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Rwanda President, Mr Paul Kagame (left) and acting Minister of Minerals and Energy, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi during a tour of Diamond Trading Company Botswana in Gaborone yesterday. Mr Mmolotsi commended Rwanda's efforts in formalising and modernising its mining sector to enhance value addition, an area the two nations shared common ambitions. Photo: Phenyio Moalosi

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The P33 billion audit trail



Bonang Masolotatse
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The rot is now exposed.

An estimated P33 billion could have been lost to corruption, wastage and mismanagement within government itself.

That money could have built schools for children still riding donkey carts to class.

It could have built clinics for patients walking long distances for care, staffed hospitals, stocked pharmacies, or connected every village still in the dark to the power grid.

But the money leaked quietly through government walls, not through one bad tender, but through repeated variations, procurement abuse, disregard for policy and unchecked authority.

The leakage was self-inflicted, while public debt climbed and the public was told to tighten its belt because of the diamond slump.

The question now is, how was this allowed to happen? Who orchestrated and executed it?

The answers lie in the Alvarez & Marsal Middle East Limited summary report of the National Foreign Audit Programme.

Integrity and Misconduct

This theme covers suspected fraud, corruption, collusion, abuse of office and improper influence.

This was not only focused on weak controls, but there were also clear indicators of internal misconduct.

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These were often carried under exceptional mechanisms such as variations, virement, emergencies, waivers and special approvals, all intended to bypass set controls and policy.

Key decisions were swayed by informal relationships, political ties or personal associations

and officials used position and discretion to steer decisions outside formal processes.

There was blatant favouritism toward specific suppliers and individuals, repeated reliance on variations and undisclosed or poorly managed conflicts influencing procurement, lending and allocations.

When whistleblowers spoke up, they faced intimidation or professional isolation.

Procurement Gone Wrong

Procurement was the most severe area of concern across the entire audit.

This went beyond minor process defects and in several infrastructure-heavy sectors, it was the main route for financial exposure, poor value for money and suspected corruption.

There was a pattern of non-competitive procurement across multiple entities, where emergencies were declared without clear basis.

Quotation processes were used beyond appropriate thresholds and open and competitive tendering was repeatedly avoided.

In some cases, tenders were classified as confidential or operationally sensitive, which weakened or bypassed normal controls.



According to the summary report, the audit found indicators of fronting, collusion and conflict-linked procurement risk, while the same suppliers kept winning, apparent links between bidders and recurring involvement of the same officials across high-risk procurement.

Also found were instances of potential payment for goods or services without delivery and unsupported invoicing or certification of work without verification.

When Governance Lacks Governance

Weak governance was identified in every entity audited, which included the inability of institutions to oversee management, scrutinise significant decisions, respond to control weaknesses and protect public resources.

Some state-owned enterprises operated for long periods without properly constituted or quorate boards.

In others, board appointments lacked the skills or experience needed for oversight.

In several entities, internal audits were under-resourced, sidelined, ignored or their recommendations were not acted upon, with no consequences for such actions.



Governance was also found to be weakened in boards, management, parent ministries, regulators and internal controls, with suggestions that some may have been deliberately weakened, bypassed or rendered ineffective.

In several audits, staff described environments in which senior management decisions were not effectively challenged, whistleblowers were not protected, some were harassed or threatened, internal critics were isolated and obvious problems were allowed to continue.

Such a combination of weak structure and weak culture created a permissive environment in which poor decisions, irregular procurement, financial distress and suspected misconduct persisted.

Financial Management and Systems and Records

Financial management failures were especially pronounced in SOEs, public bodies, ministries with large budgets and lending institutions.

Findings included weak cash flow control, poor budget discipline, unsupported disbursements, delayed reporting, weak working capital management and poor links between budget, procurement and expenditure.

In a number of entities, financial pressure was itself a risk to control.

Reliance on government support, persistent losses, mounting public liabilities, liquidity constraints and delayed statutory obligations contributed to short-term decision-making and weakened financial discipline.

In lending and development finance activities, the findings included high levels of non-performing loans, departure from lending policy, weak recovery processes and preferential treatment of borrowers, including cases involving politically exposed persons or otherwise connected parties.

As for systems and records, it affected accountability across multiple other themes and was recurring across the programme.

Weak systems and poor record keeping weakened the ability of officeholders to control public resources, evidence decisions and account for the use of public money.

In some entities, key records could not be produced.

In others, records were held across different systems, locations and teams, in a way that made it difficult even for the institution itself to maintain a reliable account of its decisions, obligations, assets and expenditure.

Where the underlying record was incomplete or unreliable, it became harder to verify whether decisions were properly authorised, fairly made, accurately recorded or capable of later challenge.

The audit also found that some records may have been moved, concealed, reconstructed or otherwise interfered with.

People of Interest and Referrals

The audit identified 80 referrals relating to contracts, payments and other spending with a gross value of approximately P160 billion and, on preliminary estimate, a loss or damage of approximately P33 billion.

The indicative figures do not capture the full public cost of the matters identified, as in some cases the wider cost may be broader and extend beyond the contract, payment or asset value reviewed.

The referred matters involved more than 80 senior office holders or decision makers, including, among others, ministers, deputy ministers, permanent secretaries, chief executives and board members.

Also flagged are 150 contractors and suppliers engaged by government, SOEs and public bodies.

A significant feature of the referral's population was the recurrence of certain individuals, counterparties, relationships and patterns across multiple matters, entities and time periods.

In some instances, the patterns were consistent with indicators of corruption and improper misconduct, thus strengthening the need for structured follow-up investigations, including analysis of beneficial owners, related party links, repeat contracting patterns and potential asset flows.

Referrals were sent with referral packs to assist the authorities in moving quickly from forensic audit findings to targeted action by relevant authorities. **BOPA**

Botswana and Rwanda align for high-income future

Pako Lebanna
GABORONE

Rwanda, a small landlocked state in the African Great Lakes Region, known for its high elevation and scenic savanna grasslands, has emerged as a post-conflict success story, with the remarkable reconstruction in the three decades since the Rwandan Genocide of 1994.

On the other hand, Botswana, a sparsely populated landlocked state dominated by semi-arid desert terrain, has also evolved from the dungeons of underdevelopment at independence, to being a middle-income state and Africa's oldest continuous multiparty democracy.

With this week's state visit of the President of Rwanda, Mr Paul Kagame, at the invite of his Botswana counterpart, President Advocate Duma Boko, these two states that have proved the potential to exert greater influence, economic progress and cultural impact beyond their comparative size, are looking to leverage off each other's experience.

The signing of six bilateral agreements between Botswana and Rwanda on economic trade and investment, double taxation avoidance, health cooperation and visa abolition, have become the foundation for businesses and investment to build on.

On the sidelines of the state visit, the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) and the Rwanda Development Board (RDC) hosted



Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe (right) and Rwanda State Minister for Resource Mobilisation at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Ms Linda Rusagara during the signing of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement, part of the six cooperation agreements in Gaborone on Wednesday. The bilateral agreement marks a significant milestone in strengthening economic relations between the two countries by promoting investment, facilitating trade and enhancing cross-border economic activity.
Photo: Pheny Moalosi

their two countries' private sectors for a business forum engagement, with a view of seeking tangible trade outcomes.

They discussed a partnership based on a shared ambition to accelerate investment promotion, facilitate trade and unlock new business opportunities across both markets.

The immediate implementation of the visa abolition agreement further enhances the ease of movement of trade missions, goods and services, supporting the

planned collaboration through joint initiatives, knowledge exchange, co-hosted investment forums and improved support for investors and enterprises in both countries.

Botswana has set itself an ambition to move towards a 'True North' of attaining high income status, being digitally enabled, economically diversified economy where every citizen enjoys equal opportunity, is employed, empowered and fulfilled.

Rwanda has also set itself a target of achieving high quality life for its

people, pursuing climate resilient sustainable development and also grow the economy to upper middle-income status by 2035, then high income status thereafter.

Over the past two decades, Rwanda has gradually developed a positive reputation for efficiency, innovation and business-friendly reforms, their Visit Rwanda tourism campaign as well as improving outcomes in human capital development.

Botswana has also enjoyed good international rankings in high

credit rating, human development and low corruption perception.

Now the two states now look towards a partnership with an emphasis on high impact areas, including agriculture, mineral value addition, technology and strengthening manufacturing capacities.

The two Heads of State stressed that tangible, material outcomes that had an impact on the lives of their ordinary people should be the priority, more jobs, better income, better standards of living. **BOPA**

Kagame wraps visit with DTCB tour

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

Rwanda president, Mr Paul Kagame's, two-day state visit which ended with a tour of the Diamond Trading Company Botswana (DTC) yesterday, demonstrates a celebration of a partnership built on trust, innovation and mutual prosperity.

"We are privileged to host a leader whose nation has made remarkable strides in mining sustainability, innovation and community transformation," said acting Minister of Minerals and Energy, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi, during the tour.

Mr Mmolotsi said Botswana was renowned for its diamonds

saying the diamond industry had become more than a source of national wealth, but a testament to the resilience, ingenuity and unwavering commitment to excellence.

Since independence, diamonds have played an integral role in shaping Botswana's identity as they symbolise the progress, ambition and the country's determination to build a prosperous nation.

Rwanda therefore, stands as a formidable force in Africa's mineral industry.

"Rwanda's position as Africa's largest tungsten producer and among the top tantalum producers speaks volumes about the nation's mineral wealth and strategic vision. We also commend Rwanda's efforts in formalising and modernising its

mining sector to enhance value addition, an area Botswana and Rwanda share common ambitions," said Mr Mmolotsi.

He said the mining industry had evolved from small-scale operations into sophisticated, revenue-driven enterprises focused on maximising the value of Botswana's natural resources with DTCB at the forefront of the transformation.

This, Mr Mmolotsi said positioned Botswana as a global leader in the diamond industry, hence proud to share the story of success with partners such as Rwanda.

"Botswana stands ready and eager to collaborate, learn from Rwanda's remarkable journey and to explore opportunities that will benefit our peoples for generations

to come," he said.

Botswana's strategic focus now extends beyond mining excellence to diversification in tourism, agriculture and other areas where Rwanda's experiences can offer invaluable lessons.

As leaders of nations rich in natural resources and cultural heritage, Mr Mmolotsi called for stronger collaboration that enhanced sustainability, promoted market access and encouraged the sharing of best practices.

Thus, he said the two country's partnership in the mineral sector could set an example for responsible and inclusive growth that benefits their communities while preserving the environment for future generations. **BOPA**

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How Inaction Became Unofficial Government Policy



Tshireletso Motlogelwa
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The smoky-voiced man of luxury Rap, Rick Ross, or Rozzy as his affectionate legion of followers call him, once remarked that it's lonely at the top.

He might be right. But it is even lonelier atop the corporate ladder of the Auditor General. The office meant to warn, caution and sanction the abuse of public funds has spent the last two decades, under successive presidencies of the past regime, beating a dead horse, trying to incite righteous action from the deaf, blind and mute men and women of Government Enclave.

For years, the reports came quietly.

Bound in green covers.

Tabled before Parliament. Quoted in committee rooms where the air conditioning hummed louder than the conscience of the House.

Then filed away into the Republic's slow-moving archive of things we choose not to see.

But here is what matters: they were not hidden. They were tabled before Parliament, discussed in the Public Accounts Committee, read into the national record. And then-nothing.

The Auditor General chronicled, with stubborn consistency, the same warnings, the same patterns, the same failures:

- wasteful expenditure nobody could explain
- procurement systems wide enough to drive a truck through
- payments made to ghosts and friends
- projects abandoned like cars in the bush
- documentation vanishing the moment questions were asked
- ministries spending like there was no tomorrow
- public assets disappearing into administrative fog

Year after year, the pile grew. The consequences came much later—if at all—and were paid for by the public. The men and women tasked with managing public money remained largely untouched.

That is why the National Forensic Audit Programme—placing P160 billion under scrutiny, with an estimated P33 billion in possible losses—feels less like a beginning than an indictment.

Not merely of ministers who signed cheques, but of parliamentarians who read the reports, asked the questions, generated headlines for a day or two, and then moved on to the next item on the order paper.

This is a story about two branches of government failing together. The Executive spending. Parliament observing. Both agreeing, through inaction, to let it continue.

The Early Confidence

Under Seretse Khama and later Ketumile Masire, the national ethos around public finance was caution, order and institutional discipline.

But the state grew. Procurement became more complex. Infrastructure ambitions widened. And the money started moving in ways the old systems were never designed to track.

Slowly, the Auditor General's reports transformed from dry accounting observations into warnings—quiet, persistent warnings about a system beginning to fray.

And slowly, Parliament's response changed too: from genuine scrutiny to performative interrogation. From holding the Executive to account to hearings that generated sound but no heat.

The Festering Years

By the 2000s and 2010s, the pattern was

unmistakable. The numbers were no longer abstract. They were specific, project by project, ministry by ministry.

The Shakawe Treasury Project

A P45 million tender awarded without clear justification.

The project reached only six per cent completion before termination. A second contractor was brought in at another P44 million. Consultancy overruns exceeded P1 million, contractor payments another P6.3 million.

Parliament knew. PAC questioned officials. The project remained unfinished.

The Tutume Roads Project

Awarded at P272.3 million, later revealing P31.6 million in over-expenditure. A consultant was directly appointed at P17.3 million against procurement advice. An extension of P4.9 million followed without proper authority.

PAC heard the evidence. The money was gone.

The Ishwaragano School Expansion

Tendered at P65.1 million, the project took almost twice the scheduled time. Cost overruns reached P7.3 million. Overpayments totalled P2.5 million.

The school was completed late and over budget. The report gathered dust.

The Palapye Police Station

Awarded at P146.7 million for 39 months, it eventually took 72 months. Delayed payments attracted P1.5 million in interest charges described by the Auditor General as wasteful expenditure.

Questions were asked. Interest was paid. Nobody answered for it.

The North-South Carrier Project

The Mogodi Hill to Pitsane leg suffered payment delays of P5.5 million, leading to suspension of work and extension claims. Another consultancy ballooned from P15.2 million to P23.4 million, with further increases sought.

