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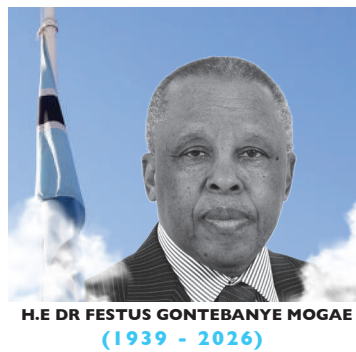
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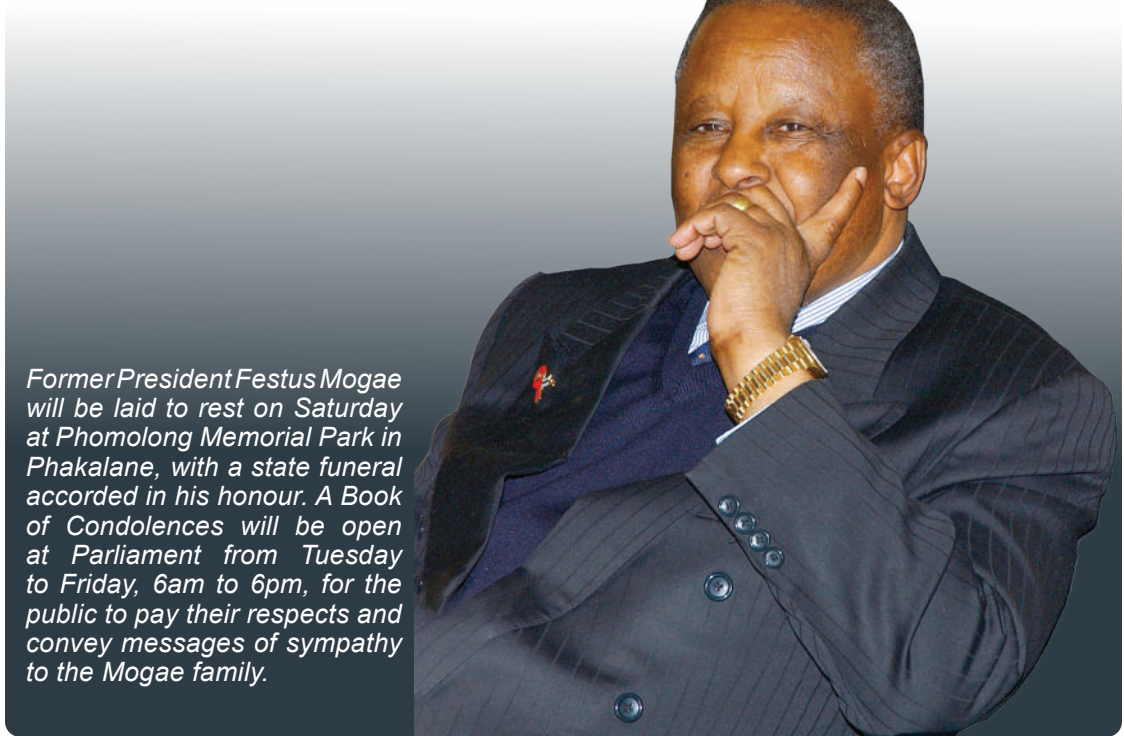


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Mogae burial for Gaborone



Former President Festus Mogae will be laid to rest on Saturday at Phomolong Memorial Park in Phakalane, with a state funeral accorded in his honour. A Book of Condolences will be open at Parliament from Tuesday to Friday, 6am to 6pm, for the public to pay their respects and convey messages of sympathy to the Mogae family.

Gontle Merafhe
GABORONE

Former president, Dr Festus Mogae, will be laid to rest Saturday at Phomolong Memorial Park in Phakalane. Accordingly, Dr Mogae will be granted a state funeral, and a Book of Condolences has been opened at Parliament from Tuesday to

Friday, starting 6am to 6pm, to allow members of the public to pay their respects and convey messages of sympathy to the Mogae family. Announcing funeral arrangements for Dr Mogae, on Botswana Television and Radio Botswana, Botswana Government Communications and Information System (BGCIS) deputy director, Mr Lawrence Seretse, said that the late president would lie in state at

Parliament on Wednesday. A national memorial service will take place Thursday in Gaborone from 2pm to 6pm at a venue yet to be communicated, while the Procession of Honour will take place Friday in Gaborone, from 4pm until 5pm, along a route that will be announced, Mr Seretse said. Meanwhile, prayer sessions continue at Boipuso Hall until Wednesday. They start 5pm. **BOPA**



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More Batswana to benefit from ICCR scholarships

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Due to India's benevolence, 75 Batswana will this year have an opportunity to study in India through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Scholarships. India increased Botswana's scholarships from 54 to 75 this year.

Already, over 400 Batswana have so far benefited through the programme. The ICCR scholarships are an educational programme offered by India in order to foster international understanding and strengthen bilateral relations.

The scholarships allow students to pursue undergraduate, postgraduate and PHD programmes in Indian universities.

Speaking during a press briefing on May 7, India High Commissioner to Botswana, Mr Bharath Kumar Kuthati said India, had in the last decade, availed training opportunities for over thousands of personnel from government,

parastatals and the private sector.

This, he said reaffirmed that the two countries enjoyed ties marked by trust, friendship and cooperation.

Mr Kumar Kuthati said India supported Botswana development priorities, common cooperation and capacity building initiatives.

He said the two countries had cooperation in pharmaceutical, human resources development and had Information Technology partnerships. Indian companies, he noted had invested meaningfully in mining and diamonds with 30 diamond cutting and sorting companies operating in Botswana and employing a sizeable number of Batswana.

In the healthcare industry, he said India doctors and pharmacists were a part of the eco-system in Botswana, a development he applauded. He noted that Botswana Vision 2036 and India's developmental experiences presented strong complementarities for future benefit. **BOPA**



Journalists at the India-Africa Forum Summit press briefing addressed by High Commissioner of India to Botswana, Mr Bharath Kumar Kuthati in Gaborone recently. Mr Kuthati said the summit would be held under the theme: IA SPIRIT: India Africa Strategic Partnership for Innovation, Resilience, and Inclusive Transformation. Photo: Pheny Moalosi



High Commissioner of India to Botswana, Mr Bharath Kumar Kuthati briefing the media on the upcoming India-Africa forum summit in New Delhi on May 28-30 recently in Gaborone. Mr Kuthati said the summit would sought to strengthen long-term resilience instead of short dependency, and it would provide an opportunity for identifying areas of cooperation, deepening the economic engagements and collectively share global challenges. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Boko attends France - Africa Summit

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President Advocate Duma Boko is participating in the France Africa Summit which started yesterday and will conclude today in Nairobi, Kenya.

A press release from the Office of the President states that the summit, hosted by Kenya and France under the theme: Africa Forward Summit: Africa-France Partnerships for Innovation and Growth, brought together heads of state, business leaders, innovators, civil society representatives, youth and members of the diaspora.

The gathering aims to explore ways of renewing and strengthening relations between the African continent and France, while advancing economic development partnerships.

According to the release, the summit will deliberate on a range of issues, including health systems strengthening, peace and security, digital competitiveness, energy access and food sovereignty, in an effort to identify practical solutions to shared challenges.

"President Boko is expected to

deliver a statement at the forum during a high-level sporting event, where he will highlight Botswana's commitment to implementing public policies that leverage sports for economic, social and regional development," says the release.

The President is also expected to co-chair a high-level roundtable discussion on Artificial Intelligence (AI), the blue economy, health and agriculture.

"During the session, he will provide strategic and political direction on the theme: 'AI Governance and Science Policy: The Case for Locally Owned Data, From Mineral Mapping to Public Services,'" notes the release.

In addition, the release states that President Boko will participate in high-level engagements on sustainable industrialisation, energy transition and the international financial architecture.

On the margins of the summit, the President is expected to meet with Batswana residing in Kenya to engage them on emerging issues of national concern and interest.

In his absence, the release states that Vice President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe will assume the role of Acting President.

President Boko is expected to return home on tomorrow. **BOPA**

India and Africa partner in shaping global order

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A decade later, African leaders, will on May 28 to 31 converge in New Delhi, India for the fourth India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-IV), with the last one held in 2015. Earlier editions were held in 2008 and 2011.

As a precursor to the Summit, India High Commissioner to Botswana, Mr Bharath Kumar Kuthati, on May 7, hosted a team of journalists informing them about the upcoming Forum, which he described as being more than a diplomatic summit, but a reaffirmation of partnership built on shared history, shared challenges, aspirations and shared responsibility for the future.

The Summit, he shared sought to strengthen long-term resilience instead of short-term dependency.

Further, he noted that it would provide an opportunity for

identifying areas of cooperation, deepening the economic engagements and collectively share global challenges, among others.

Again, he said the Summit would be a landmark engagement to further cement close ties of friendship and cooperation between India and Africa as well as to showcase good governance and inclusive development initiatives developed over the last decade.

The Summit will be held under the theme: IA SPIRIT: India Africa Strategic Partnership for Innovation, Resilience, and Inclusive Transformation.

According to him, India did not see Africa as a partner in development only, but also in shaping the global order.

He said India and Africa partnership stood together during struggles against colonisation, apartheid, discrimination and

economic exploitation.

India and African countries, he said had worked together closely in challenging times including the supply of medicines and healthcare assistance and capacity building initiatives.

Furthermore, to reaffirm its commitment to the bilateral relations between India and Africa, he said the latter had made investments valued between US\$75-US\$80 billion while bilateral trade in Africa surpassed US\$100 billion.

