman whose music and story continue to inspire generations. *BOPA*

Tapyowa NG32 Experience celebrate culture

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

The quiet and remote tourism island of Mmamokhutshwane, situated right in the heart of the Okavango delta, sprung to life recently when the fourth edition of the Tapyowa NG32 experience was celebrated with a series of cultural activities.

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Flave Productions, trading as Botswood Studios during the filming of a documentary titled Anafiki at Phuthadikobo Museum in Mochudi recently. The documentary that runs between 60 and 90 minutes would be premiered on September 30. Photos: Felicity Male

Tapyowa NG32 Experience celebrate culture

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Organised by Okavango Kopano Mokoro Community Trust (OKMCT), the Tapyowa NG32 experience is an annual cultural tourism spectacle aimed at celebrating the diverse multi-ethnic groups found in NG32 concession.

Local groups from various areas affiliating to the trust came together to showcase authentic performances featuring heritage dances, ancestral songs, live folk music, traditional food tasting as well as vivid storytelling; offering visitors an immersive experience of their rich and diverse heritage.

The annual showcase offers an opportunity for patrons to witness and appreciate the distinctive local culture that holds a significant, yet under-utilised potential for cultural and sport tourism.

Those who graced the event left the place with lasting memories far beyond the stage, as they experienced a rich and colourful way of life which is unlike any other. In an interview, one of the tourism operators, Cobus Calitz hailed the event, saying it indeed offered an insight into the rich tapestry of traditions that defined the lifestyle of the communities living in the delta.

He appreciated that the event showcased the cultural vibrancy and national pride of Botswana. “It is amazing to be part of a special event like this. Witnessing the local community proudly showcasing the beauty of their tradition is incredibly inspiring and I wish other communities can learn from OKMCT,” he added.

Calitz also highlighted that the event



Shigyakao Cultural Group showcasing their dance skills during Tapyowa NG32 Experience held at Mmamokhutshwane island, in the Okavango Delta. Photo: Esther Mmolai

fostered sustainable tourism by driving local economic growth, creating demand for authentic experiences and motivating the preservation of heritage.

North West district commissioner, Thabang Waloka also commended the initiative noting that it had the potential to diversify the tourism product and support local communities. Cultural and sports tourism, he said were gradually becoming major travel drivers as travelers increasingly sought authentic experiences, heritage storytelling and community lifestyle.

He hailed the trust for promoting and developing cultural and sports tourism as they did not only provide leisure but

also drove economic growth and mutual understanding.

“This is testament that the trust is benefiting its members through the Community-Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) programme which focuses on providing incentives for communities to take responsibility for managing natural resources sustainably,” he added.

The proceeds generated through the CBNRM projects have already made an impact in all settlements affiliated to the trust to ensure social equity.

OKMCT manager, Seikaneng Moepedi revealed that the event aimed to expose the beauty of the delta as well as to promote cultural and sport tourism which remained untapped in the region.

In addition, he stated that through the event, they were promoting domestic

tourism, preserving indigenous cultural heritage and creating sustainable income for local activities.

“This is the fourth edition of the event and we have realised that a lot of locals are not aware of our prestigious resource; the delta, which has attracted a lot of attention globally. We receive a lot of international visitors coming here to experience the beauty of the delta through mekoro excursions, and through Tapyowa, we want to make the delta more accessible,” he emphasised.

Meanwhile, the trust is made up of six settlements namely; Boro, Daunara, Ditshiping, Xharaxao, Xaxaba and Xuxao. Initially the event was held at Xaxaba but due to the rising of flood water in the delta, it was moved to Mmamokhutshwane island, a cultural and ecological hub located in NG32. **BOPA**



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MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE & SECURITY Department of Broadcasting Services

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

APPOINTMENT OF A MARKETING PARTNER TO SECURE SPONSORSHIP AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS FOR BTV IN-HOUSE PRODUCED PROGRAMMES: Proposal No. SP/DBS/001/2026–27

The Department of Broadcasting Services (DBS) invites suitably qualified and experienced companies to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the appointment of a Marketing Partner to secure sponsorship and strategic partnerships for Botswana Television (BTV) in-house produced programmes.

Interested firms should demonstrate proven expertise in sponsorship acquisition, marketing, brand partnerships, business development, and stakeholder engagement.

The detailed Expression of Interest document, including the scope of work, eligibility requirements, and submission instructions, is available from the Department of Broadcasting Services.