The Auditor General warned that delays denied services to communities.

Parliament heard it. The water still did not flow as promised.

The Billion-Pula Failures

Some projects became symbols of a state losing control of its own financial architecture.

Morupule B

The power station moved from P7.4 billion to nearly P11 billion, with ravages estimated at P4 billion by 2021. Two units failed. Botswana imported power from Mozambique at P54 million monthly because the station could not generate enough electricity.

Parliament debated it. Ministers defended it. The country paid the price.

Digital Migration

Tendered at P53 million, the scope was reduced but the contract sum remained unchanged. Additional items were inserted without approval. Completion came late. Liquidated damages were never charged.

The Safer City Project

Approved at P158 million, but critical support costs worth P83 million were excluded from the original estimate.

PAC noted it. The project moved ahead anyway.

The National Petroleum Fund

Then came the scandal that exploded nationally: P250 million allegedly embezzled, involving politically connected figures, businessmen and former intelligence officials. Cases were dismissed, revived, amended and dragged through the courts for years while the money remained largely unrecovered.

Parliament discussed it. The country moved on.

The BCL Liquidation

Since 2016, government has spent close to P100 million annually on care and maintenance. Over P451 million was spent purchasing residential units while the town declined and assets were stripped for scrap.

The mine remained closed. Selebi-Phikwe waited.

The Republic's Dangerous Habit

What emerged over time was not merely corruption.

It was normalisation.

The Republic became accustomed to warning without consequence.

Oversight institutions reported. PAC held hearings. Ministries promised corrective action. Headlines appeared briefly, then disappeared.

The machinery of consequence rarely arrived.

Botswana maintained its international reputation for stability and relative cleanliness. But internally, the oversight reports increasingly described a state struggling with persistent financial disorder.

And still the reports kept coming.

Why the Forensic Moment Matters

The significance of the current forensic audit programme lies not only in the size of the figure P160 billion.

It lies in the fact that, for the first time, decades of fragmented warnings are being consolidated into a single national accounting exercise:

- more than 80 investigations
- more than 80 senior office holders
- more than 150 companies and counterparties

The Auditor General gave annual observations.

The forensic programme is attempting something larger: a connected case history of systemic failure.

Whether it finally produces accountability remains the unanswered question.

Because Botswana's problem was never the absence of warnings.

It was what happened after the warnings were issued.

Or rather, what never happened at all.

To be continued next week: The Ombudsman's parallel failure, the era of observation without closure, and whether the forensic audit will finally break the cycle or merely become another volume in the Republic's archive of unheeded counsel. To write this article, the writer read more than 10 Auditor General's Reports spanning the last decade.



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

IMF warns Sub-Saharan Africa of external shocks

KIGALI - The International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Wednesday launched its latest Regional Economic Outlook for Sub-Saharan Africa in Kigali, Rwanda saying that the region has made significant economic progress but remained highly vulnerable to external shocks. According to the report named "Hard-Won Gains Under Pressure," sub-Saharan Africa entered 2026 reaping the benefits of hard-won stabilisation gains, following a strong 2025, during which economic activity accelerated broadly across country groups. Regional growth reached about 4.5 per cent, the fastest in a decade, supported by favorable external conditions and sound policies, particularly in several large economies, said the report. Nikola Spatafora, senior economist in the IMF's African Department, underscored that the region's recent resilience is being tested by a combination of external shocks, tighter financial conditions, and geopolitical tensions. **Xinhua**

Canton Fair gateway to investment opportunities

KAMPALA - Uganda said Wednesday that the China Import and Export Fair, also known as the Canton Fair, is a strategic platform for boosting trade and investment partnerships. Uganda's participation in the fair in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, was aimed at expanding exports, attracting foreign direct investment, and deepening economic ties, particularly with China, the Ugandan government said in a statement. Several Ugandan exhibitors showcased products ranging from coffee and shea butter to artisanal crafts during the third phase of the fair, which was held from May 1-5. Uganda's tourism sector also drew interest from international visitors. Judyth Nsababera, Uganda's consul general in Guangzhou, said the country is positioning itself not merely as a source of raw materials, but as a supplier of value-added, high-quality products. **Xinhua**

Digital integration to boost Africa economic sovereignty

ACCRA - Ghana Vice President Jane Naana Opoku-Agyemang on Wednesday urged African countries to pursue aggressive digital integration as a concrete step toward the continent's valued economic sovereignty. Opoku-Agyemang said during the opening of the 2026 3i Africa Summit that Africa must build strong synergies through digital integration. "Valued economic sovereignty now also depends on integration, particularly digital integration, because this is where value is created, exchanged, and controlled," she said. According to her, Africa had already demonstrated its capacity to leapfrog legacy systems. "Mobile money, digital identity, and financial technology have showcased what is possible." The task now, Opoku-Agyemang noted, was more about moving from pockets of progress to a continental scale. **Xinhua**

Botswana enhances trade ties with Rwanda

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

President Advocate Duma Boko has reaffirmed Botswana's commitment to nurture economic diplomacy with Rwanda as a vital pillar to achieve sustainable economic growth.

Briefing the media during President Paul Kagame's state visit to Botswana, President Boko noted Botswana's keen desire on increasing the volume of trade and flow of investment with Rwanda.

He cited the country's commitment to constantly explore ways of improving innovative means to nurture economic diplomacy with Rwanda for the benefits of both citizenry.

"The two countries must be prepared to pioneer and lead on approaches that have never been done before and become exemplary to the rest of the world," President Boko said.

He further reiterated Botswana's enduring fraternal and cordial relations with Rwanda citing that the three day state visit to Botswana was testament of the two countries' commitment on deepening and strengthening ties and broadening bilateral relations.

"I must express faith and confidence that the state visit was not a mere exchange of diplomatic pleasantries but rather a strategic realignment and reaffirmation of the two countries shared vision," he said.

Such vision, he said will not self-execute but rather required human urgency hence its urgent refinement to stay poised to implement with precision and within strict time lines.

President Boko highlighted that it was pleasing to note that the two countries continued to enjoy cordial bilateral relations and fruitful cooperation founded on genuine friendship and mutual respect.

Despite their geographical distance, he said the two countries have a shared interest on socio-economic development for their citizenry.

"The high level engagements on different sectors like education, health, agriculture and food security, youth empower and sport development, infrastructure development as well as regional connectivity call for a close cooperation and bridging of gaps," President Boko said.

He also appreciated progress made in the implementation of decisions made during the inaugural Botswana- Rwanda Joint Permanent Commission on Cooperation (JPCC) in Kigali.

President Boko commended Rwanda for being exemplary in removing all barricades to free movement between the two nations through removal of the Visa requirements for Botswana visiting Rwanda adding that Botswana will respond reciprocally.



Presidents Advocate Duma Boko (right) and Paul Kagame addressing a press conference in Gaborone on Wednesday. President Boko said Botswana was eager to strengthen trade and investment ties with Rwanda, saying Botswana remained committed to exploring innovative ways of advancing economic diplomacy for the mutual benefit of citizens of both countries. Photo: Felicity Male

To further reaffirm their shared commitments, both countries signed six Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on

bilateral air service agreement, double taxation avoidance, visa abolishment, health, economic trade and investment.

Another MoU was signed by Rwanda Development Board and Botswana Investment and Trade Centre. **BOPA**

Climate change project gains new momentum

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
GABORONE

Botswana has accelerated its multi-million-dollar campaign against climate change with revitalising a landmark project aimed at protecting communal rangelands and rural livelihoods.

Speaking at a media engagement session in Gaborone on Wednesday, Dr Kefentse Motshegwa, deputy permanent secretary for livestock farming in the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture, hailed the SUSD 96.7 million (approximately P1.3 billion) ecosystem-based adaptation and mitigation project as a cornerstone of national resilience.

Despite contributing minimally to global greenhouse gas emissions, Dr Motshegwa said Botswana remained on the frontline of climate volatility, battling chronic drought, bush encroachment and devastating veld fires.

He stressed that the initiative was more than a conservation effort, but also a livelihood and resilience

programme. He explained that the project targeted 104 villages across Bobirwa, Ngamiland and Kgalagadi.

By focusing on the restoration of rangelands and the modernisation of livestock management, government aims to empower these communities to withstand climate stress while simultaneously transitioning towards a low-emissions development model.

This ambitious vision is now gaining significant momentum following a period of initial setbacks.

Although the project was designed to span the decade from 2021 to 2030, Dr Motshegwa said it faced challenges that resulted in the loss of two crucial years.

However, a relaunch by President Advocate Duma Boko in Tsabong in May last year, provided the necessary political and operational impetus to revitalise the agenda.

Dr Motshegwa said the renewed energy was further evidenced by the recent milestone at Phuduhudu on March 31, which had now been

designated as a national learning centre where local farmers and leaders can witness the practical successes of land restoration and improved grazing techniques.

The long-term sustainability of these efforts is underpinned by a comprehensive framework involving three main components, ranging from the strengthening of institutional planning to the transformation of policy and value chains.

To ensure these outputs are woven into the fabric of national development rather than operating in isolation, Dr Motshegwa said a multi-sectoral project steering committee had been established to provide oversight.

Ultimately, Dr Motshegwa however said the project's true success rested upon the shoulders of the people it served, noting that local ownership, inspired leadership and integration of traditional knowledge were essential ingredients in restoring the land that sustained the nation. **BOPA**

Auction generates over P1 million for coexistence projects

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

MAUN

The auction a lion in Maun, has raised over P1 million, with proceeds set to fund community-led initiatives aimed at strengthening human-wildlife coexistence in the Hainaveld area.

Managing Director of Auction It, Mr Adrian Rass, confirmed that the lion was sold for P1 000 035 000 during the auction conducted on behalf of the Hainaveld Farmers Association.

The auction forms part of an experimental lion hunting quota introduced by government as a strategy to manage increasing human-wildlife conflict,

particularly in areas where predators population overlap into farming communities.

Hainaveld Farmers Association vice chairperson in NG39 concession area, Mr Othata Dikobe said the funds would be channeled toward initiatives that seek to reduce conflict between communities and wildlife, particularly in areas where farmers continue to experience livestock losses.

He said a significant portion of the proceeds would be used to intensify community education programmes, aimed at equipping residents with knowledge and practical strategies for living alongside wildlife.

“We want to ensure that communities understand how to coexist with wildlife while protecting their livelihoods,” he said.

He further noted that part of the funds would be directed toward electrifying boundary fences, a measure expected to help deter wild animals from encroaching into farming areas.

Mr Dikobe added that the association was working closely with the Department of Wildlife and National Parks to explore additional interventions that could strengthen ongoing conservation efforts while addressing the needs of affected communities.

Meanwhile, acting treasurer

of the Hainaveld Farmers Association, Mr Kealeboga Tudor said the association would soon roll out training programmes for farmers focused on improved cattle herding practices.

He explained that better herding techniques play a critical role in reducing livestock vulnerability to predators, thereby minimising losses and easing tensions between farmers and wildlife.

“The training of farmers in herding livestock will entail measures in which they can protect themselves against wildlife and how to deter them from livestock areas,” he said.

The initiative came against the backdrop of continued human-

wildlife conflict in parts of the North West District, where communities living near wildlife areas often face challenges associated with predator attacks on livestock.

Efforts such as community education, infrastructure improvement and farmer training are increasingly being prioritised as part of a broader approach to balance conservation goals with the protection of rural livelihoods.

The lion auction was therefore seen as one of the practical steps being taken by stakeholders to mobilise resources and implement solutions that promote sustainable coexistence between people and wildlife. **BOPA**

Rising fuel prices reshape daily life

KIGALI

The steady rise in fuel prices in Rwanda over recent months has begun to ripple across all sectors of the economy, affecting transport costs, food prices, and the daily lives of ordinary citizens. In early March, petrol was set not to exceed FRw1,989 (about US\$1.36) per liter, while diesel was capped at FRw 1,948 per liter, according to the Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (RURA). The upward trend, however, did not stop there.

On April 3, RURA issued another statement regarding further increases. Effective April 4, petrol rose to a maximum of FRw2,303 per liter, while diesel reached FRw2,205 per liter.

The rise in fuel prices led to changes in public transport fares. Base fares were revised to FRw59.28 per passenger per km within the capital city, Kigali, and FRw41.58 per passenger per km for intercity travel. Just weeks later, on April 16, RURA announced yet another adjustment.

Petrol surged further to a maximum of FRw2,938 per liter, while diesel remained unchanged at FRw2,205 per liter. The authority explained that these changes reflected prevailing international market trends, supply dynamics, and government interventions aimed at mitigating the global price surge.

The decision to maintain diesel prices was intended to support public transport and broader economic activities. For many Rwandans, the impact of rising fuel prices is already deeply felt. “When we follow the news, we hear that conflicts in foreign countries cause fuel prices to rise,” said Israel Izereyo, a motorcycle taxi rider from Kanombe Sector in the Kicukiro District of Kigali.

“When we pick up a passenger, we tell them that a journey we usually charge FRw1,500 now costs FRw2,000. However, they often refuse, saying that their employers have not increased their salaries,” he said. Beyond transport, the rising fuel prices have also driven up the cost of living.

“All goods at the market have become expensive, including food,” Izereyo added. “There seems to be no hope in sight because, instead of decreasing, prices continue to increase sharply.” Jean Hakizimana, another motorcycle taxi rider from Gahanga Sector, Kicukiro District, echoed similar concerns.

He noted that profitability in the motorcycle taxi business had declined significantly.

“In the past, people could buy one liter of fuel for a motorcycle and still make a profit. Now, when we buy a liter of fuel, there is little or nothing to gain because of the high cost,” said Hakizimana.

The impact extends beyond transport operators to the food and hospitality sector.

Jean Niyitegeka, owner of the Bistro restaurant in Kacyiru Sector of Gasabo District, Kigali, told Xinhua that rising fuel prices had significantly driven up food costs, directly affecting restaurant operations.