"India entered into partnerships in healthcare, education capacity building, agriculture, renewable energy, climate, action, technology, among others," he said.

He said India wanted to work with African countries not only as a technology provider but as a collaborative partner in coordinating inclusive solutions. **BOPA**

Official encourages members to work with authorities in FMD fight

Relief Lephutshi KANYE

Ngwaketse Landboard Chairperson, Mr Bobby Tlhabiwe has encouraged land administrators to actively collaborate with other local authorities to combat the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) epidemic amid economic difficulties.

Addressing the fourth session of Ngwaketse Landboard in Kanye recently, Mr Tlhabiwe noted that for more than five decades, the Ngwaketse and Rolong regions had been thriving in the beef industry until recently when the FMD crisis shut down the country's beef markets, demonstrating that it was no longer merely a health concern but also an economic issue impacting the nation's food security as well.

He dedicated the fourth session to initiating and encouraging Ngwaketse landboards to take action against FMD, promising several strategies to help in the fight against the disease.

"Reject any land application that confines any buffer zone," urged the landboard chairperson.

Nonetheless, he admitted that the pressure of land unavailability has pushed grazing lands together giving no allowance to distance in grazing areas leading to more livestock using same water points.

He suggested that cluster fencing could help curb the spread of the disease and therefore urged the various Ngwaketse sub-landboards to encourage farmers to engage in it.

He said the boards had platforms to engage their communities when conducting briefings on land use saying it was on such platforms that they should include serious education on FMD awareness.

Mr Tlhabiwe said engaging them would help create FMD ambassadors nationwide.

The chairperson said it was time to revisit the board's education awareness plan which engaged school-going children and had not been conducted for a while.

During its lively days, he said

they taught pupils about land use, its importance, and conflicts of land, adding that in the same manner FMD education should be incorporated.

He said the exercise would be less costly and most beneficial to children in understanding issues of land and boundaries.

Above all, Mr Tlhabiwe said the Sub-landboards should work with Bogosi at their respective areas to make fence cuttings a shameful offence. On the same note, The Ngwaketse Landboard chairperson expressed a concern over the Botswana-South Africa border fence saying it had imposed a high risk to the nation due to vandalism.

In response to the Chairperson's speech, especially on the fight against FMD, Sub-landboard members decried that Zone 11 was too vast and pleaded with the Ngwaketse landboard to request further demarcation of the zone and also create buffers from Ngwaketse to Mamuno area. **BOPA**

Gaolathe challenges churches to take lead

Pako Lebanna
GABORONE

The Christian church as a corporate body, and the society at large should take a bold stance in the fight against gender-based violence (GBV), the Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe has said.

Giving the keynote address during a short workshop after being the chief walker in the UCCSA Trinity Congregational Church Anti-GBV Campaign Walk, Mr Gaolathe called on Christians and Batswana at large to be vocal in combating GBV.

“We are here because silence has become too expensive. Behind every statistic is a child, a mother, a sister, a neighbour, a citizen of this republic. GBV is not a private matter, it is a national wound and a threat to the Botswana we are trying to build,” Mr Gaolathe said.

He said there was a need to “walk from silence to responsibility, from sympathy to action, and from statistics to justice,” and charge the church to ensure that perpetrators were not protected and victims isolated.

“Breaking that silence requires courage, to name what is wrong, the willingness to intervene, and

the conviction that abuse must never be normalised or excused,” Mr Gaolathe said.

He said rape and defilement statistics recorded by the Botswana Police Service remained high, with males largely being the perpetrators and females mostly the victims.

“Because many cases are never reported, official statistics may tell only part of the truth. Many survivors remain silent because they fear shame, retaliation, economic abandonment, or a system that may move slower than their pain,” Mr Gaolathe said.

He voiced the need to reduce the economic dependence of women and young people, and for better institutional response to GBV.

“Transformation begins in families, where values are formed and where children first learn dignity, responsibility and respect. It begins with men and boys. Do not wait to be accused before you become accountable. Confront violence even when it comes disguised as humour culture or authority. Masculinity must never be measured by control, fear or force,” the Vice President said.

The UCCSA Synod of Botswana Chairman and Trinity Church Resident Minister, Rev Kagiso Mphato said the core Christian belief is that God made humans in his image, and as such GBV was an affront on this godly nature.

He called on believers to rise against the scourge and ensure the church becomes a sanctuary and healing place for survivors.

Television and radio personality Mr Osi Lashani gave a personal testimony of his past experience as a GBV perpetrator, and the steps he took towards rehabilitation with the assistance of Men and Boys for Gender Equality group.

He encouraged abused women to leave toxic and abusive environments then seek professional help. He further called on for men to also leave relationships where they realise they were unwanted instead of forcing circumstances and ending up in a cycle of conducting GBV.
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Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (centre), members of the UCCSA Trinity Church and the public during a 10km UCCSA Trinity Church Annual Anti-GBV Walk in Gaborone on Saturday. Mr Gaolathe urged society to reject GBV in all spheres. Photo: Felicity Male

Boko awards prisons service officers

Portia Rapitsenyane
MAHALAPYE

President Advocate Duma Boko has awarded medals to 71 Botswana Prisons Service (BPS) staff members who have excelled in serving the nation.

The medals were awarded to officers for meritorious service,

distinguished service order, jubilee service as well as long service and good conduct during the medal awards ceremony in Mahalapye last Friday.

The President also decorated four senior assistant commissioners in Angelinah Chika, Kebaeditse Zwemizi, Kgosietsile Loeto and Shathani Thela for their exceptional meritorious service and outstanding contribution to the development of the prisons service and Botswana generally.

Another batch of 21 officers were honoured with distinguished service order for meritorious service with exemplary record and had served in the prisons service for at least 30

continuous years.

Also, 45 officers got medals for jubilee service, having served for at least 25 years of continuous and good service.

Among those awarded was one warder, Mr Sthathiso Nakedi who was recognised for long service and good conduct in his 18 years of service.

The awarding of the medals is a noble gesture aimed at acknowledging and celebrating the selfless contributions by the officers through their unwavering commitment, dedication, discipline, courage and willingness to go above and beyond their prescribed duties.
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The Reckoning



Last week, we traced the two-decade trail of Auditor General reports tabled before Parliament, discussed in the Public Accounts Committee, and filed away into what this column called the Republic's slow-moving archive of things we choose not to see.

The picture was grim. Project after project, ministry after ministry, the same pattern: money spent, overruns accumulated, deadlines missed, documentation vanished, and nobody held to account.

The Executive signed the cheques. Parliament asked the questions. And both, by their inaction, agreed to let it continue. But the Auditor General was not the only institution shouting into the void.

The Ombudsman Parallel Failure

While the Auditor General counted the money, the Ombudsman counted the grievances.

And the picture was no better. In 2021/2022 and 2022/2023, the Ombudsman office received an average of 1 200 cases annually.

It completed 48 per cent. The shortfall; Availability of information required to complete the case at the time.

Four offices across a country of 2.3 million people. Land delays. Compensation disputes.

Transfer irregularities. Allowances unpaid.

The Ombudsman could investigate. Could recommend. Could find maladministration. But like the Auditor General, the office could not compel. Could not prosecute.

Could not make a ministry obey. And so the complaints accumulated.

Citizens who had been wronged by the same ministries that the Auditor General found wasteful came to the Ombudsman, received findings in their favour, and watched as those findings were ignored by the same Executive that Parliament refused to hold to account.

The Ombudsman reports were tabled in Parliament too.

They suffered the same fate. Noted. Discussed. Filed. Two oversight institutions. Two decades of warnings. One common destination: the archive of unheeded counsel.

The Era of Observation Without Closure

Under Dr Festus Mogae. Under Lieutenant General Ian Khama Seretse Khama. Under Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi. The Executive spent. Parliament watched. The Ombudsman documented the human cost. And all three agreed, by their silence, to let it continue. The reports kept coming.

The PAC called officials. Asked questions. Generated headlines for a day or two. But the broader system increasingly cultivated a culture of administrative endurance. Of survival. Of waiting out the storm.

Reports were deliberated. Recommendations were made. Action plans were signed. And then? Silence.

The machinery of consequence advanced fitfully, inconsistently, or not at all. The Republic grew habituated to warning without resolution.

To treating audit findings, and ombudsman findings, as weather. Something you remark upon, then go about your day. The media ran the stories. Mmegi, the Sunday Standard, Business Weekly. The NPF scandal.

The Morupule B billions. The BCL liquidation. The inflated tenders. But stories need consequences to become more than tomorrow fishwrap.

And consequences require two things: an Executive willing to act, and a Parliament willing to hold it to account. For two decades, Botswana had neither.

The Auditor General's Dilemma

Here is the thing about that office. It could see.

It could count. It could name the weaknesses and recommend the fixes. But

it could not prosecute. Could not govern. Could not make a minister lose sleep.

And critically, it could not make Parliament act on its findings.

The reports occupied a peculiar liminal space: constitutionally important, deeply serious, yet politically survivable.

A bullet that everyone knew was coming, because it never quite arrived.

Over time, this engendered the Botswana paradox. Abroad, we were the stable democracy. The low-corruption success story.

The diamond miracle.

At home, the oversight reports told a different story. Of a state wrestling with persistent financial disorder.

Of warnings that accumulated like unopened mail.

And of a Parliament that had the constitutional duty to scrutinise, the platform to demand answers, and the power to withhold approval, but chose, year after year, to table the reports, adopt the recommendations, and move on.

Why the Forensic Moment Matters

It is not just the P160 billion. Though that number has a way of focusing the mind. It is not just the P33 billion in estimated loss, overpricing, unsupported payments, suspected diversion, non-delivery, waste.