A non-refundable deposit of **P250.00** payable in cash or must be made out in favour of the Government of Botswana or the entity stated in the Expression of Interest and must be paid on collection of the Expression of Interest. Youth Companies shall purchase the Expression of Interest at a 50% of the fee as per Presidential Directive CAB 14 (B) 2015 (**P125.00**) should be paid to: **Revenue office, 029, Administration Block (GROUND FLOOR), Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2, Gaborone, Botswana. (Cheques will not be accepted)**

Collection Period: **08 July 2026 to 16 July 2026** Collection Times:

- 08:00 hours – 12:45 hours
- 13:45 hours – 15:30 hours

Submission Deadline

The closing date and time for submission of proposals shall be: **22nd July 2026 at 1000 Hours**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Queries or clarifications relating to the issuance of these documents may be addressed in writing not later than two (2) days before the tender closing date to **M. M. R. Matula, Tel No. 365 3099 Email: mmatula@gov.bw; S. Dipatane Tel 365 8050 Email: sdipatane@gov.bw**

The Department of Broadcasting Services reserves the right to accept or reject any Expression of Interest and is not bound to appoint any respondent.

Stephen P. Motlogelwa
Director - Broadcasting Services

Porcelain masters captivate global artists

NANCHANG

For many creators, Jingdezhen, China’s porcelain capital, serves as a massive and living workshop, with numerous local artisans dedicating themselves to a specific niche within the craft in the eastern Chinese city.

Such intricate division of labour is a centuries-old tradition, in which young apprentices spend years perfecting a single step in the porcelain-making process. Today, this comprehensive industry chain in the city sustains over 100 000 workers.

Jingdezhen, home to more than 60 000 ceramic studios, is hosting the 2026 Congress of the International Academy of Ceramics (IAC). The event has brought together ceramic artists and experts from around the globe to discuss the inheritance and innovation of ceramic culture.

Since the Song Dynasty (960-1279), ceramics crafted in Jingdezhen have been exported to Central Asia, West Asia, Europe and Africa. Today, the city still retains its global appeal, drawing over 5 000 ceramic enthusiasts from around the world at peak times.

For international artists, the city’s most magnetic appeal lies in its vast, collaborative network of master craftsmen, each playing a distinct and indispensable role.

French visual artist Karima Duchamp is among those captivated by this dynamic. After a three-month residency in Jingdezhen last year, she has returned as an IAC member. During her previous stay, she painted on clay bodies but struggled with the firing process. In a local alley, she watched

a craftsman seamlessly slide a multi-meter-long clay body into a kiln without a single flaw. This refined skill, honed over decades, instantly won her trust.

“I didn’t just ‘borrow hands.’ I borrowed Jingdezhen’s fire,” Duchamp told Xinhua, adding that the expertise of local kiln masters was crucial in realising her creation.

“Jingdezhen always helps me bring my creative ideas to life,” said Croatian visual artist Sandra Ban, echoing Duchamp’s view. Returning to the city half a year after a three-month residency, she added that the city’s synergistic craftsmanship is particularly liberating for artists tackling irregular or oversised designs.

“Ceramics is a universal language, and craftsmanship is the bond connecting humanity and nature,” said Ban. “Handmade porcelain in Jingdezhen stands in contrast to mass-produced goods. Every single piece carries the warmth of human touch.”

The city’s dedication to craftsmanship is etched into its landscape. Along the Zhushan Bridge, 72 bronze statues line both sides, capturing the entire traditional porcelain-making process, from throwing to firing.

“Hands serve as a bridge between the heart and the clay,” said 87-year-old Liu Yuanchang, a master of Chinese arts and crafts. “For over a millennium, it has been a division of labor, yet also a symphony.”

Liu added that while artisans existed elsewhere, few places have organised these “hands” into an ecosystem like Jingdezhen. “Foreign artists bring ideas and creativity, and the hands of Jingdezhen help realise them.” **Xinhua**



BetXplosion CEO, Peter Kgomotso (left) and Botswana Chess Federation president, Kutlwano Tatolo during unveiling of P160,000 sponsorship for the upcoming BetXplosion National Chess Championship in Mogoditshane recently. Photo: Courtesy of BetXplosion

National Chess Championship set for July 17

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOGODITSHANE

The Botswana Chess Federation (BCF) will host the 2026 BetXplosion National Chess Championship from July 17-21 at Livingstone Kolobeng College in Gaborone, an event that doubles as the official selection tournament for the national chess team.

That follows a recent major financial boost of P160,000 for the federation by BetXplosion, a citizen-owned company licensed by the Botswana Gambling Authority, to sponsor the event and in turn end years of financial uncertainty.

Welcoming guests at the launch recently, BCF president, Kutlwano Tatolo said the sponsorship was a milestone for the federation, which had continued to struggle to secure corporate backing. Though the current executive committee has been in office for less than a year, Tatolo admitted that the journey to finding a sponsor was filled with uncertainty and countless sleepless nights.

She indicated that after the Easter holidays passed without the annual championship taking place, the federation faced mounting pressure and questions from the media and stakeholders about whether the tournament would be held.

Ultimately, Tatolo emphasised that the partnership represented far more than just financial assistance.

“This is not just about hosting a tournament. It is the beginning of a long-term relationship that will help build a sustainable future for Botswana chess,” she said. She also encouraged leaders of other sporting codes facing financial challenges to seek partnerships rather than struggle in silence.