“As a result, the restaurant has been forced to increase the prices of its meals,” he said, noting that customers had become more price-sensitive and were dining out less frequently or choosing cheaper options.

This has led to a decline in daily sales and overall revenue. Niyitegeka also highlighted the rising cost of transporting supplies, which has made sourcing fresh ingredients more expensive and



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sometimes unreliable. Operational expenses, including cooking gas, electricity, and staff transportation, have also increased, further squeezing profit margins.

As Rwanda navigates these challenges, authorities continue to monitor global and regional petroleum markets while encouraging citizens to adapt to

changing economic realities. Yet for many, the effects of rising fuel prices are already a daily struggle, reshaping how they work, travel, and live. **Xinhua**

Egypt begins first monorail passenger to advance eco-friendly transport

CAIRO

Egypt on Wednesday began operating its first monorail passenger service as part of efforts to expand green mass transit, the

Transportation Ministry said.

The first phase of the project includes 16 stations and runs from Al-Moshir Tantawi Station in New Cairo to Justice City Station in the New Administrative Capital, the

ministry said in a statement.

It will operate daily from 6 am. to 6 pm.

Transport Minister Kamel Al-Wazir described the launch as a significant milestone for Egypt's transport sector, calling it a step toward faster, safer, and more environmentally friendly public transportation.

Officials said the system was expected to help ease traffic congestion, cut fuel consumption, and reduce pollution by encouraging a shift away from private cars. The first phase is part of the 56.5-km East Nile line, which serves areas from Nasr City in eastern Cairo to the New Administrative Capital, around 50 km east of Cairo.

Egypt is developing two monorail lines totaling more than 100 km. The second, the West Nile line, will run from Mohandessin in Cairo to 6th of October City, with 13 stations connecting western suburbs to the capital's transport network. **Xinhua**



Passengers aboard a monorail train in Cairo, Egypt on Tuesday. Egypt on Wednesday began operating its first monorail passenger service as part of efforts to expand green mass transit. Photo: Xinhua

Parliament and Lucara forge partnership

Mmoniemang Motsamai
GABORONE

Parliament is forging a transformative partnership with Lucara Botswana, to amplify heritage management as part of marking 60 years commemoration of Botswana's Independence.

This was said during a courtesy by the Lucara Botswana managing director, Ms Naseem Lahri on the Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse in Parliament on Wednesday.

Mr Keorapetse said there was need for the two institutions to collaborate as they both deal with sustainability issues.

With a strong emphasis on transforming Parliament, he stressed on the need for heritage management.

He said a lot ought to be done by the partnership to make a lasting impact in preserving and promoting heritage.

Regarding sustainability, he said Parliament promoted it within legislative frameworks and further said he envisioned a paperless Parliament to improve the quality of parliamentary work.

In that regard, he said Lucara Botswana was an important partner in the journey toward transformation of Parliament.

Mr Keorapetse also highlighted his vision to transform the National Assembly into a high-performing institution.

He said Parliament should be independent, women voices amplified, legal administrative reforms introduced and training initiatives to capacitate legislatures and Parliament staff.

"We intend to do more to end up having a well capacitated and independent Parliament," he said.

He said commemorating 60 years of Botswana's Independence will also among others include a symposium, commemorative documentary and award ceremony for those who have made notable impact in Botswana's democracy.

Ms Lahri rallied behind the idea to collaborate with Parliament, adding that Sustainable Development Goal No. 5 aimed to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls by 2030.

As a proponent for empowerment of women, she said transformation of Parliament was important, adding that women empowerment in the space of politics was essential.

Ms Lahri agreed that there was potential to collaborate in many ways adding that Parliament played a role in crafting legislations for responsible mining and further agreed that a lot should be done to promote heritage.

Regarding the 60 years commemoration of Independence, she said Lucara Botswana was working on an initiative to ignite the linkage between the Gaborone City Council, main mall and Parliament.

"We want to ignite the walk of the mayor and this forms part of the heritage perspective with collaboration of Parliament," she said. BOPA



Lucara Botswana managing director, Ms Naseem Lahri.

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What is the one responsibility that every Motswana should take seriously?



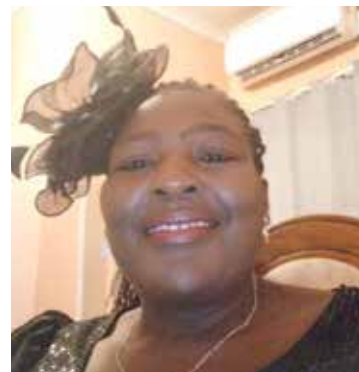
One responsibility that I think every Motswana should take seriously is being mindful of how we raise our kids. One thing I have learnt over the years is that many lives are built or lost at a young age. Everything that we do as parents can build or destroy our kids. These kids are the generation of tomorrow. Build them at a young age, be a good parent that they will be proud of. Parenting is a policy and must be taken seriously. It's not only about providing kids clothes and food, it's all about raising a kid that will bring light to the world. **Barati Leero**



With farming at the centre of the future, it should be every citizen's responsibility to support and sustain agriculture for the nation's growth. Food security that is. Everyone should play a role in keeping farming productive and sustainable. Self-reliance baqho ba Morimo! Hagona nngwe yo o dho go kgona go he tjenja gojha gka gannye he sha itsoshe the baqho. Safeguarding farming secures the future. **Victoria Ramotsababa**



One of the responsibilities every Motswana must take seriously is protecting our environment. Our land, water, and wildlife are our heritage. If we take care of them, we protect our future, our communities and our tourism. If we don't, we lose what makes Botswana special and unique amongst other countries. **Lane Komoki**



One of the responsibilities every Motswana must take seriously is civil engagement in community development, voter responsibility and voting wisely as well as engaging leaders to ensure peace, upholding Botho and full responsibility for one's actions. **Kedirelang Buka**



One responsibility every Motswana must take seriously is patriotism and helping the government in any possible way to develop/resuscitate the economy of our country. To take responsibility of clean environment, a re phepafatseng Botswana. Let's remember who we are, our culture, our values, our unity. Dependency syndrome on government should be the thing of the past. Education is a shield (thuto ke thebe), learn skills, start something, don't wait. **Kelebogile Malate**



One of the responsibilities every Motswana must take seriously is growth and integrity, being able to own up to your mistakes and not pulling out the victim card. That's the personal responsibility. **Gaone Motshedisi**



One responsibility every Motswana must take seriously is self respect, take care of your own future and the community at large also your health and that of your family. **Sarah Mosimanekgomo**



Boikarabelo jo Motswana nngwe le nngwe o chwane e rule najo e bile a bo tshole tsia ke go tsholeja le go chwara Boqho gka thyatya. She shegka rihwa gka go tota baqyo ba merahe ye nngwe le mahelo uwaa harologanego, gatshi go gka nonotsha motheyo wa Lehatshe lecho. Boqyo ke nngwe ya bilo ze Botswana o itshupa gkazo, ke nngwe ya bilo ze bi he kopanyago he le Batswana, ke nngwe ya bilo ze bi he ha Kagiso le boikgantsho go jwa nako ya Boipuso. **Pontsho Komoki**



One responsibility every Motswana should take seriously is being accountable for their impact on other people. When you cause harm or make any mistake, taking responsibility is the first step towards fixing things rather than letting them get worse. Choosing kindness, honesty and just respect costs nothing but can change a lot of things. **Tlotlo Tshosa**

Every Motswana has a few big ones, but if I had to pick one that holds everything else together, it's Botho. Botho = humanity, respect, community. It's that unspoken code that says: I see you, I respect you, and your dignity matters as much as mine. Your problem is my problem. Your child is my child. We build together, we don't pull each other down. Because if Batswana could take botho seriously, the kgotla system will work smoothly - People will speak truthfully, listen, and solve things together. Corruption will subside - You can't chow money meant for your neighbor's needs if you truly live Botho. The nation stays stable - Peace isn't just the absence of war. It's choosing respect daily, even when you disagree. It's not just being nice. It's the responsibility to carry yourself in a way that keeps the community whole. Kgotho ke motho ka batho. **Kgalaletso Keekae**



The one responsibility that every Motswana should take seriously is BOTHO because it guides one to have respect for others. You greet elders, you listen, you disagree without being cruel. Batswana ke batho ba ba nang le BOTHO and therefore they should take it seriously gore re ngoke babeetsi mo lefatsheng la rona re tsosolose itsholelo ya lefatsho la Botswana. **Naledi Radibeke**



One responsibility that I think every Motswana should take seriously is upholding Botho - treating others with respect, compassion, and dignity as it's the foundation of Botswana's peace, unity, and national identity. **Gina Moabi end**



One responsibility that I think every Motswana should take seriously is conserving Botswana's environment and natural resources for future generations. Our land, wildlife, and water are national heritage and the backbone of our economy and identity. **Poloko Malope**



Botho - the Setswana concept of humanity, respect, and communal responsibility. It means treating others with dignity, acting with integrity, and recognizing that your wellbeing is tied to the wellbeing of your community and country. When every citizen lives this out, it strengthens the foundations of Botswana's democracy, social cohesion, and economic progress. **Lame Modise**

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Modulasetilo wa Khansele ya Bokone Botlhaba, Rre Mbaakanyi Smart o lebogile komiti ya barui mo maitekong a e a dirang go thusa go lwantsha bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo mo kgaolong ya 3c.

Rre Smart o buile jalo mo bokopanong kwa Mulambakwena bosheng a re ke lantlha bolwetse bo tlasela kgaolo ya 3c.

A re go ntse go tlwaelesegile gore tlhako le molomo e tlasela kgaolo e mabapi ya 6b.

A re barui ba ne ba ema ka dinao ba tshwaragana le lephata la matlhoko a leruo ka go bopa dikomiti kana mephato ka barua kgomo le morafe ka kakaretso go lwantsha bolwetse.

Rre Smart a re maiteko a bone a ntsha maduo, ka jaana seemo se bolwetse se laolesega, ka jalo metsamao ya leruo le le tlhako e maphata e rebotswe.

A re phitlhelelo eo, ke maduo a se ba se dirilieng go laola motsamao wa leruo le go obamela dikgakololo le ditaelo di tshwana

le go kenta leruo la bone.

E re le fa go ntse, Rre Smart o ne a supa matshwenyego a gore barui ga ba dise le go tlatlhela leruo la bone.

Mogokaganyi wa tsa temo thuo mo Kgaolong ya Bokone Botlhaba,

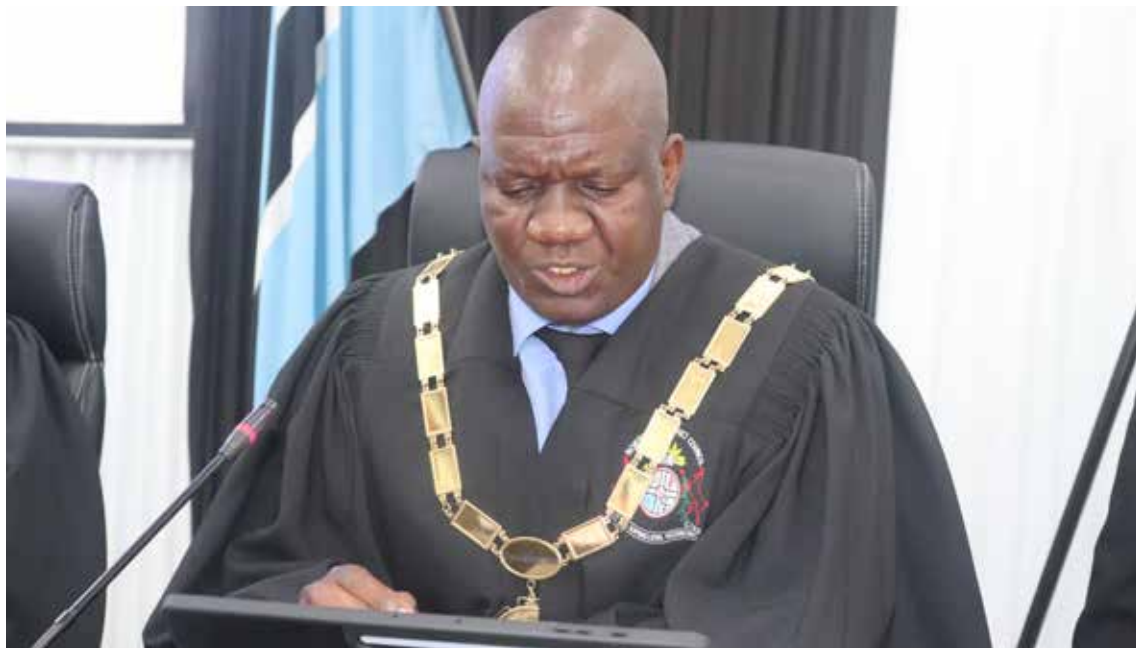
Rre Gwilidzani Maposa a re mo kgaolong ya 3c ba letlelelwa go tlhaba dikgomo le dipudi, mme nama e sa e letelelwe go tswa ka kgaolo e ya kwa dikgaolong tse dingwe.

Rre Maposa a re leruo le tshwanetse la tlatlhobelwa tlhako le molomo ke badiredi ba matlhoko a leruo pele le tlhabiwa.

A re go lebelega dikgomo dingwe di sa kentiwa.

O ba kopile go emisa go tlhabela leruo mo malwapeng, a re diruiwa tsotlhe di tlhabelwa kwa matlhabelong a kwadisitsweng ka fa molaong kwa tlatlhobo ya tlhako le molomo le malwetse a mangwe e dirwang teng.

Rre Maposa o lebogetse tiro ya mephato, a supa fa dipalo tsa baitlhaopi di ne di hekeetsa ofisi ya gagwe ka ba ne ba tla ka mmetlela. **BOPA**



Modulasetilo wa khansele ya bokone botlhaba, Rre Mbaakanyi Smart a re o leboga komiti ya barui mo maitekong a e a dirang go thusa go lwantsha bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo mo kgaolong ya 3c.