It is that for the first time, decades of fragmented admonitions are being synthesised into a single, integrated accounting. More than 80 investigations. More than 80 senior office holders.

More than 150 companies and counterparties.

This alters fundamentally the character of the national conversation.

The Auditor General gave us annual observations. Discrete, polite, filed away. The forensic programme is trying to build something else. A case history.

A map of systemic failure that connects the dots. But the question is not whether the forensic auditors can find the money. The question is whether Parliament will do anything with what they find.

The Republic's Reckoning

After two decades of lonely warnings, the Auditor General has finally found the scale of the problem laid bare. But the old question remains.

Can a system habituated to surviving scrutiny genuinely transform itself under scrutiny's weight? The answer will not be found in reports.

It will be found in what happens next. Whether the Shakawe contractor who walked away with P45 million faces more than a footnote. Whether the P5.9 million overpaid to Hukuntsi consultants is recovered.

Whether the P31.6 million overrun on Tutume roads is explained. Whether the P1.5 million in interest on Palapye police station payments is accounted for. Whether the P250 million NPF scandal produces convictions, not just headlines.

Whether the P11 billion Morupule B debacle yields more than a power import bill. Whether the P451.5 million spent on BCL houses is justified by what remains. Whether the P3.3 billion in social welfare grants is properly controlled.

Whether the 554 per cent variance in Ipelegeng guardhouse costs is investigated. Whether the boreholes drilled without land rights are regularised, or simply left pumping illegally.

Whether the 47 per cent of unstarted road safety activities are finally executed.

Whether the P66.5 million in unremitted National Petroleum Fund investments is recovered.

Whether the P2.69 million owed to Botswana Innovation Hub is paid, or written off as another impairment.

Whether the Ombudsman 1 200 annual cases are finally resolved, or continue to languish at 48 per cent completion.

For years, the Auditor General described the symptoms. Project by project. Pula by Pula. The Executive spent. Parliament watched.

The Ombudsman documented the human toll. And all three agreed, by their inaction, to let it continue.

The forensic era claims to be pursuing the cure.

Whether it succeeds may determine not merely the future of public finance in Botswana.

It will determine whether this Republic still knows how to hold itself to account. And whether the next Auditor General's report—and the next Ombudsman's report—will find, at last, that someone in the Executive, and someone in Parliament, finally acted on what they said.

It might have been a lonely job. Perhaps, with the advent of the forensic report and prosecutions, the Auditor General might soon find company.



Morupule B



A3 Road



Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse (left) and Bank of Botswana Governor, Mr Lesego Moseki during a courtesy call by the latter in Gaborone on Friday. Mr Moseki stressed the need for engagement and collaboration between the Central Bank and Members of Parliament for the best interest of the country. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

All must stand against FMD - Lucas

Manowe Motsaathebe
LENYETSE CAMP

All players in Zone 7 should continuously work extra hard and guard against any move that could land Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) into the zone, which had, for a long time, suffered the debilitating impact of the disease.

While at it, the players should simultaneously pull all stops, including tending to the cordon fence, driving back stray cattle from the Zimbabwe side and adhering to the FMD protocols in place, Member of Parliament for Bobirwa, Mr Taolo Lucas has said.

In an interview post tour of the cordon fence from Mabolwe Border Post to Lenyetse Camp, where he made stops at some camps and pickets along the cordon fence, Mr Lucas said being alive to the previous pains of the FMD in the zone, he witnessed a community charged to avoid a relapse of the past.

“We should, therefore, do everything in our power, as relevant ministries and departments in conjunction with volunteers, to ensure that no FMD case is detected in our zone,” he said.

Having heard from the picketers, fencers, members of mephato and volunteers along the cordon fence, which virtually acts as a borderline between Botswana and Zimbabwe, although the actual borderline lies in the middle of Shashe River, Mr Lucas said the veterinary services should consider erecting dual cables, on top of each other, to strengthen security.

Some fencers had told the area MP that the move, from a pilot project they conducted on some stretch, appeared to yield results. They claimed that the elephants failed to trample upon and destroy the dual cables.

In his observation, the Bobirwa legislator said he spotted areas where the fence was weaker and

needed quick fixing.

Amongst other things, the MP said those working on the fence should be provided with tools for the trade and some protective clothing to enable them to discharge their duties diligently.

“The workers here require some protective clothing, which is a general concern. Some of them were putting on some flip-flops while working on thorny areas,” he said about members of mephato, especially.

Mr Lucas also said that members of mephato requested that they be remunerated through Ikageng programme, arguing that the P817 from Ipelegeng was meagre for their efforts.

While volunteers from Gobojango are transported daily through a Bobirwa District Council truck-bus, members of mephato spend seven days on a trip at the pickets, drawing no allowances for nights spent away.

It is from this condition that they deemed the P2 500 from Ikageng programme a better remuneration.

Like members of mephato, while moved by the lived debilitating impact of the FMD from their no-so-long-ago past, volunteers who have been assisting in tending to the fence for more than two months, called on government to avail fencing material so they could erect barriers between Botswana and Zimbabwe.

A 51-year-old Lerayang Selema of Gobojango said shortage of fencing material negatively affected their productivity and dented their impact.

“We know the pains of FMD because we have lived through that hell before, hence we volunteered our services,” Mr Selema said, adding that the mention of FMD gave the community sleepless nights.

“Our lives depend on cattle and if the FMD hits, we become instant paupers,” he said. **BOPA**

Public expectations for Parliament high

Bonang Masolotate
GABORONE

Public expectations are high for Parliament and other government institutions to deliver the change voters demanded at the polls, National Assembly Speaker, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse, said Friday.

He speaking during a courtesy call by the Bank of Botswana Governor, Mr Lesego Moseki, noting that people who voted for change wanted to see action in terms of law reform, policy reform, representation and economic transformation, among others.

“I believe that the high expectations also extend to other institutions, such as the central bank,” he said, adding that in response, Parliament had discussed and adopted a National Development Plan and the economic transformation plan.

“They want to see Parliament as the embodiment of that change,” Mr Keorapetse explained, noting that this called for democratic consolidation.

Thus, he said there was a need for the development of key democratic institutions, such as the central bank, judiciary and Parliament, to become more independent, well-resourced and empowered.

As for the Central Bank, he said there was a need to preserve it as a key institution that must be independent and insulated from outside influence so that it could execute its mandate.

He also said the Central Bank, as a creation of Parliament, was subject to scrutiny by Parliament in various ways, such as through parliamentary committees, questions from Members of Parliament about the bank, and the Parliamentary General

Assembly.

Interaction between the Bank of Botswana and Members of Parliament could assist in understanding the bank’s mandate and challenges as well as clarify how legislators can assist through their law-making function, their oversight role, and how Parliament can work with the bank more generally, Mr Keorapetse said.

Bank of Botswana Governor, Mr Moseki, said the bank was responsible for management, while the government was responsible for spending, adding that people often criticised the bank for spending.

He said the bank was responsible

for helping the government preserve the country’s credit rating, and Parliament was responsible for making laws and also for approving budgets.

“That means that if they do not have the capacity to analyse, then the government will spend more on things that are not beneficial to the economy because Parliament is not exercising oversight,” he said.

Mr Moseki said whatever decisions the Central Bank took, they were taken in the best interest of the country, stressing that there was a need for engagement and collaboration between the Central Bank and Members of Parliament.

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- (3) Any other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Chief Justice or His Excellency the President of the Republic of Botswana.

APPLICATIONS:

Applicants should quote the number of this Vacancy Circular and give the following details:

1. Brief summary of career with duties (Curriculum Vitae).
2. Certified copy of Omang
3. Certified copies of academic and professional certificates and at least two (2) references.
4. In case of serving officers, the following information must be provided;
 - i. Date of first appointment, present post, grade and date of appointment thereto.

- ii. Applications should be routed through the Accounting Officer, applications not so routed will not be considered.

IMPORTANT:

Applications should be addressed to:

**The Secretary of the Judicial Service Commission,
Private Bag 00220, Gaborone
OR Hand Deliver at Gaborone High Court,
1st Floor, Office NO: D1 017.**

**For further information required contact the
Judicial Service Commission Secretariat @ 371
8009 or 371 8042.**

CLOSING DATE: 20th May 2026



BENEFICIARY ASSESSMENT NOTICE



CALL FOR BENEFICIARIES - DEATH BENEFITS CLAIMS

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

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

MEMBER NAME	EXIT DATE	MEMBER STATUS
Sarah Dube	19/04/2026	Pensioner
Monica A Gaketlou	07/01/2026	Active
Esau Jongman	23/03/2026	Active
Bothata Kaisara	29/12/2025	Active
Samuel Kegatetse	26/12/2025	Active
Bakang Lasarwe	02/11/2025	Active
Ramokonopi Mantsima	13/02/2026	Active
Moalosi Moalosi	06/04/2026	Pensioner
Emmanuel Moatshe	16/08/2025	Active
Boaname Mohutsiwa	19/04/2026	Pensioner

MEMBER NAME	EXIT DATE	MEMBER STATUS
Olebile P Mokalake	10/03/2026	Active
Samuel Mokwenaemang	09/04/2026	Pensioner
Moshashane Motlhagodi	17/08/2025	Pensioner
Brian Motsumi	11/10/2025	Active
Keorapetse Mpitse	12/11/2025	Active
Tawangwa Mponang	20/08/2025	Pensioner
Tjirumendu Ngaruka	02/04/2026	Pensioner
Rakgang Nkomo	09/12/2025	Active
Edward Pule	09/04/2026	Pensioner
Gofaone S Ramosamo	18/07/2025	Active
Baleseng Raphoi	11/01/2026	Active



Daily Business

Pandamatenga farmers stage comeback after devastating flood

Portia Keetile
Pandamatenga

The severe flooding experienced in Pandamatenga did not dampen farmers' commitment whom have 38908 hectares of crops.