BetXplosion chief executive officer, Peter Kgomotso said the sponsorship was the beginning of a new era for chess in the country.

He said conversations with parents of young chess champions exposed the sacrifices families continued to make in supporting talented players despite limited resources.

“They shared their journey and the challenges they have endured while nurturing children who now represent Botswana internationally.

As a parent, it is difficult not to be moved by such commitment and brilliance,” he said.

Kgomotso explained that before committing to the sponsorship, BetXplosion engaged both former and current BCF leadership to understand the federation’s long-term vision.

He said the company wanted to assist in accelerating the federation’s growth by easing the financial burden it had carried for years.

“We want to shoulder part of that burden so that administrators and players can focus on reaching their full potential,” he said.

Kgomotso noted that corporate Botswana had an important responsibility to invest in communities, particularly at a time when government resources remained constrained. He said businesses should demonstrate commitment to national development rather than simply generating profits.

“BetXplosion wants to lead by example by investing in the people who make our products and our communities stronger. Investing in young people is investing in Botswana’s future,” he said. He added that the sponsorship would not only support the upcoming championship but also help to nurture young talent and create opportunities for players to pursue chess as a viable career.

Kgomotso questioned why athletes in many other sporting codes were able to earn sustainable incomes while chess players continued to struggle financially.

“Our goal is to make chess more vibrant, exciting and rewarding. We want players to share their ideas with the federation so that together we can transform the sport,” he said. He expressed confidence that, within the next few years, public perceptions of chess would change significantly as the sport grew in popularity and accessibility.

Beyond competition, Kgomotso

highlighted chess as an important tool for improving mental health, saying the game developed critical thinking, patience, discipline and strategic decision-making. He also encouraged the media to tell more stories about chess to help the public appreciate its broader

social and educational value.

“There is much more to chess than people realise. It teaches strategy, patience and pattern recognition and skills that help people make better decisions in everyday life,” he said.

Kgomotso further encouraged

the federation to keep pushing boundaries. “Our interest is to see young people excel through sport. We encourage the federation to continue raising standards because success inspires the nation and creates excitement around the game,” he said. **BOPA**

Billie Jean King Cup Africa tournament starts Monday

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

African tennis powerhouses have started to descend upon Gaborone ahead of the highly anticipated Billie Jean King Cup Africa Group III tournament, which serves off this coming Monday at the National Tennis Centre.

Ten countries, Algeria, Burundi, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Namibia, Madagascar, Tunisia, and Zimbabwe will join Botswana for the week-long showcase.

Chairperson of the Local Organising Committee Nonofu Othusitse said preparations went well to deliver a highly successful event.

He urged local sponsors and supporters to rally behind the tournament, adding that a memorable delivery would strengthen Botswana’s standing with World Tennis to secure future hosting rights. The continental spectacle has drawn significant backing from corporate and trade bodies looking to leverage sport for national visibility.

Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) Brand Manager Thuso Palai said sport remained one of the premier avenues for placing Botswana on the global map. He said the strategic value prompted



Team Botswana tennis players, Chelsea Chakanyuka (left), Angela Chakanyuka (second left), Rethabile Moshaoa (centre), Leungo Monnayoo (second right) and Kelebogile Monnayoo during the Billie Jean King Cup Africa Group III tournament media briefing yesterday. Botswana will host the tournament in Gaborone from July 13 to 18. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

the BITC to partner with the Botswana Tennis Association (BTA), ensuring a world-class environment for both international athletes and visiting delegates.

Team Botswana representative, Chelsea Chakanyuka said players were fully aware of the high expectations placed upon them in the historic stage.

She said competing in front of a home crowd served as a motivating factor for the squad.

Botswana’s team include Chelsea, Angel Chakanyuka, Kelebogile Monnayoo, Leungo Monnayoo, Rethabile Moshaoa and Ekua Youri. Meanwhile, the stakes are high for the competing nations given that the tournament format places teams into round-robin pools before cross-pool positional play-offs determine which elite squads earn the coveted promotion.

Only the top-performing squads at the conclusion of the showcase, will earn a coveted promotion to the Africa Group II tier for the upcoming season. **BOPA**

Duo ready to ignite Monaco Diamond League tonight

The global sprinting spotlight shifts to the Stade Louis II tonight, as the elite duo of Collen Kebinatshipi and Letsile Tebogo continue their Diamond League campaign at the prestigious Meeting Herculis EBS.

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With his form peaking at just the right time, his performance in Monaco will offer the world a definitive preview of what to expect as the outdoor season heats up. **BOPA**

Letsile Tebogo and Collen Kebinatshipi will tonight continue their Diamond League campaign at the prestigious Meeting Herculis EBS in Monaco. Kebinatshipi goes into the men's 400m as the favourite after breaking the Diamond League record with 43.54 seconds in Paris, while the reigning Olympic 200m champion Tebogo will test his speed in the men's 100m against a star-studded field.
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