Balemi ba tlasetswe ke dipeba

Tebogo Masuruke
TUTUME

Ka dipula tsa monongwaga e ne e le tse di namagadi e bile balemi ba nale tsholofelo ya thobo e e nametsang, go lebelega jaanong, sebe sa phiri e tla nna tshenyo e bakiwang ke dipeba.

Balemi ba kgaolo ya Nkange ba supa gore go le gantsi ba senyediwa ke diphologolo tsa naga di akaretsa ditlout, ditshwene le tse dingwe, mme monongwaga ba tllhagogetswe ke se sele ka jaana tshenyo e dirwa ke dipeba.

Mo potsolotsong le BOPA, molemi wa masimo a Mashale kwa Nkange, Mme Chilangi

Mugende, a re mo temong ya gompiano o kopane le go sele, ka a re go tllhagogetswe dipeba tse dintsi thata tse di jang mabele, mmidi, ditloo, le sengwe le sengwe fela se se lemilweng.

A re tshenyo ya dipeba e kwa godimo thata, ka di roba diako tsa mabele, manoko, ditloo.

Mme Mugende o tladitse ka gore dipotata, manoko ditloo di jelwa ka fa tlase ga mmu.

Are o ne a patelesega go epa manoko e se ka nako mme ka go dira jalo ga a boelwa ke sepe ka a ne a ise a wele go ka epiwa.

A re ba lephata la temo ba boletse fa ba sena tharabololo

ya go lwantsha dipeba ka jalo ba rotloetsa balemi go dirisa methale e dirisiwang go di lwantsha kwa malwapeng.

Mme Mugende a re ke la ntllha a bona tshenyo ya dipeba e kanakana.

Molemi kwa Hubona, Mme Uchiname Bakula le ene o supile kgakgamalo ka tshenyo e dirwang ke dipeba.

Mme Bakula a re dipeba tseo di mo jetse sonobolomo, manoko le mabele. A re o ne a na le tsholofelo e ntsi thata ya go re monongwaga thobo e tlaa nna ntsi thata mme ga go a ka ga nna jalo, ka jaana dipeba di tsere taolo. **BOPA**



Tona wa papadi le kgwebo, Rre Tiroeane Ntsima (bobedi molemeng) le molekane wa gagwe wa lefatshe la Rwanda, Rre Sebahizi ba le mo dipuisanyong tsa bagwebi tsa Botswana le Rwanda ka Laboraro. Tona Ntsima o supile fa ditumalano tse dibeilweng monwana ke mafatshe oo mabedi di tlaa tiisa papadisano le go tlhohofatsa mesepele ya dithoto. Senepe: Pheny Ramatu



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

TERMINATION OF FOOD SUPPLY AGREEMENT AND SUPPLIER TRANSITION

FMG Industrial Services (Pty) Ltd t/a Arona Natural Foods and Woolworths Botswana (Pty) Ltd hereby jointly inform stakeholders, customers, suppliers, business partners, and members of the public that their longstanding Food Supply Agreement has come to an end and that the parties have mutually agreed to bring the agreement to a close.

Following engagements between the parties, it has been agreed that the contractual relationship between FMG Industrial Services (Pty) Ltd t/a Arona Natural Foods and Woolworths Botswana (Pty) Ltd will be concluded in accordance with the terms of the applicable agreement and the agreed transition framework between the parties.

Both companies remain committed to ensuring that the transition process is conducted in an orderly, professional, and commercially responsible manner. To that end, FMG Industrial Services (Pty) Ltd t/a Arona Natural Foods and Woolworths Botswana (Pty) Ltd will cooperate in good faith to facilitate a smooth transition.

The parties further affirm that all proprietary information, trade processes, operational methodologies, commercial arrangements, and confidential business information exchanged during the course of their relationship remain subject to the applicable confidentiality obligations. Both parties will continue to uphold these obligations during and after the transition period.


FMG Industrial Services (Pty) Ltd t/a Arona Natural Foods and Woolworths Botswana (Pty) Ltd express their appreciation for the business relationship that has existed between them and acknowledge the importance of maintaining professionalism and mutual respect during this transition.

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Role overview
Lead the lodge finance function: manage cash, creditors, debtors, stock and statutory compliance; prepare timely management accounts and forecasts; support year-end audit; and supervise a small accounts team to ensure accurate financial control and commercial support to operations.

Key responsibilities

- Prepare monthly management accounts, variance analysis and cashflow forecasts.
- Maintain daily cashbook, bank reconciliations and petty cash controls.
- Manage guest ledger, corporate/tour operator invoicing and collections.
- Process supplier invoices, ensure timely payments and reconcile supplier statements.
- Oversee monthly stock counts, valuation, variance investigation and reorder controls for F&B, bar and retail.
- Maintain fixed asset register, prepare capex summaries and support audits.
- Prepare and submit VAT, PAYE, WHT and other statutory returns.
- Lead and develop the accounts team; coordinate with operations and procurement.

Candidate profile

- **Qualification:** Bachelor in Accounting or equivalent; Must be a BICA member.
- **Experience:** 3-5 years' accounting experience, ideally in hospitality or lodge operations.
- **Skills:** Strong Excel; experience with Pastel/Sage similar; familiarity with PMS/POS advantageous.
- **Attributes:** Attention to detail, resilience under seasonal pressure, strong communication, problem solving and stakeholder management.

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Savings	0.00% - 3.60%	0.00% - 3.66%	100
91 days fixed deposit	1.46%	1.47%	1,000
6 months fixed deposit	1.73% - 1.90%	1.74% - 1.91%	1,000
12 months fixed deposit	2.57% - 3.07%	2.57% - 3.07%	1,000
24 months fixed deposit	2.92% - 3.62%	2.92% - 3.62%	1,000
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Savings	Negotiable	Negotiable	3,450
91 days fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	3,450
6 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	3,450
12 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	3,450
24 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	3,450
36 months fixed deposit	Negotiable	Negotiable	3,450

GBP - British Pounds

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

USD - U.S Dollar

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

Lending rates

Lending rates	Nominal interest rate (%)	Average Effective Interest Rates (%)
Monetary policy rate (MoPR)		5.50%
Mortgage Facility	Absa PLR + 10.50% - Absa PLR + 14%	20.76%
Overdraft facility (revolving credit lines)	Absa PLR + 10% - Absa PLR + 20%	24.07%
Credit card	24% - 36%	34.49%
Lease loans (VAF)	Absa PLR + 11.75% - Absa PLR + 14%	21.50%
Unsecured personal loans (excluding overdrafts, mortgage and credit cards)	Absa PLR + 14.5% - Absa PLR + 24%	29.35%
Other long-term loans		Negotiable
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PROPERTIES | VACANCIES | BUSINESS | FARM WORKERS | SERVICES | MISCELLANEOUS

FARM WORKERS

FARM WORKER NEEDED Dikwididi 73705172

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mmaphula Lands, 5 years experience at least completed form 3. contact 72850332/73439317/, Matsheka.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Tapaladipo, Tonota East Tshoko Khiwa Box 206 Tonota 71631764

FARM WORKER WANTED urgently at Motsentshe/Machana. Call Beauty Kwenayabeng: 74004297/74372208. Closing date: 21/05/26

FARM WORKER WANTED We are looking for an experienced general farm worker aged 18 years and above at Marokolwane / Lengwaelong farms. Please apply to : The Manager Box 10533 Palapye or call 71962872 / 72620997

FARM WORKER WANTED at Cairo cattlepost (Mmashoro East). Box 778 Serowe or 77615955

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Kumakwane, Newtown. Apply to Direct Info Investments Box 707 Aad Poso House, Gaborone

FARM WORKER WANTED at Ralekgetho, contact Agnes Ide 76489337

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mmoko Lands. Contact S P Khama, 71671686

LOOKING FOR A mature male farm worker aged 35 years and above in Lecheng. P O Box 40 Lecheng. Cell 71552941

FARM WORKER WANTED in Moshaneng. Please contact 72270777

FARM WORKER WANTED: Mabunu Godfrey, Mochudi. Kolobeng farms. 71724973/ 74522990

2 FARM WORKERS needed at Gamodubu farm. Call 71682348

FARM WORKER NEEDED. Contact Dorcus Siele Cell 74547537

FARM WORKER WANTED at Seboe cattle post. Contact Dr KCS Malefho @ 71324865, P O Box 633 Serowe.

MODISA WANTED MATHATHANE Box 01 Manenge ward Cell Frank 72503143

FARM WORKERS WANTED Apply to Synergy Group (Pty) Ltd. Free accommodation offered . Apply to Box 47121 Gaborone

URGENTLY FARM WORKERS needed at Fikeng lands Mankodi for planting and farm general duties Kwena Pride P.O Box 401805 Gaborone

LOOKING FOR FARM workers. Apply to Gosego G. Akanyang. Apply Box 203112 Gaborone

FEMALE FARM WORKER wanted by Banyana Segwe. Otse- South East Box 26791 Gaborone. To look after chickens- Broilers, small stock. Contact 72274006/ 76101367.

HERDBOY WANTED AT Mmatimola lands, Apply to Moabi Parafene at Box 20160 Mochudi

2 FARM WORKERS wanted at Borolong Rebihetswe Solomon Box 10014 Tatitown 72795059

ONE FARM WORKER wanted (Thekwane) Zuhmoh Consoitium Pty Ltd Box 30607 Francistown 76272023

EXPERIENCED FARM WORKER wanted, 75005456/ 73010154, Ghanzi

TWO HERDBOYS WANTED (Botlaote) Botlaote Abbator Box 211 Makaleng 76272023

LOOKING FOR AN Agronomist minimum requirement, Degree in Agronomy & 2 years experience. Apply to Ratoccs Farm, address P O Box 150231 Tonota contact 76928911 (Ditladi)

KE BATA MODISA wa dikgomo, Gobajango. 70328859

KELE KELAPE MOTSWAGAE ke bata modisa wa dikgomo kele mo kgaolong ya Mahalapye. Moraka wame omo kgaolwaneng ya botlhaba ya Mahalapye, (Mokoswane). Cell No: 71827315.

2 FARM WORKERS Gaongalelwe Gasenna P O Box M1084 Kanye

4 HERDMEN NEEDED, Joseph Ramotshabi 71332749

FARM WORKER WANTED in Mmadinare. Send application to: The Farm Owner P O Box 2394 S/Phikwe

KE BATLA MODISA ko Matobo P O Box 173 Tutume Pawada Modongo Mogala 77629327/ 72679972

3 FARM WORKERS needed at Kgalola farms. P. O. Box 71 Mabule. 7300088

I AM LOOKING for a herdboy to work at Sekoma cattle post. Contact 77655148/ 74429830.

FARMWORKER NEEDED contact Titus Mbuya Mnanyamana. Cell 71303039

2 HERDBOYS WANTED at Maloto farms Maun. 75210461. Keabetswe Kamedi Box 45 Maun

KE BATLA MODISA Dikeletsane Kgatlang. Dingwaga 40 and above. Contact 77498656/75619429

WANTED: 3 FARM WORKERS P O Box 40227 Gaborone. Cell 72297258

3 PIGGERY FARM workers, Gofenyaone Leero Box M1084 Kanye

FARM WORKER URGENTLY needed. Apply to P O Box 10714 Selebi Phikwe/ 72190767. Closing date 26/05/26.

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Otse Cattlepost in the Mahalapye District. Reply to B. Mathapi, P.O BOX 80741, Gaborone or 72108792

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAHALAPYE ESHMY 000120-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BRUCE MPHONG KEINEETSE- ESHMY 000120-26** who died at Palapye primary Hospital, Palapye District on the 25th April 2025.

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

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 29th day of April 2026.

Executor Dative **AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**
P.O Box 1 PRIVATE BAG 6
PALAPYE MAHALAPYE

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 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 state, 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 relatives.

Name of Deceased	Person Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Chengetani Batlegang	ESHFT-000070-26	02-06-26	09000hrs	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

MASTER'S REFERENCE: ESHGB 00056-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ONKABETSE KGAMANYANE** who died at Bokamoso Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 25 day of April 2024.

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

DATED at.....on this.....Day of2026

The executor
Keolebogile Kgamanyane
Private Bag 6
Maun
Tel 72661774/

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN Masters Reference: ESHMY 000034 - 26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MAREA TSHIAMISO - ESHMY 000034 - 26** who died at Boikago Ward, Palapye District, Botswana on the 9th October 2012.

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 30days** after the publication hereof.

Dated at Mahalapye this 06th day of May 2026

Executor Dative **AND TO: Master of the High Court**
PEDRA TSHIAMISO Private Bag 6 MAHALAPYE

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000130-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Keswelang Otukile - ESHMY 000130-26** who died at Palapye Primary Hospital, Palapye District on the 8th November 2016.

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 Mahalapye this 28th day of April 2026.

Goitseone Itumeleng Seleke **EXECUTOR DATIVE** **AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**
P O Box 98 Maunatlala Private Bag 6 Mahalapye

LOST TITLE DEED DRIVING SUCCESS THROUGH LEGAL STRATEGY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Notarial Deed of Cession No. FTMA 141/2013 dated the 17th day of June 2013 made in favour of **FRALNE PROPRIETARY LIMITED** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Tribal Lot 2071, Mahalapye;
SITUATE: At Mahalapye in the Bangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 1, 2830 HA (One Decimal Two Eight Three Zero Hectares);

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 8TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

AJA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews Tel: (+267) 316 3125 Fax: (+267) 316 3124
Plot 54373 CBD, Gaborone Email: info@aja.co.bw
P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana Web: www.aja.co.bw
Plot 17396 Boseja Ward Maun, Botswana

Partner: Akheel Jinhall
Consultant Partners: Mark Mckee | Obrien Bvindi (P I Att)
Associates: Juwairiyah Maher | Khalid Khan | Lesedi Kgakotelo | Gorata Major | Letika Mkoloyane | Ame Rindo

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS Masters Reference: ESHGB 000868/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **RAMA MOHAN RAO VEMULAPALLI** who died at Sir H N Reliance Foundation Hospital, Mumbai, India on the 14th day of June 2021.