Department of Crop Production agronomist for Pandamatenga commercial farmers, Ms Emeliah Magosi says while this year's hectorage will slightly decrease from last season's 41 000 hectares, it is an achievement following a period of extreme climatic challenges.

She said in an interview that the region recorded over 1 000 millimeters of rainfall, with non-stop downpours throughout January and February, which brought operations to a standstill.

Ms Magosi said these conditions forced a delayed planting window, stretching from late February into the first week of April.

Despite the late start, Ms Magosi highlighted the dedication of the farming community, who opted to replant flood-damaged areas, which pushed the total hectorage far beyond the initial target of 31 000 hectares.

She noted that because last year was a bountiful year, significant quantities of sorghum and beans remained in storage hence farmers pivoted from planting more sorghum to sunflower, maize and barley to avoid market saturation.

"Farmers feared overproducing sorghum and beans while silos were still full therefore they increased sunflower and barley production to meet international demand," said Ms Magosi.

Moreover, she said this move was supported by a partnership with a local cooking oil manufacturer, who approached the farmers to secure a steady supply of sunflower seeds.

She alluded that farmers lost a lot financially due to combined costs of lost seeds, intensive weed management, and expensive pest control measures that were exacerbated by the floods.

Ms Magosi stated that to mitigate future flood risks, the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture together with local farmers were prioritising critical infrastructure upgrades within the Pandamatenga area.

"Following this year's record-breaking rainfall, farmers have formally requested the development of an additional drainage network to handle higher water volumes," Ms Magosi.

Furthermore, she pointed out that farmers had urged the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture to coordinate with the Department of Roads to expand the western culvert because its widening would allow excess water to flow seamlessly away from the fields, preventing the catastrophic waterlogging experienced earlier this season. BOPA



Department of Crop Production agronomist for Pandamatenga commercial farmers, Ms Emeliah Magosi said while this year's hectorage was a slight decrease from last season's 41 000 hectares, it was an achievement following a period of extreme climatic challenges. Photos: Portia Keetile

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tariff policy creates opportunities for Nigeria exporters

ABUJA - China's implementation of a zero-tariff policy for 53 African countries is beneficial for Nigerian exporters and helps strengthen bilateral trade between the two nations, a Nigerian official said on Sunday. Agabaidu Jideani, director-general of the Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) said the zero-tariff policy, which took effect on May 1, presented an important opportunity for Nigerian exporters to expand access to the Chinese market. Jideani said the initiative could help Nigeria expand exports to China, 'one of the world's largest consumer markets'. According to him, sectors likely to benefit include agriculture, agro-processing, solid minerals and light manufacturing. Improved market access could also enhance the competitiveness of Nigerian products in China. Xinhua

Cameroon expects stronger trade cooperation with China

YAOUNDE - China has remained Cameroon's reliable and lasting partner for over half a century, cementing a rock-solid foundation of diplomatic relations, Cameroonian Minister of Economy, Planning and Regional Development Alamine Ousmane Mey said in an interview. As 2026 marks the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between Cameroon and China, he highlighted the deep-rooted friendship between the two countries, which he described as grounded in shared values and historical parallels. The cooperation has contributed significantly to infrastructure development in the country, including ports, roads, energy infrastructure, sports facilities and drinking water supply, he said. "Cameroon is a partner, a great friend of China, a strategic partner, and we want to be able to rely even more on this support for Cameroon's development." Xinhua

Enterprises boost Zambia mining sector

LUSAKA - Zambia Minister of Mines and Minerals Development Paul Kabuswe on Friday commended Chinese companies for introducing cutting-edge technologies to enhance the efficiency and productivity of the country's mining sector. Speaking during the commissioning of a mining tunnel boring machine by the Chinese company NFC Africa Mining Plc in the Kalulushi District of Copperbelt Province, Kabuswe said the new technology marked a major shift from the traditional drill-and-blast mining method to modern cutting-edge technology. He said the introduction of the ultra-small turning radius underground mining tunnel boring machine was timely, as it would cut off the noise and the stresses associated with blasting and help prevent damage to infrastructure. Xinhua

Low vaccination turnout worries minister

Kelebogile Taolo
MATSILOJE

The Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, says at 83 per cent vaccination coverage rate in Zone 6B South, the figure was the lowest among all the zones.

He said Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccination rates were higher in other areas, with Zone 6B North at 95 per cent and Zone 3C at 100 per cent.

Dr Dikoloti made the remarks during a kgotla meeting in Matsiloje, where he encouraged farmers in Zone 6B South, to adhere to animal disease control measures issued by the Department of Veterinary

Services to fight Foot and Mouth Disease.

He emphasised that vaccination played a vital role in the fight against FMD and therefore, it was crucial for farmers to ensure their livestock was vaccinated.

Dr Dikoloti, informed farmers that this was the first time Botswana experienced multiple outbreaks simultaneously.

He said fighting FMD required collaborations and not excuses.

"It started in Zone 6B Jackalas, then 3C,

and Zone 11. This has really changed our lives. It is a tough situation, but we remain hopeful that we will manage this through collaboration and the responsibility of all," he said.

The Department of Veterinary Services, Dr Kobedi Segale, also appealed to the farmers in Zone 6B South to follow and adhere to precautions from the veterinary services department.

Dr Segale warned those who went against the laid down protocols that they such should

not happen.

Meanwhile, Matsiloje Farmers Committee chairperson, Mr Elias Majama, said they were doing their best to fight the disease but were faced with resource shortage.

He appealed to the minister to augment their efforts by engaging law enforcement officers to assist with patrolling the cordon fence, and to also engage with his Zimbabwe counterpart on how best to protect the fence from vandalism. **BOPA**



Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture
Dr Edwin Dikoloti



Some Matsiloje residents during a kgotla meeting addressed by acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti recently. He emphasised that vaccination played a vital role in the fight against Foot and Mouth Disease, saying it was crucial for farmers to ensure their livestock was vaccinated. Photo: Courtesy of Ministry of Lands and Agriculture

PALAPYE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST BOARD MEMBERSHIP

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO: 1 OF 2026

VACANCY: BOARD OF TRUSTEES: PALAPYE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and highly motivated Palapye residents for above mentioned positions.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. At least eighteen (18) years old and above.
2. Is not an employee of Palapye Community Development Trust
3. Has not within the five year period preceding the board of trustees elections been convicted of a crime or misdeed punishable by imprisonment without option of a fine.
4. Has shown his/her interest by application submitted to the Administration officer of the trust.
5. Has successfully completed form 5 or above and has a minimum of three (3) years work experience.
6. Has habitually resided in Palapye for the previous (3) consecutive years.
7. Possession of certificate/ diploma or degree in any relevant qualification will be an added advantage.
8. Applicants should provide: Curriculum Vitae, Certified copies of Omang and Educational Certificates.

TENURE OF OFFICE

Members of the board shall serve for a term of three (3) years from date of election.

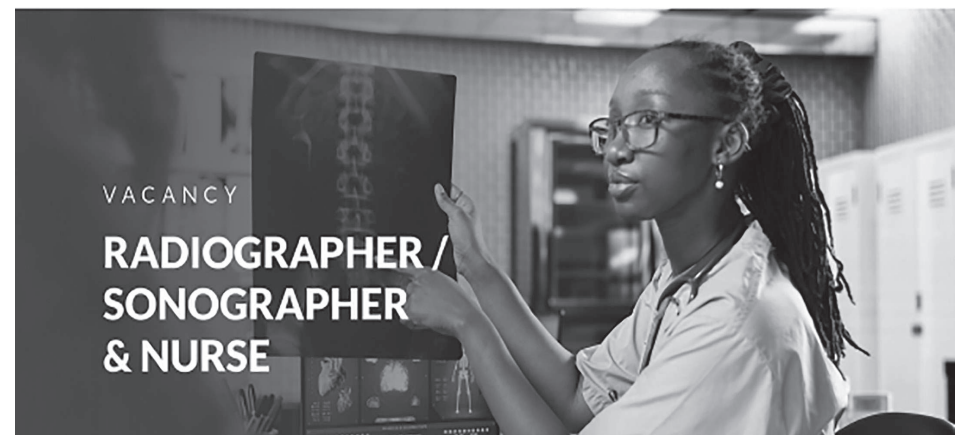
APPLICATIONS:

Please quote the position and vacancy circular no and submit your application to:

Administrator's Office
Palapye Community Development Trust
P.O Box 11 Palapye
Tel: 492 3359 / 76 178 202
Our Office: Opposite Palapye Community Hall
Or Next to Palapye Library

NB: Kindly note that Board membership does not attract any salary except sitting allowance whenever there is a Board meeting.

Closing Date: Monday 21st May 2026 at 1600 hrs.



VACANCY

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- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills

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HOW TO APPLY

Application Deadline
Applications close on **26 May 2026**.