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

DATED at Gaborone on this 4th day of May 2026

The Executor **Sunil Kumar Kadiyala**

AJA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews Tel: (+267) 316 3125 Fax: (+267) 316 3124
Plot 54373 CBD, Gaborone Email: info@aja.co.bw
P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana Web: www.aja.co.bw
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LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer held under No. **172/2024** dated the **6th day of February 2024** passed by **LUO CHUNBO PROPRIETARY LIMITED** in favour of **LANDMARK PROJECTS LIMITED**, in respect of **LOT 39876 GABORONE.**

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 27th DAY OF APRIL 2026

Our Ref: CONV/cmj **BBL | BOOKBINDER** BUSINESS LAW
10th Floor, Stewart North, Plot 54388 CBD Gaborone, Private Bag 982 Gaborone Central Botswana

NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE JULIA MEIER- ESHGB-000287/26

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), the heirs and next of kin of the deceased persons specified above are hereby invited to attend a next of kin meeting on 11th day of June 2026 at 08:30 hours before - B. P. Kemorwale. At the Master's Office, Gaborone High Court Building At the respective meeting, the next of kin are to recommend person (s) to be appointed as Executor(s)/ Executrices Dative, identify beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to the estate of their deceased relative. For any enquiries concerning the deceased person's estate please contact the Master's Office on 3718343, or 3718000/3718040 (switchboard).

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 04th DAY OF MAY 2026.

B. O. SELELO ATTORNEYS
EXECUTRIX'S ATTORNEYS
PLOT 6364, GABORONE, P.O BOX 47309 GABORONE

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 17290, Gaborone West would like to change land use from residential to civic and community (pre school). For any objections contact Gaborone city council at physical planning office on telephone or contact the owner 76159577

OWNER OF PLOT 25113 at Thomaditotse ward, Palapye wishes to erect a boundary wall. For any objections should be forwarded to Palapye District Council, Physical Planning or contact 4921092.

OWNER OF PLOT 4488 at Industrial, Palapye wishes to erect a boundary wall. For any objections should be forwarded to Palapye District Council, Physical Planning or contact 4921092

I GAANEWE MOGOTSI owner of plot 8466 in Mogoditshane Block 9 wish to change land-use from single residential to multi-residential. For any queries, the public should contact 72192950 or the Mogoditshane-Thamaga Council Planning Department within fourteen (14) days of this publication. Gaaneuwe Mogotsi

I GAANEWE MOGOTSI owner of plot 8466 in Mogoditshane, Block 9 wish to erect a boundary wall. For any queries, the public should contact 72192950 or Mogoditshane-Thamaga council planning department within fourteen (14) days of this publication. Gaaneuwe Mogotsi

KENNETH DIBOTELO OWNER of lot 8926, 8927 & 8928 at Bontleng ward in Selebi Phikwe is applying for planning permission for change of land use of the above polts from single family residential to Multi-family residential. For inquiries contact Selebi Phikwe Town Council Physical Planning Department on 72505759 within 14 days of this publication notice

OWNER OF PLOT 7215 Mmaratanang ward/ Tlokweng would like to change land use from residential to multi family residential. Kindly forward your objections to Tlokweng Council Physical Planning Unit within 14 days of this notice.

NEIGHBORS OF PLOT 9405, Tatisiding, the owner wishes to build boundary wall, contact N.E.D.C 2431136/72234509 or any objection

PETER ROBERTS, WOULD like to change land use from single Family Residential to Multi-Family Residential and Developed at Plot No. 38853, Block 5, Mogoditshane. For any objections please contact Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council Physical Planning Office, Telephone No. 310-5675 within 14 days of this publication.

MUBITA KAUNDA OWNER of plot 254 Kasane, intends to change land use from single-family residential to commercial. Any objection contact physical planning derpatment at Chobe District Council contact 6250868 within 14 days of publicatio of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 9601 in Letlapeng/Tlokweng wishes to change land use from single-residential to multi-residential. For any queries contact Tlokweng sub-district council physical planning department on +267 3925242 within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 4106, Tati Siding would like to change land use from residential to multi-residential. For any objections contact physical planning on +267 72489242

OWNER OF PLOT 30215 Mogoditshane Block5 intends to change land use from residential to multi-family residential. For any objections contact Mogoditshane District Council Physical Planning Office, 3105615 within 14 days

OWNER OF PLOT number 28903 Mogoditshane Block 5, would like to apply for an extension of their plot boundary. Any objections or enquiries should be forwarded to 75394966 or Mogoditshane Sub Landboard within 14 days from day of publication of this notice.

THE OWNER OF plot 10675, Kasane would like to change the land use from single family residential to multi family residential. Any person wishing to object to this proposal should submit their objection to the Chobe District Council Physical Planning or 74614096 within 14 days of publication of this notice

GAONE KGWAADIRA, OWNER of an indutrial plot at Letswere ward in Mookane, wishes to change land use from industrial (brick molding) to multi-family residential. For objections contact Mahalapye District Council, Physical Planning Office on 4718636/16 within 14 days of publication.

SETENG MOTSEMME, OWNER of an indutrial plot at Bokaa ward in Shoshong, wishes to change land use from indutrial (slaughter) to civic & community (church). For objections contact Mahalapye District Council, Physical Planning Office on 4718636/16 within 14 days of publication.

PATRICK KABELO LORATO of plot 24537, Khurumela ward, Palapye seeks to change land use from single residential to multifamily residential contact Palapye District Council on 4921092 for objections.

KAONE MANTU of plot 15296, Extension 11, Palapye seeks to change land use from residential to mixed use (commercial) contact Palapye District Council on 4921092 for objections.

REBECCA NCAAGAE of plot 9826 Extension 7, Palapye seeks to change land use from single family residential to multifamily residential contact Palapye District Council on 4921092 for objections.

FRANK MALEFO OF a ploughing filed at Makoro, Palapye seeks to change land use from agriculture to mixed use (industrial and agricultural) contact Palapye District Council on 4921092 for objection

MOGOGI RATSHONKA OF Lot 293 Newstance to change land use from single -family to multi residential. Any objections contact North East District Council Physical Planning 2489444

KEWAGAMANG GAAIPONE, OF plot no 7158, Mmaratanang Tlokweng village, intends to erect a boundary wall. Any objections to the above proposal should be forwarded to Tlokweng district council, building control office or call telephone no. 3695018 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 6083, Mmopane wishes to change use from a garden to multifamily plot. Whoever has objection should contact Mogoditshane District Council, 3105615 or call 71203186 within 14 days. G. Jimmy.

Owner plot 80547 Bokaa is changing from residential to multi-residential. All neighbours concerned may contact Mochudi Physical Planning or call 72607815 within 14 days from the publication of this notice

CHANGE OF LAND USE Pomergranite Golf Estate in Francistown Block 10 plot 6435/6, wishes to change land use from residential & recreational to mixed use developemtn. For any objections, contact Francistown City Council Physical Planning Office 2411050, within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB-000754-24

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE RAKOLE ORAKANYE - who died at Oodi, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 0^{2nd} June 2024.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of publication hereof. Any objection to the Estate account may be lodged with the Master.

Dated at Gaborone this 11th February 2026
The Executor, Botswelero Rakole
P O Box 203 Moiyabana
71445634/ 77964335

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a copy Of Deed No: Tribal GRANT 1046 -KO dated 05 day of May 2026 made in favour of EVANS GALEMMONE MONOWE In respect of: Tribal GRANT 1046 -46

CERTAIN SITUATE	Piece of land in the	Bakgatla Legothi	Tribal Area
MEASURING	In the	16.1411 hectares	Village/Ward

HELD UNDER: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OF LEASE BETWEEN KGATLENG LAND BOARD AND EVANS GALEMMONE MONOWE IN RESPECT OF TRIBAL GRANT 1046 -KO

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 05 DAY OF May 2026

Applicant.

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

ESHMY 000002-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE GOTHATAMANG LENYEBE- ESHMY 000002-26 who died at Francistown Academic Hospital, Francistown District on the 27th November 2025. NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.

Dated at Mahalapye this 28th day of April 2026.

EXECUTOR DATIVE	AND TO:	MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
P O BOX 10990		PRIVATE BAG 6
PALAPYE		MAHALAPYE

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 Estate Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor / Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Josephine Sentsho	ESHMY 000300-26	16.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 27TH APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap:33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at 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
WARONA KELEBAMANG	ESHMY-000108-26	16.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 28TH APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT



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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

Owner of plot no. 312 located in PARAKARUNGU, would like to change land use from single residential to multi residential.

Any objectives to be forwarded to Chobe District Council, Physical Planning office or contact telephone no. 625 0275 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000986/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late Smash Babaakanyi Mokoba who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on 24th July 2024.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

Executer Dative
Segolame Audrey Mokoba
P O Box 21513
Bontleng GABORONE
CELL: 75200561/74423022

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's reference: ESHGB 000427-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late BOIKAEGO B. NTEBOGANG who died at Block 6, Plot 38343, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 19th day of May 2024.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

The Executor Thato Queen Portia Ntebogang
P O Box 10422 Lobatse
Tel: 76 262 264 / 72 626 439

Change of Land Use

HANIFA MOTORS PROPRIETARY LIMITED

would like change land use of Tribal Lot 279 situated in the Bakwena Tribal Territory, Mogoditshane from single family residential to Commercial use (Shopping Mall and Filling Station).

For any objection kindly contact Mogoditshane Sub district Council, Physical Planning office on telephone No. +267 3166653 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

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 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 purpose of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business related to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
RABASHI GAOPALE	ESHMY 000163-26	16.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 14TH APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of 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 purpose of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business related to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
TIRAFALO GAOKGETHELWE	ESHMY 000074-26	16.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 27TH APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Ref: ESHGB-000158/19

IN THE ESTATE of the late **GOLEKA DITALEO** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 18th December 2018.

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

DATED at Gaborone... on the ..30th.. day of April 2026

S.D. Dikaelo | Executrix Dative
Setswakaie Dorothy Dikaelo
P O Box 48, Gaborone | Cell: 71771777

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
EPHRAIM NAWA	ESHMY 000210-26	02.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 31ST MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

PROPERTIES

COMMERCIAL SPACE TO let in Mochudi opposite Shoprite. 355 m2 Contact 72558194

PLOT FOR SALE Morwa, spacious. Call Kabo Madisa 76830141

TUITION

ROYAL SECONDARY SCHOOL. Form 4 and 5 enrolment now on. Hurry while places are still available. Telephone: 74930530/4900540, Palapye.

VACANCIES

VACANCY VIDEO ANALYST, Sua Flamingoes FC invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced individual. Duties Analyze match and training footage, provide tactical and performance analysis reports. Support coaching staff with video insights. Submit you CV to suaflamingofc@gmail.com closing date 30 May 2026

EL-SHADDAI DAY CARE CENTRE looking for qualified Early Childhood Teacher with Diploma and special needs, 5 years experience minimum 72132953 / 7218100

I AM LOOKING for a registered nurse. Write to Star Polyhealth clinic. P O Box 233 Mogoditshane. Located at Mogo Mall plot 7743

IMAAM WANTED RELIGIOUS leader Jwaneng Mosque (Imaam), qualification: degree in Islamic studies and Hizf quran, fluent in Arabic and english 5 years experience serving in the same position, forward applications to Botswana Muslim association Jwaneng branch. P.o. box 753 Jwaneng. Closing date 22/05/2026

TSASETSO FASHION DESIGN. I am looking for Designer, 5 years experience. Contact No 77170113

A QUALIFIED OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIAN wanted at Phatsimo Eye Centre 3 years experience. Contact us at 2613933

RETAIL STANDARDS & OPERATIONS SPECIALIST
(INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE)

Location: Gaborone, Botswana

About the Role
Liora Foods is seeking a hands-on retail professional with international experience to help elevate store operations and customer experience across our retail network. This role is designed for individuals who have worked in developed markets such as the United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, European Union, United States, and Australia, and are ready to apply those standards in a growing retail environment.

Key Responsibilities

- Implement and maintain international retail standards across all store locations, ensuring consistency in layout, cleanliness, and operations
- Conduct routine store audits to identify gaps and drive improvements in performance and presentation
- Execute visual merchandising strategies, including product placement, shelf organization, and promotional displays
- Train and support frontline staff on customer service, communication, and operational best practices
- Assist store supervisors in improving daily operations, including stock replenishment and inventory control
- Support new store and kiosk setups by ensuring

readiness, correct layout, and adherence to company standards

- Monitor store performance and provide practical recommendations to improve efficiency and customer experience

Candidate Profile

- 5-7 years of retail experience in developed markets such as the United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, European Union, United States, or Australia
- Experience in roles such as Retail Supervisor, Assistant Store Manager, or Store Operations Associate
- Bachelor's degree
- Strong understanding of customer service, store operations, and merchandising
- Detail-oriented with a hands-on, problem-solving approach
- Strong communication skills and ability to work closely with frontline teams

How to Apply
Send your CV of your international retail experience to info@liorafoods.com
CLOSING DATE : 28th May, 2026

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST LEASE

NOTICE is hereby given that **AGARY CHIRUNGA** intends applying for certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Grant of Lease No. TL 890/2015 dated 17th day of June 2015 in respect of Tribal Lot 1805, Mmopane in respect of the below mentioned property namely:

CERTAIN : piece of land being Tribal Lot 1805, Mmopane;
SITUATE : at Mmopane in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : 661 m² [Six Hundred and Sixty One Square Metres];
WHICH PROPERTY : is held under Memorandum of Agreement of Grant of Lease No. TL 890/2015 dated the 17th day of June 2015 made in favour of **AGARY CHIRUNGA**;

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2026

M K MOESI & CO | Lot 2689, Extension 9, Hospital Way
P O Box 10160, Gaborone

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that **DEPUTY SHERIFF LECTOR KEMAKETSE MOSUPI** intends applying for certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 1771/2022 dated the 19th day of August 2022 in respect of Lot 6712, Ghanzi in respect of the below mentioned property namely:

CERTAIN : piece of land being Lot 6712, Ghanzi
SITUATE : in Ghanzi Administrative District
MEASURING : 478 m² [Four Hundred and Seventy Eight Square Metres
WHICH PROPERTY : is held under Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 1771/2022 dated the 19th day of August 2022 made in favour of **GOEMEONE LAZERUS MOTSUMI**;

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2026

M K MOESI & CO | Lot 2689, Extension 9, Hospital Way
P O Box 10160, Gaborone

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHGB 000062-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MPHO PEARL MOGWERA ESHGB 000062-24** who died at **DEBORAH RETIEF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, MOCHUDI KGATLENG DISTRICT** on the 1st DECEMBER 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 5TH DAY OF MAY 2026

TETO KEITH MOGWERA

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
Private Bag F13
FRANCISTOWN

EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 10693
PALAPYE

MOGODITSHANE ADVENTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCIES

Mogoditshane Adventist Primary School is inviting applications from suitably qualified and experienced persons who share in the values, ethos and philosophy of education of the organisation to serve as:

1) Class Teachers – Upper Primary x 2

Requirements:

- A Bachelor's Degree in Primary Education
- At least 10 years teaching experience.

Applications should be accompanied by the following:

- Cover letter clearly stating the position being applied for and why your background and qualifications are particularly suited to working at MAPS.
- CV with contact details of three referees preferably of former or current supervisors and/or church Pastor.
- Certified copies of educational /professional certificates
- Certified copy of ID/ Passport

Applications should be hand delivered or sent to:
The Principal: Mogoditshane Adventist Primary School
Private Bag 51 Mogoditshane.
Email: admin@maps.adventist.africa
Tel: (+267) 392 3127 / 77 332 290

NB. All emailed applications should be sent as a single PDF document. Any application not in this format will **NOT** be considered.

Applications should be received not later than 27th May 2026.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted by the school.

Adventist Education

Financial Engineering & Econometrics Lead

Scot Race Consult (Pty) Ltd, a leading local accounting firm is seeking a highly specialized professional to drive advanced financial engineering, econometric modeling, and regulatory compliance at a strategic level. This role demands rare, globally competitive expertise to support complex, high-impact financial decision-making.

Responsibilities

- Design and implement advanced econometric and financial models
- Lead high-level financial engineering and valuation initiatives
- Oversee compliance with IFRS, tax, and regulatory frameworks
- Support audit, risk, and governance functions at an expert level
- Provide strategic insights for cross-border and complex financial structures

Requirements

- Proficiency in at least EViews 10+
- A degree in Accounting, Master in Finance/Financial Econometrics/Financial Engineering, ACCA/CFA/ CIMA qualification and Proven exposure to complex, multi-jurisdictional financial environments

This role requires a highly specialized and uncommon blend of academic, professional, and practical expertise. Submit CV, certified copies of certificates, transcripts and three traceable references phatsimo@scotracesbotswana.com and [copy nelson@scotracesbotswana.com](mailto:nelson@scotracesbotswana.com); shelter@scotracesbotswana.com Closing date: **29 May 2026 at 17:00pm**

VACANCY KASANE, FRENCH Translator/Hospitality Safety Assistant. Fluent french/english tourism/hospitality experience STCW certificate is a must call 75909418 closing date 28/05/2026

MICROSOFT AND DATA SPECIALIST wanted at Madni Distributors for implementing and configuring Microsoft Dynamics System P.O Box 82085 Gaborone

EAST & WEST ENTERPRISES (Pty) Ltd urgently looking for a qualified experienced senior linking Machine Technician and supervisor. Send application with CVs certified copies of certificates to P.O Box 404764, Gaborone or email to : costules@yahoo.com

HIGHLO SOLUTIONS IS looking for two farm workers to do horticulture services. The incumbents will be responsible to plant, water, harvest and care for crops. They should have a Diploma in Agriculture or equivalent. Address: plot 9995 Rasesa. P O Box 503285 Gaborone. Closing date 21 May 2026. Cell 71395884

GABORONE FORKLIFTS P . O. Box 405481 Broadhurst hiring heavy-duty diesel mechanic. Requirement: 10 years experience holding a Diploma in Diesel Mechanic. Driver's license an added advantage. Apply to HR Manager Plot 39 Tlokweg Industrial. 74679899/ 71220590

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER REQUIRED. Relevant degree, 10+ years experience in applications, knowledge in modern programming language and databases. Apply - NDP Group, Box 238ABF, Gaborone. (Closing 22/05/2026)

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
 Master's Reference: ESHGB-000648/23

IN THE ESTATE of the Late NKO MORWAANARE who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 02nd October 2023.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2025

The Executor Goitseone Setshane
 P O Box 1 Kumakwane
 Cell: (+267) 759 845 82 / 753 107 76

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 Master's Reference: ESHGB-000630/24(B)

IN THE ESTATE of the Late JACOB MOITSHEKI who died at Sekhukhwane Lands, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on the 2nd day of August 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
Dikakanyo Moitsheki
 P.O. Box 204, MOLEPOLOLE | Cell: 72996817

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

ATANG LEKARAPE, owner of residential plot 16962 in Mothubakwane Ramotswa, intends to develop it into a Multi-Residential.

Any objections should be forwarded to Gamalete District Council on 5381212 or 77177333 within fourteen (14) days of this notice.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
 ESHFT 000364/24
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late UTLWANG RAPHAKA - ESHFT 000364/24 who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District on the 31st July 2024.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 5TH DAY OF MAY 2026

Abednico Leano Machehe AND TO: Master of the High Court
 Executor Dative Private Bag F13
 P.O. Box 46 KAVIMBA Mobile (App) No. +267 71578530 FRANCISTOWN

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
POLOKO ALFRED MOLLOWAKGOTLA	ESHFT-0001087-25	24-06-26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
 ESHGB-000407/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late SOPHIE LADY RATSATSI who died at Deborah Retief Memorial Hospital, Mochudi on the 29th day of January 2023.

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

DATED AT ON THE DAY OF 2026

The Executrix Rebecca Punnie Gwakuba
 P. O Box 81366 GABORONE
 Cell: 71628842

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 Master's Reference: ESHGB 000176-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late PINNIE KGOSIEMANG who died at Sir Ketumile Masire Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on 23rd February 2024.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ May 2026.

EXECUTOR DATIVE | LOKO SAM KGOSIEMANG
 P O Box 52, MOLAPOWABOJANG
 CELL: 72 196 602 / 75 899 233

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
 Master's Ref: ESHGB-000958/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late SARAH BATI WILLIMONE who died at Gaborone West Plot 13323, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 15th March 2024.

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master.

DATED at on the day of 2026

The Executrix
 Janet Motshoge
 P O Box 401724 Gaborone Cell: 72624204

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 Master's Reference: ESHGB 001103/25

IN THE ESTATE of the Late MARTIN MANNATHOKO who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Gaborone in Gaborone District, Botswana on the 1st August 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 within the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

Dated at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

The Executor
 ATITHU MARTIN MANNATHOKO
 P.O. Box 4905, Gaborone

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAHALAPYE
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 Master's Reference: ESHMY 000130-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late Keswelang Otukile – ESHMY 000130-26 who died at Palapye Primary Hospital, Palapye District on the 8th November 2016.

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 Mahalapye this 28th day of April 2026.

Goitseone Itumeleng Seleke EXECUTOR DATIVE AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
 P O Box 98 Maunatlala Private Bag 6 Mahalapye

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

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that:

- ISHMAEL JUTA and NYALADZI JUTA (Nee Phatshwane), married in community of property on the 05th of September 2013 in Francistown, intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change their marital regime from in community of property to out of community of property.
- The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the three (3) weeks statutory notice from the date of the first publication hereof.
- Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties' estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties' Attorneys, ELIJAH ATTORNEYS, before the expiration of the said three (3) week period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL 2026.

ELIJAH ATTORNEYS Applicant's Attorneys
 Plot 1278, Cliff House., Old Lobatse Road
 P O Box 4413, GABORONE
 TEL: 311 3690

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FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
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DATED AT Gaborone... on the ..30th.. day of April 2026

S.D. Dikaelo | Executrix Dative
 Setswakae Dorothy Dikaelo
 P O Box 48, Gaborone | Cell: 71771777

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

A reputable diamond cutting and polishing company is looking to expand its team. We invite experienced and qualified candidates to apply for the following positions:

- Fancy Full Stone & Full Stone Polishers Requirements:**
 - Minimum of 3 years' experience in diamond polishing.
 - Skilled in handling various fancy cuts to excellent standards.
 - Good understanding of symmetry, proportion, and polish quality.
- Diamond Planner Requirements:**
 - Minimum of 10 years' experience in diamond planning within a manufacturing environment.
 - Advanced proficiency with industry-standard planning software and technology.
 - In-depth knowledge of 4C's
 - Strong ability to maximize diamond yield through effective planning, grading analysis, and process optimization to enhance value and overall production efficiency.
- Diamond Grader Requirements:**
 - Minimum of 5 years' experience in diamond grading.
 - Solid knowledge of the 4C's and GIA grading standards.
 - Proficiency in using grading tools.
 - Strong attention to detail and consistency in applying grading criteria.

Applications should be accompanied by copies of certificates, I.D, references from the previous company and CV addressed to:

The Human Resources Department
 Email: hrmanager@constellafrica.com
 WDM Botswana
 P O BOX 201654, Gaborone.
 CLOSING DATE: 27th May 2026


Notice to Debtors and Creditors
 Masters Reference: ESHMN-000005-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late Kommerese Phuthologo who died at Sunning Hill Hospital, Johannesburg, South Africa on the 21 August 2005

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 hereof.

DATED : at Gaborone on This 5 May 2026
 GAEBONWE PHUTHOLOGO The Executor Testamentary
 P.O BOX 240, MAUN, MOBILE NUMBER :72623132

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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAHALAPYE
ESHMY 000117-26**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KEALESITSE SEHUNELO- ESHMY 000117-26** who died at Palapye primary Hospital, Palapye District on the **07th April 2024**.

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

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 06th day of MAY 2026.

Executor Dative
P.O Box 136, PALAPYE

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG 6, MAHALAPYE

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
ESTATE LATE JAMES VUTHELA BONYO – ESHGB-000470-24**

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of Estate Act (Cap 31:01), the **heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased persons** specified below are **hereby invited to attend meetings** at the Office of the Master located at Gaborone High Court on Wednesday the **10th day of June 2026 at 0830 hours**.

At the next of kin are to recommend person(s) to be appointed Executor(s) or Executrix (es) Dative, identify beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to the estate of their deceased relative.

For more information concerning the deceased person's estate, please contact the Masters Office at 371 8343 or Switchboard 371 8000.

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
JOYCE DIKAI MOSOJANE	ESHFT-000189-25	23-06-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**NEIGHBOR
CONSULTATION**

JABULANI MBAKI MANGOLE OF TRIBAL LOT 8391, MOGODITSHANE, would like to change land use from single family to multi-residential.

Any objections should be forwarded to **Kweneng Physical Planning Office** or **Jabulani Mbaki Mangole** on **71 395 900** within **fourteen (14) days** from this publication.

CHANGE OF LANDUSE

Master Benjamin, the owner of Lots 10821 and 10822 in Kazungula wishes to consolidate the two and change land use from single family residential to Guest house.

Contact 74100329.

For any objections contact Chobe District Council, Physical Planning office within **14 days of this publication**.

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAHALAPYE
ESHMY 000122-26**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MAROBOLO SENAI - ESHMY 000122-26** who died at Modimo Ward Serowe, Central District- Serowe on the 30th May 2025.

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

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 04th day of May 2026.

Executor Dative
P.O Box 307
Lethakane

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG 6
MAHALAPYE

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's reference: ESHGB-000397/25

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Raonna Jason Koboyankwe** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone District, Botswana on **14th March 2025**.

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

DATED at on this.....day of2026

Executor Dative
Mothusi Koboyankwe
P O Box 1748ABG Sebele, Gaborone
Email: 2ckobo@gmail.com Cell: 71722357

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

The **plot owner 5137** would like to build a single residential boundary wall at Masetlheng ward Tlokweng.

For any objections you can contact **3695000, Tlokweng District Council Physical Planning office** within **fourteen (14) days** of publication of this notice.

Contact No. 71 754 629

Qualified Primary and Pre-Primary teachers required for 2026:

Maranatha Academy of Excellence English Medium School

EMPLOYER: Maranatha Academy of Excellence English Medium School

SERVICES PROVIDED: Primary and Pre-Primary Education

ADDRESS: Plot Number 30532

LODUBENG WARD: Kanye

PHONE NUMBER: 5480996

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

1. Diploma in Pre-Primary Education for Pre-Primary Teachers
2. Diploma in Primary Education for Primary School Teachers
3. Applicants with relevant Education Degrees have an added advantage
4. A Cambridge curriculum introductory certificate is a must have
5. A minimum of 3 years post qualification experience in an English Medium School environment is required

JOB TITLE: Lower and Upper Primary class teachers who will be responsible for the teaching of the combined Cambridge and Local curriculum

Pre-Primary teachers responsible for Pre-Primary education

VACANT POSTS: Four(4) available for 2026

APPLY TO: The Principal
P O Box M22 Kanye

CLOSING DATE: 20 May 2026

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

NOTICE is hereby given that **TABOKA FAITH MPENYA** proposes to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with **VISION GRAPHICS PROPRIETARY LIMITED** (the "Transaction"), in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

(a) CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 4000 Masunga;

SITUATE: at Mpenya Ward, Masunga in the Tati Tribal Territory;

MEASURING: 40m x 32m (Approximately 1280 m²);

HELD UNDER: Certificate of Customary Land Grant dated 24th day of March 2017 in favour of TABOKA FAITH MPENYA; Hereafter referred to as (the "Property")

The Property is valued and transferred at **P260,000.00 (Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pula)** excluding any VAT/ transfer duty consequential to the Transaction. Notwithstanding the Transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the Property.