Applications should be addressed to:
Managing Director
The Medics Centre
P.O. Box 277
Palapye

Applications may be:
Hand delivered to Shop 19, Diphilane Mall, Palapye,
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VACANY NO: 4 OF 2026

1. Position : PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER
Salary Scale : D2 (337, 008 – 371, 628) per annum
Qualifications : Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBChB)
Experience : At least 5 years post qualification

- **Minimum of 2 years** as Senior Medical Officer in a Hospital set-up
 - **Experience in obstetrics** and ability to perform caesarean sections on His/her own Experience with ARV treatment and in Hospital management is of advantage
- Duties & Responsibilities:** All duties related to the medical department of a busy District Hospital:
- The Officer should be able to work independently in the wards and in the outpatient department
 - Night and weekend calls
 - Supervision and guidance of Junior Officers
 - Management tasks
 - Deputizing the Chief Medical Officer

2. Position : PRINCIPAL RADIOGRAPHY OFFICER
Salary Scale : C1 (P192 588 – P229, 104 per annum) per annum
Qualifications : Diploma/higher diploma in Radiology
Experience : At least 2 years' experience as Senior Radiography Officer

- Duties & Responsibilities:** All duties related to Radiology in a busy District Hospital:
- The Officer should be able to work independently and his/her responsibilities include among others: To provide Radiography

services, manage Radiology unit in a District Mission Hospital
 • Analyses Radiographic programs and protocols and identifies activities which can be performed by various Radiography Officers and Assistants

3. PRINCIPAL REGISTERED NURSE
Salary Scale : C1 (P192, 588 – P229, 104 per annum) plus allowances
Qualifications : Diploma or Degree in General Nursing
Experience : At least 4 years post qualification experience.
Duties & Responsibilities: Duties are but not limited to:

- Provides Nursing care to critically ill patients.
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Salary Scale : C4/3 (P108, 444.00 – P123, 420.00 per annum)
Qualifications : Cambridge School Certificate plus Diploma in Purchasing and Supplies (CIPS) or Degree in Purchasing and Supply management or B.Com or its equivalent.
Experience : At least two (2) years' relevant post qualification experience in a Similar operation or two (2) years as assistant Supplies Officer

- Duties & Responsibilities:** All duties related to a busy district Hospital.
- The Officer should be able to work independently and his/her responsibilities include among others:
- Preparation of purchase orders for procurement with laid

- down supplies procedures
- Preparation of requisitions and submit to supervisor for authorization.
- Conducting physical stock taking.
- Ensuring that supplier products are delivered as per the requirement.
- Maintenance of proper supplier Records in accordance with supplies regulations.
- Preparation of invoices for payments.
- Verify that stocks are in agreement with supplies ledger balances and that all necessary entries in supplies ledgers have been recorded.

Attach the following:
 Updated Curriculum Vitae
 Certified copy of ID/Omang
 Certified copies of academic certificates (foreign Certificates/ documents to be in English/ translated to English
 At least 2 recent work references
 Current practicing certificates where applicable

Applications should be submitted to:
 Chief Administration Officer I (HR)
 Bamalete Lutheran Hospital
 P.O Box V6, Ramotswa

Or hand delivered to Records Management Unit
 Or emailed to: recruitment@blh.co.bw

N.B

- Applications with incomplete documentation will not be considered.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
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Banni ga ba jesiwe diwelang ke borukutlhi

Grace sebape
LOBATSE

Kgosi Kedirile Letshabo wa Molapowabojang o kopile mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Kanye bothaba, Rre Prince Mosanana, go kopa tona wa lefatshe le temo-thuo go busetsa banni ba Molapowabojang polasi ya Molokwe.

O kopile gore polasi eo, e neelwa trust ya motse, ka lefelo leo ele mafudiso a morafe.

A re go na le dipego tse ba di utlweleng gore e neetswe mongwe ntle le go itsise mofare le bogogi jwa motse.

Kgosi Letshabo, o ne gape a supa fa Molapowabojang a tlhoka go agelwa ofisi ya sepodisi, ntateng ya borukutlhi jo bo goletang pele.

Modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse, Mme Oarabile Molema, mo tekodisong ya gagwe, o supile fa dikole di ditlhoka go baakangwa, melemo le dipilisi di santse di tlhela kwa kokelwaneng, seemo se se bakang gore batho ba palelwe ke go tsa kalafi goya ka fa ba laetsweng ka teng ke ba botsogo.

Mme Molema o boletse gape gore seemo sa ditsela mo motseng se ngomola pelo ka go sena tsele epe e botoka.

Rre Mosanana o ne a supa fa Molapowabojang a le motona, a tlhoka ofisi ya mapodisi e e ikemetseng ka gore ke o ne motse o o salang Kanye morago ka botona.

A re o tlaa tlhohomisa ka polasi ya Molokwe mme a buse karabo mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo.

Rre Mosanana a re maikaelelo e ne e le gore dikole di baakangwe ka madi a ditlhabololo a dikgaolo (CCP) mo ngwageng o o fetileng mme madi ao a seka a bonala.

Le fa go ntse jalo, Rre Mosanana a re go dule madi a a itebagantseng le go baaakanya dikole, dikokelwana, matlo a bonno a barutabana, le baoki, a tlatse ka gore sepatsho se ne se le magwakgwa mme ngwaga o no, sengwe se tlaa bonala.

A re dikara tsa ditonki tse di neng di tsaya bana go ba isa sekolong di emisitse ka gore puso e ne e bona di sa siamela go palangwa ke bana mme mo bogompienong, tharabololo ga e ise e wele sentle.

O gakolotse maloko a komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse gore fa nako ya bone ya dingwaga tse tharo e wela, go diriwe thulaganyo

e e siameng ya gore ba ba tswang mo ofising ba neela ba ba tsenang pego ka botlalo ka gore ba ntse ba tshwere dithoto tsa morafe.

Rre Mosanana o boletse gape gore o tla etela kwa Dipotsana kwa go dirwang ditena teng kwa go utlwalang fa batho ba kgaolwa mo tirong mme ba sa neelwa dikatso, go tlhomamisa gore se se tshwanetseng go dirwa, se a dirwa, babereki ga ba jewe ntsoma. BOPA



Mopalamente wa Kanye Bothaba Rre Prince Mosanana (mojeng) a buisa phuthego ya kgotla kwa Molapowabojang ka Labone. O rotloeditse mowa wa boipelego le go nna le tirisanyo mmogo. Senepe: Calviniah Kgautlhe

Sormerset o tshwenngwa ke metsi a a elelang

Kelebogile Taolo
FRANCISTOWN

Banni ba Sormerset East ba ntshitse matshwenyego mabapi le metsi a a elang a tswa mo diphaepheng tsa kgopho ya metsi a a leswe, ba supa fa a kgotlela tikologo e bile e e leswefatse.

Banni ba ntshitse matshwenyego a bone mo phutheng ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke Mopalamente wa bone Rre Wynter Mmolotsi ka Labobedi mo Francistown.

Mme Galenkgope Ludick, mogolo e bile e le monni wa Somerset East o ne a supa fa metsi a nka mo go sa nnang sentle e bile a bihisa tikologo ya bone.

O ne a tlhalosa fa ba kile ba solofediwa gore go tlaa baakangwa mme nako kgolo ke eno, a kopa mo bogoging jwa kgaolwana ya bone go tsibogela seemo se.

Monni mongwe mme Patricia Maedza, o ne a tlatse ka gore, e le banni ba Sormerest East ga ba sa tlhola ba tswela ko ntle ga mantlo ka jaana monko o o ba kganelela mo matlong e bile leswe la tikologo le ba tshabisa go iphokisa phefo ko ntle ga mantlo a bone.

Mme Maedza o ne a kaya gape fa go na le bothata jwa banni bangwe ba ba seng kelelelo mme ba gasagasa matlakala gongwe le gongwe.

A re se se baka leswe le le feteletseng. O ne gape a tlhalosa fa kgaolwana ya bone e aparetse ke mathata a borukutlhi le bothhoka tsebe jwa banana.

“Kgaolwana ya rona e tletse ka bana ba itlheleng ba gasame mo mmileng le bosigo tota.

Le fa go ntse jalo, re itlamile go kgalemela le go ruta bana gore fa letsatsi le phirima abo ngwana

mongwe le mongwe a le mo lwapeng, go itsa go amega mo mekgweng e e bosula,” ga tlhalosa mme Maedza.

Mo go tse dingwe, ditsela tse di dikhuti, lefifi, modumo o feteletseng, nnotagi e ko godimo mo kgaolwaneng ya Sormerest East di tswetse ka go baa banni mka fa mosing, mme ka jalo ba ikuetse mo bogoging ga mmogo le banni go ema ka dinao go tshwaraganela seemo se gore se tokafale.

Fa a araba matshwenyego a bone, Rre Mmolotsi a supile fa

ka boammaaruri e le diemo tse di sa iketlang tse di tlhokang go tsibogelwa.

Rre Mmolotsi o ne a re mo kgannyeng ya boitsholo jwa bana, botsadi bo eme ka dinao, ba a ge bana go tswa ko malwapeng.

“Bana ba rona ba na le maitsholo a le mararo, go na le jwa mo lwapeng, jwa mo tseleng fa ba ya sekolong le jwa kwa sekolong, maitsholo a gare re a lebisise re le batsadi re tle re bone gore re thusa bana ba rona jang,” ga tlhalosa Rre Mmolotsi.

Mo go tsa leswe la tikologo le metsi a a elang, Rre Mmolotsi o kopile banni go ikitaya ka thupana, go phepafatsa tikologo go itsa go tlatse leswe

O ne a re lenaneo la go phepafatsa, le le dirwang Matlhatso a bobedi mangwe le mangwe a kgwedi, ke maiteko a go leka go hema leswe, a kopa banni go nna teng nako tsothe ka letsatsi la phepafatsa, go tla go phepafatsa tikologo ya bone. BOPA

A tumelo e seka ya kgoreletsa bana go fiwa lerothodi - Makgosa

Gaboselwe Olesitse
SELEBI PHIKWE

E re jaaka letsholo la go nosa bana lerothodi la go thibela bolwetse jwa go swa mohama le tswetsetse, batsadi ba toropo ya Selebi Phikwe ba kopilwe go dirisana le ba lephata la botsogo go fitlhelela maitlamo a bone.