All persons objecting to the Transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objection with reasons, in writing, with the Tati Land Board, Private Bag 009, Masunga, Botswana within 30 (Thirty days) from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY 2026

PETO & CO. ATTORNEYS

PLOT 1363, GUY STREET

FRANCISTOWN

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAHALAPYE
ESHMY 000117-26**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KEALESITSE SEHUNELO- ESHMY 000117-26** who died at Palapye primary Hospital, Palapye District on the **07th April 2024**.

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

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 06th day of MAY 2026.

Executor Dative
P.O Box 136, PALAPYE

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG 6, MAHALAPYE



A well-established Concrete Roof Tile Manufacturing Company invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced candidates for the position of **GENERAL MANAGER - Business Operations** with AI Oversight.

Work Experience

- Minimum of 15 years' progressive experience gained within the construction industry and/or manufacturing sectors.
- At least 2 years' experience at General Manager level or equivalent senior management role, within the concrete roof tile manufacturing or related industry.
- Proven experience leading, managing, and delivering cross-functional and business-critical projects involving key stakeholders within the built environment sector.
- Practical knowledge and application of PRINCE2 project management methodology within a controlled manufacturing environment.

Qualifications

- PRINCE2 Practitioner or equivalent professional project management certification required.
- Minimum Certificate qualification in Artificial Intelligence in Business or a related field an added advantage
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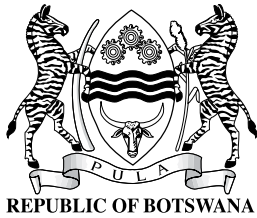
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IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH WEST HELD AT GUMARE

CCMGM-000045-25

IN THE MATTER BETWEEN:

Tshegofatso Sejeso PLAINTIFF
AND
Michael Nyamasoka DEFENDANT

FINAL ORDER

Before Her Worship **SAMANTHA KGATI** on **25 February 2026**.

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The court satisfied that the consent judgment is valid and enforceable.

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In November last year, Botswana donated eight cheetahs to India, a move that was meant to strengthen wildlife conservation and diplomatic ties between the two countries.

Why Botswana Must Deepen Partnership with India Now

The global order is under visible strain. The ongoing conflict involving the United States, Israel, and Iran has added a new layer of volatility to an already fragile international system. Energy markets are unsettled, supply chains remain vulnerable, and the ripple effects are being felt far beyond the immediate region.

For countries like Botswana, the message is unmistakable: external shocks are no longer occasional—they are structural. In such a world, partnerships must do more than signal goodwill. They must deliver stability, resilience, and real outcomes. It is in this context that the Fourth India–Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-IV) should be

viewed—not as a routine diplomatic engagement, but as a strategic opportunity. For Botswana, it is a moment to deepen a partnership with India that is both practical and forward-looking. India–Africa relations have always been anchored in history and solidarity. But today, they are being reshaped by necessity.

The central question is no longer whether to cooperate, but how to cooperate in ways that reduce vulnerability and expand opportunity. The theme of IAFS-IV—India–Africa Strategic Partnership for Innovation, Resilience and Inclusive Transformation, captures this shift.

It signals a move from broad commitments to focused, results-driven collaboration. For Botswana, innovation is not optional—it is central to its ambition of becoming a knowledge-based economy under Vision 2036.

India's experience with digital public infrastructure, fintech ecosystems, and affordable healthcare offers scalable models that can be adapted to local contexts.

The opportunity lies not in replication, but in co-creation—building solutions that respond directly to Botswana's developmental priorities.

Resilience is even more urgent. Recent geopolitical tensions have underscored how exposed economies can be to disruptions in energy, trade, and logistics.

For Botswana, strengthening resilience means diversifying and deepening partnerships in critical sectors—energy security, healthcare, food systems, and digital infrastructure.

India's development partnership model, which is demand-driven and capacity-focused, aligns well with these priorities.

This is not about dependency; it is about strategic complementarity.

Equally important is inclusive transformation. Growth must translate into jobs, skills, and opportunities—especially for young people.

Botswana's demographic profile presents both promise and pres-

sure. India's own development experience highlights the importance of investing in education, skills, and entrepreneurship at scale.

Expanding cooperation in these areas through training, technology partnerships, and academic exchanges can help unlock Botswana's human potential.

The Botswana–India relationship already has a strong foundation. Capacity-building programmes, scholarships, and cooperation in sectors such as health and information technology have delivered steady results.

But the current global environment calls for greater ambition, more targeted collaboration, clearer priorities, and measurable outcomes. IAFS-IV offers that platform.

It brings together leadership and policy direction, but its real value will lie in implementation.

For Botswana, this means identifying priority sectors, aligning them with national goals, and leveraging partnerships that can deliver tangible impact.

In an increasingly uncertain world, not all partnerships will prove equally reliable.

Botswana's engagement with India stands out because it is rooted in mutual respect, shaped by shared development experiences, and focused on practical outcomes.

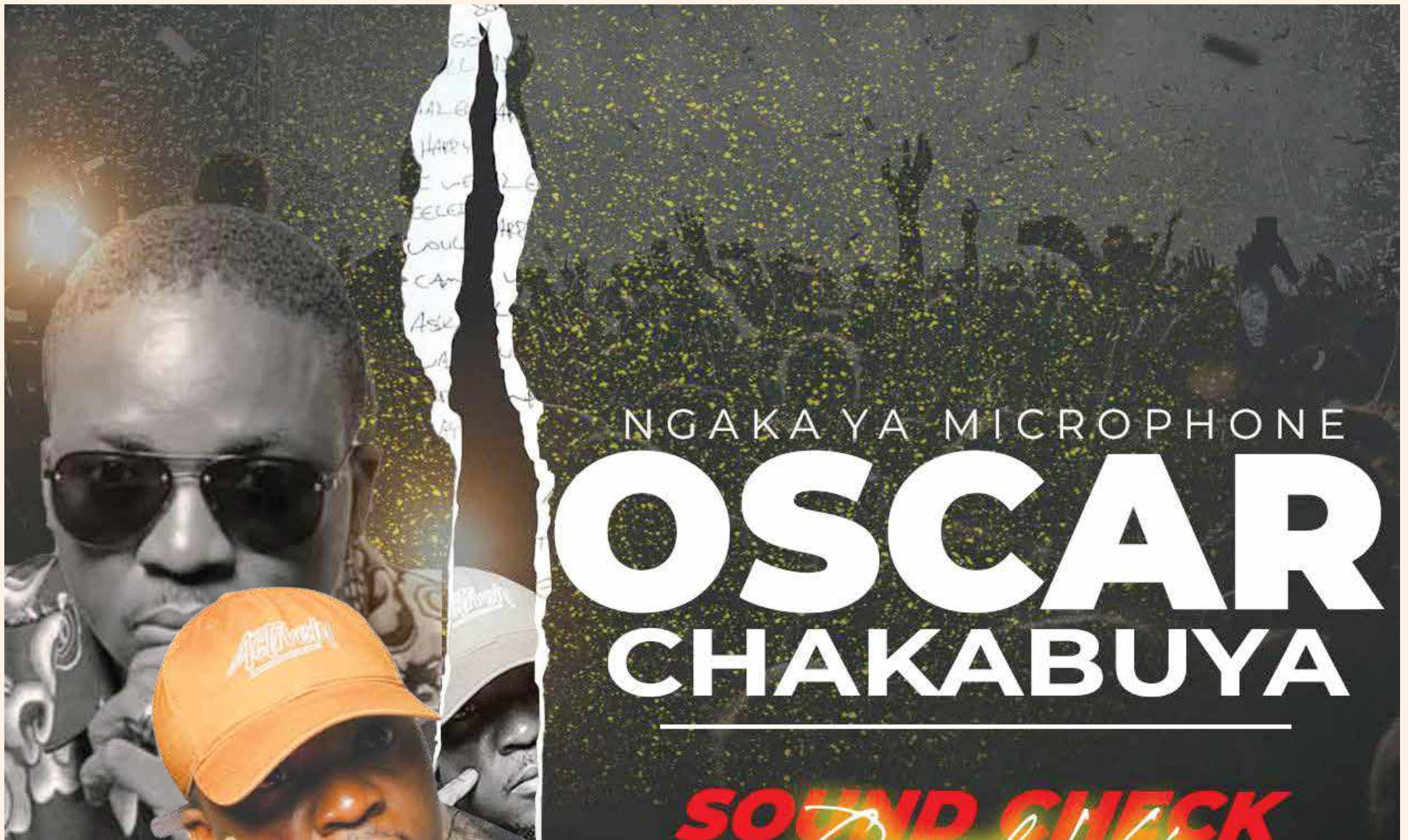
That makes it not just relevant, but strategic. IAFS-IV is therefore more than a summit. It is an opportunity for Botswana to position itself within a partnership that can help navigate global uncertainty, build resilience, and accelerate its development trajectory.

The case for deepening Botswana–India ties is no longer just compelling. It is urgent.



President Advocate Duma Boko (centre) and India counterpart, Ms Droupadi Murmu (third left) at a state banquet hosted in honour of the visiting president in Gaborone last year.

Arts & Culture



Chakabuya collaborates with Rhumba legends on new album

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Makaleng-born Rhumba sensation, Oscar Chakabuya, has made a vibrant return to the music scene with a six-track dance album titled *Bata Bina*.

The project features renowned artistes, including *Ke Lela le Lona* hitmaker, Franco, and Francis 'Coming Soon' Kalwa.

"All tracks in *Bata Bina* are meant to make people dance. That is the message throughout the album," he said in an interview.

Franco's signature flair stands out on the title track *Bata Bina*, while *Coming Soon* appears on *Loba Generique*, adding depth to the album's rich Rhumba sound.

The seasoned musician, now with six albums under his name, described music as an innate gift rather than a learned skill.

"I have never gone to school to learn music. It is in my DNA. I play drums, keyboard and bass guitar," he said.

Bata Bina embraces a soukous-inspired style, blending rhythmic beats with energetic melodies that celebrate African musical identity.

The album's lively tempo and layered instrumentation creates an atmosphere of joy and escapism, offering listeners a sense of comfort amid everyday challenges.

Chakabuya revealed that his passion for music began to fully manifest in 2002.

Over the years, he has built his reputation by working alongside some of Botswana's notable artistes, including Culture Spears, Charma Gal, Extra Melody, Slizer and the late Biza Mupulu of *Tsena Mo Dijong* fame.

A versatile performer, Chakabuya is a vocalist, dancer and instrumentalist whose musical journey mirrors that of legendary Congolese guitarist Dally Kimoko, known for shaping Rhumba and soukous sounds across Africa.

He has collaborated with a wide range of local heavyweights such as Alfredo Mos, Franco and the late Jeff Matheatau, among others.

One of his most memorable career highlights, he said, was sharing the stage with icons like Johnny Mokhali, Franco, Alfredo Mos and Matheatau during the Kwambala Music Festival in Francistown.

"It was a big moment performing alongside such legends and competing for the audience's attention," he recalled.

Makaleng-born Rhumba sensation, Oscar Chakabuya has made a return to the music scene with a six-track dance album titled Bata Bina. Photo: Courtesy of artist.

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North West District Council staff bid farewell to Council Secretary, Mr Thatayotlhe Balapi (left), as he retired from the public service on April 30, bringing an end to an illustrious 36-year career. Photo: Courtesy of North West District Council

North West District celebrates council secretary legacy

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

After 36 years of serving the public with honour and integrity, North West District council secretary, Mr Thatayotlhe Balapi has called it a day.

His last day was on April 30 and he retired as a proud leader, having led with trust and integrity that built strong foundations and leaves a true lasting legacy.

Affectionately known as 'Mokwena', in the workplace corridors, Mr Balapi would be remembered for his charismatic leadership and designing a workplace that reflected the public service's strongest values of integrity, purpose and care for people.

He built trust and confidence in staff and newcomers and encouraged them to deliver quality service to the people.

North West leadership, alongside council staff members, business community and friends bid a heartfelt farewell to him in style, showering him with gifts, sharing fond memories of their experiences working with him and some wishing him good health, peace and fulfilment in the years ahead.

Dressed in vintage, they gathered at the Department of Fire premises to celebrate a life and legacy of a dedicated, committed and result-oriented leader whose contribution to the growth and development of the district was truly remarkable, leaving a lasting impact on both the council and the community.

Colourful as it was, the celebration featured a parade of fire officers honouring their leader for being a selfless dedicated officer for over three decades acting with integrity, transparency and consistency and ensuring staff worked towards a common goal rather than breaking into factions.

Many speakers took turns to praise him for the good work, saying his name would remain legendary as he had indeed written it in the hearts of people he meant to serve.

They highlighted that Mr Balapi has been reliable, professional and accommodating, always discreet, prompt and committed to his duties.

They acknowledged that at times, he was charged with diverse assignments, some which entailed delivering government

programmes to the communities and he executed as expected and impeccably.

Speakers also appreciated that he played a critical role in strengthening community partnerships and fostering unity towards driving development agenda in the district.

"I have no regrets working with him because I have learnt a lot from him and I am confident that he still has much to offer beyond public service," said deputy council secretary, Ms Ogomoditse Royal appreciating that Mr Balapi was a dedicated public servant, cementing a legacy of service rather than merely ending employment.

While there is perception that leadership remained the biggest loyalty divider in the workplace, she is of the view that with Mr Balapi, it was not the case as he articulated purpose, motivated and allowed employees to focus on what mattered most.

Her leader, she said had been instrumental in driving development agenda in the district in a bid to improve livelihoods and strengthen communities.

The council chairperson, Mr Itumeleng Kelebetseng conceded that Mr Balapi is a loyalty driver, adding that he is departing in a way that respected colleagues and the public rather than acting out of haste or negativity.

He appreciated that Mr Balapi demonstrated the highest standard of respect, loyalty and honour to fellow councillors and provided a strategic direction, advised political leaders, managed corporate operation ensuring council operations aligned with the national development strategies.

For his part, the overjoyed Mr Balapi thanked staff and stakeholders in the district for the unwavering support during his tenure of office as the council secretary.

He expressed hope of the continued support to his predecessor so as to see continued development in the district.

The retiree also described his career as rewarding, particularly working closely with political leadership over the years.