Mafoko ao builwe bosheng ke ratoropo wa khansesele ya Selebi Phikwe, Rre Oageng Makgosa a tlhalosa fa go sireletsa bana kgatlanong le malwetse e le selo se se tswang kagakala, mme se na le madio a molemo.

Rre Makgosa a re batsadi ba na le seabe se segolo mo go tlhomamiseng gore bana ba sirelediwa mo go tsweng ke malwetse, jaaka jwa go

swa mohama.

A re le fa Batswana ba farologana ka ditumelo, o ba rotloetsa gore ba seka ba ineela tsamaiso e e ka ba itsang go tsibogela se se dirwang ke ba botsogo go sireletsa bana mo malwetsetse ka go farologana.

Mogolwane wa botsogo, Mme Nkidi Machaba a re bolwetse jwa go swa mohama bo a tshelwana, e bile bo tshabelelwa ke go nna fa go leng leswe ka jalo a rotloetsa setshaba go tlhomamisa gore fa ba nnang teng go nna go le phepa.

Mme Machaba a re mogare wa bolwetse jo o anama motlhofo, a tlatse ka gore batsadi ba tlhokomele bana gore ba seka ba tshamekela mo mmung kana go ja mmu, ka seo ele tsele e motlhofo go anamisa mogare.

O tlhalositse fa bolwetse jwa go swa mohama bo tshabelela thata

bana ba ba dingwaga tse tlhano go ya kwa tlase, mme bo kgona go fitlhelwa le mo bagolong.

A re ditlamorago tsa bolwetse jo di borai ka bo ka baka bogole, a tlhalosa fa dingwe tsa dikai tsa bolwetse jo e le go opiwa ke tlhogo, ditlhabi mo mmeleng, go selelega le go lapisega.

Mme Machaba a re tikologo ya bobedi ya letsholo la go kentela bana bolwetse jwa go swa mohama e tla nna ka kgwedi ya Seetebosigo e robabobedi go tseba e le lesome le motso.

O tlhalositse fa ba solofetse go kenta bana ba le 5166 mo toropong ya Selebi Phikwe, kwa merakeng, masimo le mafelo a a mabapi.

A re tiro ya bone e ka kgonagala ka tirisano mmogo ya batsadi, batlhokomedi ba bana le ba lephata la botsogo. BOPA



Festus Gontebanye Mogae 1939-2026

Mogae defining fight: How Botswana won HIV/ AIDS fight

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

The passing of former president, Dr Festus Mogae has prompted renewed reflection on one of the most defining chapters in Botswana's modern history, the country's battle against HIV/AIDS.

More than an economic reformer or statesman, Dr Mogae is being remembered as the leader who confronted a national health catastrophe with rare honesty, courage and urgency.

In the late 1990s and early 2000s, HIV/AIDS was gutting Botswana. With one of the world's highest prevalence rates, hospitals were overwhelmed, life expectancy collapsed, and entire generations of teachers, nurses, and young professionals vanished. The epidemic threatened to unravel the country's social and economic fabric.

Dr Mogae took office in April 1998 and did what few African leaders dared at the time: he spoke. Plainly. Publicly. In his inaugural address he warned that AIDS was 'threatening the very fabric of our society.'

By 1999, his message had sharpened into a national alarm: "We are threatened with extinction, people are dying in high numbers, it is a crisis of the first magnitude." The broadcast shocked the nation into confronting reality.

A bold and unprecedented response

Mogae's government treated HIV/AIDS not as a health footnote but as a national emergency. In 2002, Botswana launched the MASA Antiretroviral Treatment Programme, becoming the first African nation to offer free ARVs through the public health system. While other countries were priced out of treatment, Botswana committed its own resources to turn HIV from a death sentence into a manageable condition.

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Batalaote pay tribute to Mogae

Mooketsi Mojalemotho
SEROWE

A day after the news broke of the passing of Botswana's third president, Dr Festus Gontebanye Mogae, at the age of 86, the Botswana Press Agency (BOPA) news team visited Mogadiningwana Ward in the Bangwato capital, Serowe.

Dr Mogae, a revered leader celebrated for his economic stewardship and pioneering fight against HIV/AIDS, passed away on May 8, following a brief illness.

His death has plunged the nation into

three days of mourning, with flags flying at half-mast to honour his distinguished service.

In a national address on Friday, President Advocate Duma Boko described the late statesman as a 'giant fallen oak' and a 'devoted patriot whose leadership enhanced Botswana's global standing.'

Dr Mogae served as President for a decade, from April 1, 1998, to April 1, 2008.

By 9am on Saturday, residents and members of the Batalaote clan at Mogadiningwana Ward had already begun

to gather to offer their condolences.

They came to commiserate with the family of the late leader, remembered for his servant leadership, fiscal discipline and unwavering commitment to economic transformation across Africa.

Mr Ontfile Motalaote, 65, remembered President Mogae as a unifier and a straight-talker who deeply valued his relatives regardless of their social status.

He noted that while Dr Mogae leaves a legacy as a true stalwart who contributed immensely to the country, Batalaote had hoped to continue benefiting from his

leadership and wisdom.

"We have no regrets, however, because he achieved so much for the nation," he said. Eighty-four-year-old, Ms Magatsamasole Kemotho, married to Dr Mogae's paternal cousin, described the late president as a loving, easy-going, and benevolent person who supported others during difficult times.

"He was a kind and loving person, especially toward his family. He played a major role in family affairs during hard times and celebrations like weddings," she said in Setswana.

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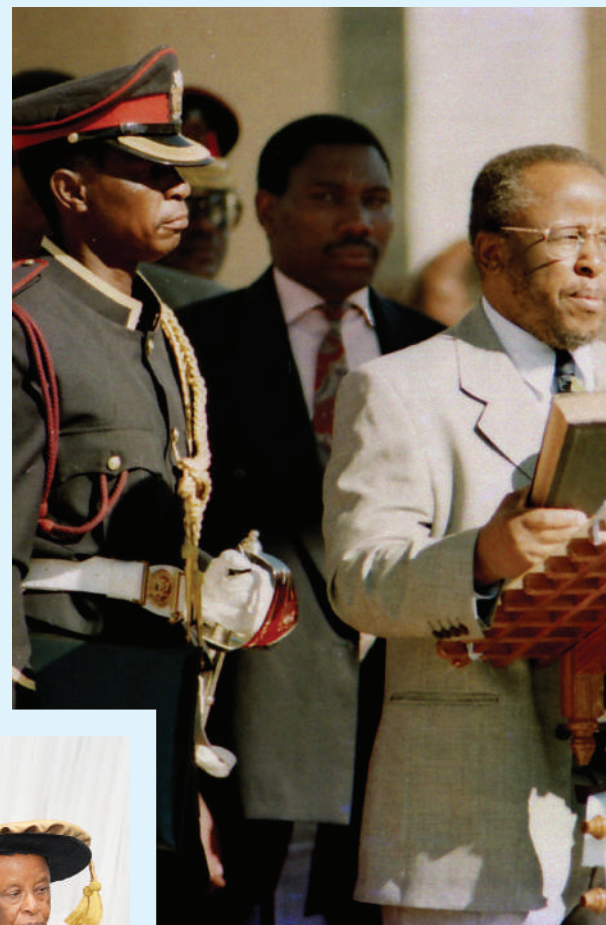
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The passing of former president Dr Festus Mogae on Friday, after an ill health, is a great loss to Botswana and the African continent at large. Dr Mogae, who served as President of Botswana from 1998 to 2008, will

be remembered as a visionary statesman who dedicated his life to the service of the nation. His leadership was defined by sound economic stewardship, humility, integrity and an unwavering commitment to democracy and national development. Globally recognised for leading Botswana's successful response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic at a time when the disease threatened to devastate the country, he made Botswana one of the first African nations to provide free antiretroviral treatment, a decision that saved countless lives. As the nation mourns his passing, Botswana will forever cherish his legacy of selfless service and patriotism that helped shape Botswana into a beacon of stability.



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- 1. Dr Mogae arriving at Parliament to present his first budget speech as Minister of Finance in 1992.
- 2. Sir Ketumile Masire (left) sharing a light moment with Dr Mogae during one of their official engagements.
- 3. President Advocate Duma Boko (left) being congratulated by former president Mogae (centre) and wife Barbara, during President Boko's inauguration as Botswana's 6th President in 2024.

of Mogae



4. Dr Mogae addressing United Nations General Assembly in New York, USA in 2007.
5. Former vice president, Dr Ponatshego Kedikilwe (left), former president Lt Gen. Dr Seretse Khama Ian Khama (second left), the then President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (second right) and former president Mogae at the inauguration ceremony of the founding chancellor of Botswana Open University, Dr Kedikilwe in Gaborone in 2018.
6. The then President Masisi (left) and former president Mogae at the official opening of the international summit on Constitutionalism and Democratic Consolidation in Africa in 2022.
7. Dr Mogae being sworn in by Chief Justice Julian Nganunu as the third President of Botswana in 1998.
8. Dr Mogae (left) hosting American businessman, Mr Bill Gates at the State House during the latter's visit to Botswana in 2003.
9. Dr Mogae (right) welcoming Tanzania President Benjamin Mkapa for a state visit at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport in 2005.
10. President Khama (right) bestowing the Golden Jubilee Presidential Order of Honour award on third president Mogae during Botswana Honours Awards ceremony in 2016.
11. President Masisi (centre), First Lady Neo (third right), former presidents Khama (fourth left) and Mogae (second right), Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sport and Culture Development, Mr Tsheledi Khama (second left) and wife Thea (third left), Assistant Minister, Mr Phillip Makgamele (right) with the national organising committee at President's Day Celebrations Awards Ceremony in 2019.

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President Mogae (left) with NACA coordinator, Ms Banu Khan during National Aids Council meeting in Gaborone in 2004

Mogae defining fight: How Botswana won HIV/AIDS fight

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Partnerships followed. The African Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnership (ACHAP) scaled up labs, clinics and drug delivery. Routine HIV testing in health facilities was introduced, normalising what was once taboo. Nationwide campaigns pulled in schools, churches, media and community leaders to push testing and early treatment.

But Mogae's other battle was against stigma. "Stigma kills faster than the disease itself," he told audiences at home and abroad. At a time when shame kept people from clinics, Botswana chose science and openness.

A Global Voice

Mogae took the fight beyond Botswana's borders. At the 2000 UN Millennium Summit and the 2001 UN Special Session on HIV/AIDS, he pressed for affordable medication and sustained funding for developing nations. His line was clear: Botswana sought partnership, not pity. Global health bodies soon held up Botswana as proof that political will and smart investment could beat back the epidemic.

Transforming Botswana HIV Landscape

By 2007, over 90 per cent of Botswana who needed ARVs were getting them, among the highest coverage rates in Africa. Mother-to-Child Transmission Programme reduced newborn infections dramatically.

Former Health Minister



Nation commemorating World Aids Day in Mogaditshane. Communities across the country were devastated by the HIV pandemic.

Prof. Sheila Tlou, who worked alongside Mogae, called him 'the best boss, mentor and inspirer I ever had,' recalling how he backed awareness campaigns before the crisis was widely accepted and personally attended workshops to push funding through.

The numbers tell the story: mother-to-child transmission fell from nearly 30 per cent to below 1 per cent. Infant mortality, under-five mortality and HIV-related maternal deaths all dropped as healthcare strengthened.

Today, Botswana has hit the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets ahead of schedule and is recognized for virtually eliminating mother-to-child transmission.

The Fight Is Not Over

Botswana still has one of the world's highest adult HIV prevalence rates.

Thousands remain on lifelong ARVs. Young women and vulnerable groups face heightened risk. Experts warn about donor funding drying up, treatment adherence, staffing gaps and a younger generation that never saw the epidemic's worst years. Mogae himself put it bluntly in 2008: "We may have tamed the tiger, but we have not yet killed it."

A Legacy Beyond Politics

For many, Mogae's legacy is not GDP or diplomacy. Its honesty in a moment of national crisis.

When silence was the easier political choice, Botswana chose

action. Millions of lives were extended or saved because one president refused denial.

The World Health Organisation marked its 75th anniversary by recognising Dr Mogae for building Botswana's healthcare system and his relentless HIV/AIDS work. As the country mourns, it also remembers: a health system transformed, a generation given hope, and a nation that became a global symbol of resilience.

Dr Festus Mogae helped Botswana move from devastation toward dignity. **BOPA**



Batalaote pay tribute to Mogae

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Dr Mogae's benevolence is visible in Mogaditshane Ward, where he personally funded the fencing of homesteads to create a uniform appearance.

According to Ms Kemotho, he also intended to begin paving the area, but he passed away before the work could start.

Another relative, 73-year-old Mr Lediketse Motalaote, noted that Mogaditshane Ward holds significant hierarchical importance for the Batalaote ethnic group.

He echoed the sentiments of others who wish for Dr Mogae to be buried in Serowe at the

cemetery where national heroes, such as former vice president, Dr Mompoti Merafhe, were laid to rest.

In fact, he stated it was Dr Mogae's own wish to be buried at the Batalaote cemetery next to Dr Merafhe.

Mr Sentshebeng Kemotho, 99, a paternal cousin, vividly remembers Dr Mogae as a bright child.

"He was an obedient and intelligent child who showed early signs that he would go far in life," he recalled.

Like many others, he spoke highly of the profound love Dr Mogae had for his family.

Mr Lentswe Raowane, 76, also a paternal cousin, remembers the former head of state as a decorated leader recognised for his contributions to economic growth, good governance, and the fight against HIV/AIDS.

His stellar performance earned him international accolades, including the Mo Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership shortly after his retirement in 2008.

A London-trained economist, Dr Mogae was also awarded the Presidential Order of Honour in 1989 and the Naledi Ya Botswana - the country's highest honor-in-2003. **BOPA**



Classified Ads

PROPERTIES | VACANCIES | BUSINESS | FARM WORKERS | SERVICES | MISCELLANEOUS

FARM WORKERS

FARM WORKER NEEDED Dikwididi 73705172

FARM WORKER WANTED (Sheep, goats, chickens) in Borolong, Francistown, no experience, P 1500 food, accomodation. Ludo Mabechu P O Box 155 Tutume, 73163200. Closing date 30 May 2026.

MALE FARM WORKER required, 30 years old or younger. Contact 71680982 (Thamaga).

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

EXPERIENCED FARM WORKER wanted, 75005456/ 73010145, Ghanzi

MAGOTHADISA FARM. BOKAA, my names is Koziba Chibona and mobile 72959955 farm worker

KE BATLA MODISA Chaokeng Gakgatla. 73420808

FARM WORKER WANTED P O Box 30509 Tlokweg 72193654. Closing date 26-05-2026

FARM WORKER WANTED, Dikgonnye. Call 72964315/73270026

HERDBOY WANTED AT MUNGA KAVIMBA CONTACT 71522191 / 77131286

HERDBOY WANTED AT Kgari village contacts Tumelo Bamba 78088865

KE BATA MODISA ko masimo farms. leletsa 72165729

KE BATA MODISA wa dikgomo, Gobajango. 71328859

FARMWORKERS ONE MALE & female wanted at Mmakgama Mosu. Contact Samson Mogomela 71388120/72768515 Box 388 Orapa

FARM WORKER WANTED. Contact Meriam Keloneilwe Box 503178 Gaborone. Contact No: 71702966 in Mmatshipa.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mmosi, call Herman Rae - 71845824.

MALE FARM WORKER wanted at Bolantoko Farm. Contact 72666636

FARM WORKER WANTED near Khama Rhino, 30 to 45 years. Contact 75554727, 74841020

FARM WORKER WANTED, Kweneng Sesung. Call urgently Win Molematsela 73632816/74407189

FARM WORKERS WANTED: 4 farm workers wanted, should be hard working, competent, self motivated with 3 years experience. Without experience, no application. Closing date 14, May 2026, send CV to P O Box 34, Palapye.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Lemmone Farm, Palapye area. Contact: Mr Thato Ofentse P O Box 201238 Gaborone. Cell: 71792328/ 72728287.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Heane-Sesung lands in Kweneng. Apply to: Loago Bongsi Balesamang. Box 787 Lobatse.

2 FARM WORKERS wanted (1) at Mokolodi farm and (1) at Gerald farms. Apply to: Simba investments (Pty) Ltd Box 1929 Gaborone

2 FARM WORKERS needed at Notwane East farm by Feedmaster (Pty) Ltd. Box 1547 Gaborone

FARM WORKER WANTED at Lepera lands in Hatsalatladi. Apply to Amon Magodi Bhebhe. Box 391 Gaborone

FARM WORKER WANTED at Pole contact Jonah Selape Box 412 Masunga 71789400

FARM WORKER WANTED in Mmadinare. Apply to P.O Box 2394 S/Phikwe Stephen L. Molefe

GODIRAONE BANJO RARHARI looking for farm worker at P O Box 14 Mmankgodi, phone no 75648394 / 72239085

FARMWORKER URGENTLY NEEDED. Apply to P.O Box 784 Gaborone. Contact 75659923

FARM WORKER WANTED by Moses Kaisara at Mankgodi/ Ralobeko lands in Kweneng. Write to: Box 10 ADC Kgale, Gaborone

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND use- Amogelang M. Edith Makhwaje, owner of plot 1700, Nzinda Ward, Sebina wishes to change land use from single family residential to civic and community. Any objections should be forwarded to Tutume District Council, Physical Planning office, Tel: 2451395 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

I RAHIM PANDOR OWNER of plot 12302 Airstrip Lobatse wishes to inform my neighbours regarding the construction of boundary wall on my plot. For any objection contact Lobatse Town Council Physical Planning within 14 days (5305800)

CHANGE OF LAND use. Cignex Investment (Pty) Ltd through Joseph Moseki, wishes to change use of their ploughing field lot 34353 Tapalentsho, Mahalapye from agriculture to mixed use zoning and for enquiries contact Joseph Moseki 71306846 or the Mahalapye District Physical Planning Office 4718622.

I OWNER OF plot 17198 at Tlokweg, Ranfurwa ward i would like to consult all my neighbouring plots about the construction of a boundary wall on the above mentioned plot, if they have any objections they may contact Tlokweg District Council on 3695002 within 14 days of working days.

I SELWANA PILATWE request to change land use of plot 3617, Lecheng from residential into multi residential. Contact Palapye Physical Office on telephone No 4930889 or 72582686, within 14 days of publication of this publication.