"I am leaving a happy man, with dignity, professional pride and a clear sense of accomplishment rather than burning bridges. I thank all for the support, the collaboration and the work we have done together as a team

during my tenure in office," he said.

Mr Balapi also implored staff to continue upholding professionalism principles and deliver quality services when they still have the chance if they want to leave a lasting legacy. **BOPA**

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Chakabuya also emphasised the importance of nurturing talent locally, noting that Botswana has immense untapped potential, which can be saved from unemployment and drug abuse if it is given enough support.

Fans have also expressed admiration for his journey and dedication with Shalulani Jerome Mphakane from Tutume, who has followed Chakabuya's career since 2008, praising his consistency and growth.

"He has always shown determination, from his early days supporting other artistes to becoming a solo artiste with six albums," he said.

Another supporter, Frank Sesinyi, described Chakabuya as focused, humble and passionate about rhumba music and also open to working with others, supporting them by offering affordable studio services.

Music lovers are now eagerly anticipating Chakabuya's live performances, particularly his signature Likomba dance moves, which have become a favourite among fans. **BOPA**



French National Assembly passes cultural property restitution bill

PARIS

The French National Assembly has approved a draft law on the restitution of cultural property acquired through illicit appropriation on Wednesday, following a new round of debate.

Lower house of parliament passed the bill with 141 votes in favour and none against, although turnout was relatively low compared with the National Assembly's total seats of 577.

The bill sought to establish a clearer and simpler legal framework for returning

cultural assets acquired by France through illicit means, including looting, theft and sales conducted under coercion.

It applied to cultural property acquired between 1815 and 1972, excluding military items and certain archaeological objects.

Under France's longstanding principle of the inalienability of public collections, cultural objects could previously be returned to their countries of origin only through specific legislation on a case-by-case basis and in limited numbers.

The French Senate first

passed the draft law on January 29 and the National Assembly approved a slightly different version on April 13 with 170 votes in favour and none against.

As differences remained between the two versions, a joint committee worked to reconcile the differing provisions and submitted a compromise text on April 30.

Under the French legislative process, the revised draft law still requires Senate approval in a review scheduled for Thursday before it can proceed to promulgation. **Xinhua**



PARIS - The Louvre Museum in France. A draft law on the restitution of cultural property acquired through illicit appropriation has been approved. Photo: Xinhua

Global praise pours in for Botswana

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

A wave of admiration and celebration has continued to pour in from across the globe following Botswana's successful hosting of the Debswana World Athletics Relays Gaborone 26.

Social media platforms were flooded with messages applauding the country's organisation, electrifying atmosphere, hospitality and historic athletic achievements.

Even before the relays began, the World Athletics Relays 2026 Facebook page set the tone for the occasion, describing Botswana's diamond-encrusted medals as a historic first.

"In the history of the world, this is a first. A diamond-encrusted medal. 120 medals to be precise, only in the Republic of Botswana. Be part of history. Be part of the legacy."

At the close of the event, the organisers again paid tribute to Botswana, writing: "As the dust settles, we take a moment to exhale with pride, on a day to be engraved for the blue, black and white people."

The event attracted worldwide attention, with fans, athletes, diplomats and sports personalities commending Botswana for delivering what many described as a world-class spectacle.

Football Intel Africa celebrated Botswana's historic men's 4x400m relay triumph, posting: "A happy moment outside football. Congratulations Botswana! The first African nation to win the 4x400m relay at the World Championships. Host Botswana closed the World Relays by running the third-fastest men's 4x400m in history."

From Sao Paulo, Brazil, Tony Tabona praised both the country and its people.

"We are a small country, but we have never thought so small. The world saw that this weekend in Gaborone."

Another social media commentator, Grand Dilan, expressed surprise at the overwhelming turnout at the National Stadium.

"Botswana sold out a 25 000-capacity stadium, while bigger nations like China and Japan previously failed to attract even 20 000 spectators. Botswana really set the bar high."

The success of the event was also reflected in global viewership figures. Jumpers World reported that more than 102 million people watched the relays through television and online streaming platforms. Gaborone Mayor, Oarabile Motlaleng reportedly said the event significantly boosted Botswana's global image and tourism profile.

Australian athletics fan Alan Mansfield also praised the organisation and atmosphere.

"Watching from Australia, the athletes played their part and the organisers put on a great show. The crowd was incredible. It was great to see Africa hosting."

Diplomatic missions joined in celebrating Botswana's achievement.

The Chinese Embassy in Botswana described the relays as "an unforgettable weekend of speed, spirit and history," adding that the event strengthened friendship and cultural ties between Africa and China ahead of the Beijing 2027 World Championships.

Similarly, the German Embassy in Gaborone highlighted the unity displayed during the competition.

"Everyone cheered, no matter which nationality. That is what sport does; it brings us together."

South African sprint star, Akani Simbine also applauded Botswana, saying the country had proved Africa was capable of hosting world-class sporting events. He said the packed stadium and atmosphere demonstrated the continent's beauty and strength.

Sports platform Century Buzz further revealed that World Athletics president, Sebastian Coe had expressed interest in seeing Botswana host more global track and field events in future.

Across social media, international fans echoed similar sentiments.

A British netizen identified as Jason compared Botswana's crowd atmosphere to that of English football giants, Liverpool's Anfield Stadium, while another fan, Lillian, called for Botswana to host the World Championships in future.

The praise also extended to Botswana's hospitality. Nigerian sports platform Making Champions stated that the passion and support displayed by local fans would be difficult for other countries to replicate.

Former Olympic champion, Donovan Bailey, speaking on

YouTube channels hosted by Leighton Levy and MissaAnalyst, said Botswana's dominance in the relays now made the country "owners of the event."

Instagram page SnapFlash described Botswana's gold medal-winning 4x400m relay performance as "a moment for the books," praising both the record-breaking performance and the country's world-class hospitality.

A Nigerian journalist who travelled to Gaborone to cover the relays said the event demonstrated how sport unites people across Africa.

"Botswana has proved that, as Africans, we can be united. Sports is peace, sports is love."

Members of the Local

Organising Committee (LOC) also reflected proudly on the successful staging of the competition, crediting volunteers, organisers and supporters for creating a memorable event.

Regional supporters equally shared their admiration. A Zimbabwean fan congratulated Team Botswana for its victory, while Namibian social media user Tashia Shigwedha said Botswana had injected hope and joy into Africa.

Instagram users continued the chorus of praise, with many commending Botswana's organisation, beauty and spirit of unity.

"Sports truly unite people and promote peace," wrote Tumi

Bader.

Another user, Sasekani Rules, added: "Thank you Botswana, you represented us all as Africans."

South African broadcaster, SABC Sports also featured Simbine admiring Botswana's diamond-crested medal, describing the championships as a benchmark event for the region.

The Debswana World Athletics Relays Gaborone 26 not only delivered historic performances on the track, but also elevated Botswana's reputation as a capable host of international sporting events, leaving an enduring impression on audiences around the world. BOPA



Global admiration continues to pour in for Debswana World Athletics Relays Gaborone 26 following Botswana's successful hosting of the prestigious event from May 2-3.

Eyes turn to ITF World Tennis Tour hosting

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

The eyes of the global tennis community are turning towards Gaborone, not just for the love of the game, but as a resounding vote of confidence in Botswana's enduring reputation for peace, security and world-class hospitality.

For the first time in history, the nation is set to host the International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Tennis Tour Men's and Women's 15k events at the National Tennis Centre from May 11-13.

What began as an ambitious bid to bring professional tennis home has transformed into a global phenomenon, with the Botswana Tennis Association (BTA) reporting an overwhelming surge of interest that has far exceeded expectations.

The sheer scale of the event is reflected in the numbers with over 300 men and 200 women from across the globe, from the United States and France to China and Australia, have submitted

entries. With a strict 32-draw format, the competition for a spot in the main draw will be fierce.

In an interview, BTA vice president, Nonfo Othusitse described the international attention as more than just a sporting milestone, but a validation of the nation's standing on the world stage.

Othusitse said they viewed the global interest as a sign of confidence not only in the ability of the BTA to organise and host but also on the country's reputation of peace and security.

The qualifying rounds alone, scheduled for the weekend of the tournament, are already packed to capacity. "Our qualifying draws, which will be played on Saturday and Sunday are equally full as we will definitely have 32 players in both the men's and women's. The qualifying draw is for the players who will not make the main outright," he explained.

For Botswana's rising stars, the tournament is more than a trophy hunt, but a bridge to the professional world. Hosting the event locally eliminates the steep financial and logistical barriers

that often prevent talented African juniors from breaking into the pro circuit.

"By hosting, we are making it easier for them to transition from junior tennis to professional tennis. Without us hosting it will be very difficult for them to make the main or even qualifying draw for these events," Othusitse said.

The local crowd will have plenty to cheer for. All eyes will be on Ntungamili Raguin, a standout junior making his debut on the World Tennis Tour.

"So, we are looking forward to our juniors such Ntungamili Raguin competing at his very first ever World Tennis Tour event. He will definitely use this opportunity to also prepare for the upcoming French Open," he added.

Raguin is joined by a formidable local contingent, including Mark Nawa, Chelsea Chakanyuka and Seabo Saleshando, alongside promising juniors, Nina Sekonopo and Rethabile Moshaoa. For these players, the tournament represents a rare chance to earn professional points on home soil.

While the action on the court

will be the primary focus, the 'off-court' benefits are just as significant.

The influx of international athletes, coaches and officials is expected to provide substantial boost to the local economy. Though the main events are concentrated over three days, the economic ripple effect is much wider as many players and visitors began arriving as early as last week to acclimate and prepare.

Othusitse highlighted that the impact of the events was not only toward athletes' development and officials' empowerment but also brought economic benefits to the association and the country. This early arrival of international guests extends the period of local spending to a full two weeks.

From full hotel occupancy to increased demand for catering and transportation, the 14-day window of the tour promises to be a boon for local businesses. "We are talking hotels, transportation, catering over the next 14 days. There are issues of merchandise and branding, which our businesses will benefit from," Othusitse said. BOPA



Basketball league season opener reschedules

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

Botswana Basketball League has postponed its season tip-off date from the initial May 8 to May 15 owing to logistical challenges in both the South and North divisions.

The league adjourned last year with the crowning of Dolphins, who secured a double title triumph.

Both their men's and women's teams won the championship in September last year following an exceptional victory against Police V in the best-of-three finals series.

The 'Phins' dominated the league and have established themselves as the premier club in Botswana basketball.

Their men's team won the 2025 playoffs by beating Police V in a thrilling series, further building their reputation as multiple-time champions who frequently defended their titles and competed at the regional level.

Prior to the 2025 win, the Dolphins were champions in 2023, while BDF V took the title in 2024.

The club remains a dominant force, having successfully defended their crown to remain Botswana's top basketball programme.

In an interview, Botswana Basketball Association (BBA) president, Mothusi Thipe revealed that it was vital for the league committee to reschedule resumption of games to iron out pending issues regarding team compliance.

"It is important to note that the committee had to ensure team compliance with both CIPA and Registry of Societies regulations before resuming the league and I am pleased that we are at almost 95 per cent compliance rate," Thipe said.

He stated that draft fixtures would be released ahead of the final schedule to give teams time to review and prepare, as well as work on their fitness levels.

Thipe expressed delight regarding the prospects of the league's resumption.

He remained hopeful that this season's campaign would be more attractive to both spectators and potential sponsors, as the league was currently in a transformation process toward commercialisation.

He noted that this season had all the ingredients of success, particularly the P500 000 grant secured from the Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC), which would be distributed to teams to cover administration costs.

After operating without a sponsor for several seasons, Thipe indicated that the league had made significant headway in securing a partner for the year.

"I can assure the basketball fraternity that talks with potential sponsors are at an advanced stage and we will soon be putting pen to paper to finalise a sponsorship agreement," he said.

A total of 15 clubs are set to participate this season.

The new campaign brings another opportunity for players and teams to compete, grow and continue building the game locally. **BOPA**

2027 Dakar Rally features longest route in race history

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Enthusiasts across the globe were on Tuesday introduced to the 2027 Dakar Rally route, which is the longest in the history of the motor sporting event.

The Dakar Rally is widely regarded as the world's toughest and longest off-road motorsport event.

Its 49th edition is scheduled to run from January 1-15, 2027, across the vast desert of Saudi Arabia.

Organisers revealed that the upcoming edition will feature a record-breaking 8 390km route, making it the longest course in the history of the Dakar Rally.

Competitors in the bike and quad categories will start and finish the race at King Abdullah Economic City.

The demanding route will pass through several regions of Saudi Arabia, including Yanbu, AlUla, Hail, Al Duwadimi, Wadi Ad-Dawasir and Bisha among other desert landscapes.

Botswana's celebrated rally rider, Ross Branch was among riders and drivers who attended the official route unveiling in Paris.

"It looks amazing. The stages are super long and it is going to be one of the longest stages they have ever had in the Saudi Arabian region. The race is going to be really tough, probably the toughest one they have had in Saudi Arabia to date," Branch explained.

Branch said he was already starting the preparations with his team Hero MotoSports Rally Team as they were busy working on making some adjustment to his bike.

"I am really looking forward for it. I am preparing very hard and we have done a lot of work on the bike. We have changed a lot of settings on the bike and so it is really in a good condition," he said.

Branch said he will refine his form and skill by participating in several of the world championships featured in the 2026 motorsport calendars.

According to information published on the Dakar Rally website, the event's bivouac camp will be established at King Abdullah Economic City from December 29 until New Year's Eve ahead of the official start.

Organisers also highlighted that the 2027 edition will feature more competitive mileage than any previous Dakar Rally races held in Saudi Arabia, with 5 320 kilometers set against the clock.

The terrain is expected to be more diverse and challenging than ever before.

Branch, popularly known as the "Kalahari Ferrari," won the 2024 Dakar Rally title and earlier this year finished eighth overall riding for Hero MotoSports. The 2027 edition will mark the eighth consecutive edition of the Dakar Rally staged in Saudi Arabia. **BOPA**



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