NOTICE TO NEIGHBOURS of plot 4993, Masetheng, Tlokweg of the owner's intention to build boundary wall. Any objection to be submitted to physical planning office at Tlokweg district council

PROPHECY CHURCH OF St Paul wishes to change land-use from Agriculture to mixed use Agriculture on lot 3835, Malolwane. For comments contact Kgatlang District Council on 5777411 within 14 days of this publication.

GOFIWA SESINYI OWNER of horticulture plot (3834) in Mokatse ward Modipane, intends to change land use into multi-residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Mochudi District Council on 5773512 or 75624049 within fourteen (14) days of this notice.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION SEDILAME Joel owner of plot 7462 Lobatse Pitikwe wishes to erect screenwall. Any objections please contact Lobatse Council: 5305800/5305819

ACE SAFARIS PTY LTD AT KAZUNGULA, PLOT 1129 INTENDS TO CHANGE USE FROM RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL (QUEST HOUSE). ANY OBJECTION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO PHYSICAL PLANNING OFFICE IN CHOBE DISTRICT COUNCIL / CONTACT 6250275 WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

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

VACANCIES

DIUKER RANCH PTY LTD LOOKING FOR QUALIFIED HEAVY DUTY PLANT MECHANIC WITH KNOWLEDGE OF OPERATING A TRACTOR AND PLANTER CASE MACHINE, STEEL FABRICATION/ WELDING SEND CV TO EMAIL: anspumps@gmail.com

FARM MANAGER WANTED at an integrated farm at Matshelagabedi Extension area. Apply to: Monkogoi Tshosa. Box 907 Orapa. Must be qualified in Agribusiness

SALES MANAGER WITH 10 years work experience in international tourism market. The job involves selling to schools and universities across Europe. Email campbotswana@gmail.com or whatsapp/call 73325773 to submit your Cv. The position is hybrid-Gaborone office and remote working. Must have good internet access. Deadline Friday 22 May 2026

LOST TITLE DEEDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of (1) Deed of Sectional Transfer in terms of Section 18(1)(a) held under No. **ST 230/2018** dated the **10th** day of **October 2018** passed by **CITYSKAPES (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** in favour of **LARNEY INVESTMENTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED**, in respect of **UNIT CONSISTING OF SECTION NO. 56, I TOWERS SCHEME** together with (2) Notarial Deed of Cession of Real Rights: Exclusive Use Areas passed No. **CRR 199/2018** dated the **10th** day of **October 2018** passed by **CITYSKAPES (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** in favour of **LARNEY INVESTMENTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED**, in respect of **PARKING BAY NOS. P5, P6, P57, P58 and G2, I TOWERS SCHEME**. 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.**

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

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Buka Mathala- ESHFT-000306-24** who died at Nyangabgwe referral hospital, North East District, Republic of Botswana on the **09th** day of **July 2024**.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23th DAY OF APRIL 2026.

CHANDAPIWA MATHALA | EXECUTOR DATIVE AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
P O BOX 196, MATHANGWANE | 71 409 567 PRIVATE BAG F13, FRANCISTOWN

AKHEEL JINABHAI & ASSOCIATES DRIVING SUCCESS THROUGH LEGAL STRATEGY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Deed of Transfer No. 282/76** dated **12th** day of **May 1976** made in favour of **PHAKALANE ESTATES PROPRIETARY LIMITED**, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 10162 Gaborone (formerly the remaining extent of the Farm Sowenflat 2-K0);
SITUATE: in the Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 1061,8813 Ha (One Thousand and Sixty One comma Eight Eight One Three Hectares);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under **Deed of Transfer No. 282/76** dated **12th** day of **May 1976** made in favour of **PHAKALANE ESTATES PROPRIETARY LIMITED**;

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 29th 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
Consultant Partner: Mark McKee (Obrien Brindl) (F.I.P.S.)
Associates: | Jawairiyah Maher | Khalid Khan | Lesedi Kgakolelo | Gorata Majer | Letika Mkolonyane | Ame Rindo

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Deed of Grant No. 107/73** dated the **14th** day of **June 1973** made in favour of **WATER UTILITIES CORPORATION** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being **Tribal Grant No. 8-NQ**;
SITUATE: in the Central Administrative District;
MEASURING: Four thousand six hundred and twenty one point zero zero zero zero (4621.0000) hectares;

HELD UNDER: Deed of Grant No. 107/73 dated the 14th day of June 1973 made in favour of **WATER UTILITIES CORPORATION**;

and

CERTAIN: piece of land being **Tribal Grant No. 8-NQ**;
SITUATE: in the North-East Administrative District;
MEASURING: Two thousand four hundred and eighty one point two two nine two (2481.2292) hectares;
HELD UNDER: Deed of Grant No. 107/73 dated the 14th day of June 1973 made in favour of **WATER UTILITIES CORPORATION**;

SUBJECT: to the reservation and conditions contained in the aforesaid Deed.

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 6th DAY OF MAY 2026

ANDRECK MOAKOFHI
LAW ATTORNEYS CONVEYANCERS & NOTARIES
Plot 402 Independence Avenue, Extension 4, Gaborone | admin@amlaw.co.bw

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- Fluent in both spoken and written English
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in any process

COMPETENCIES

- Excellent communication skills
- Analytical thinking
- Computer literate

Interested candidates with the relevant skills and experience are requested to send a Cover letter, a comprehensive CV, and Certificates.

Address to : Human Resources Officer
Arjav Diamonds Botswana (PTY) Ltd
P. O. Box 395 ABG, Gaborone, Botswana

Contacts – 397 1450 | Closing date: 15th May 2026

ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED.

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Sectional Transfer in terms of Section 18(1)(a) held under No. **ST 200/2020** dated the **22nd** day of **April 2020** passed by **CITYSKAPES (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** in favour of **TREDINNICK (BOTSWANA) (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED**, in respect of **UNIT CONSISTING OF SECTION NO. 208, I TOWERS SCHEME**.

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

BBL BOOKBINDER
BUSINESS LAW

9th Floor, Towers North, Plot 54368
CBD Gaborone, Private Bag 382
Gaborone Central Botswana

Our Ref: CONV/cmj

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. **1536/2014** dated the **15th day of August 2014** made in favour of **WEST PATH INVESTMENT PROPRIETARY LIMITED**, in respect of **LOT 5053 GABORONE**. Should any person wish to object to the issuance of such copy, you are requested to lodge such objection, with reasons, in writing to the **Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone** within Twenty-One (21) days from the date of publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 05 DAY OF MAY 2026

BOOKBINDER BUSINESS LAW

Applicant's Attorneys, 9th Floor iTowers North, Lot 54368, New CBD, Private Bag 382, GABORONE, Our Ref: CONV/cmj/M07057

BBL BOOKBINDER
BUSINESS LAW

9th Floor, Towers North, Plot 54368
CBD Gaborone, Private Bag 382
Gaborone Central Botswana

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

Notice is given that we intend to apply for a certified copy of memorandum of Agreement of lease No 588/98 dated 1st March 1998 made in favour of Kebaitse Gladys Motswaledi in her capacity as lessee of;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot No.662,Serowe
SITUATE: At Serowe in the Bagwato Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 1892m (one Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Two Square Meters)

Any person having objections to the issuance of such is hereby required to lodge same in writing to the Registrar of Deeds within (3) weeks of the last publication hereof

KEBAITSE GLADYS MOTSWALEDI, P.O. BOX 201672, GABORONE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAHALAPYE
ESHMY 000142-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOTLHOPHI MOTHYOYOMOTONA - ESHMY 000142-26** who died at Serorome Ward, Palapye District on the 1st November 2021. NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.
Dated at Mahalapye this 06th day of May 2026

EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 31432
PALAPYE

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ESTATE CASE NO: **ESHMY: 000001-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **KEENE BOIKHUTSO** who died at Nyangabwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Botswana on the 28th June 2024.

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.

TEBOGO BOIKHUTSO, The Executrix, P. O Box 276, PALAPYE
Cellphone No: 71494444

Business Analyst MFS

Job Summary:

We are urgently looking for a Solution Architect MFS role based out of Botswana. The person shall be accountable for design and ownership of Mobile Financial Services and Ericsson Wallet platform solutions in the market area.

Key Qualifications

1. Minimum Experience in Fintech/Electronic Wallet or EWP 10+ years
2. Experience in Mobile Money Solution Architecture and design of use cases 10+ years
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4. University degree in Technology or Economics, preferably MSC, MBA or equivalent

Competence

1. Certification in Digital Finance or Digital Money
2. TOGAF, CBAP, ITIL Foundation Certifications shall be an added advantage
3. Working knowledge of IT Infrastructure deployment and installation
4. Understanding of hardware ordering processes using Premium Ordering

Candidates who meet the above criteria are encouraged to send their latest resume at

hrd@linkquestglobal.com **OR**

Link quest Telecom
P.O.BOX 401805, Gaborone
Closing date: 26/05/2026

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME (in terms of Section 8 (1) (f) of Married Person's Act, 2014)

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that:

1. **THABISO CHIBA and BONE CHIBA**, married in community of property on the 25TH of May 2018 in Serowe, 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.
2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the three (3) weeks statutory notice from the date of the first publication hereof.

3. Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties' estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties' Attorneys, **MBEWE LEGAL PRACTICE**, 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 28th DAY OF APRIL 2026.

MBEWE LEGAL PRACTICE
Applicants' Attorneys
Plot 15499 Broadhurst, Near Tapologo Estates,
P O Box 81556, GABORONE
TEL: 316 5578/ 72485212

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

Owner of Plot **1778 at Boatle**, wishes to notify neighbours of plots **1779, and 1777** of the intention to build a double-storey residential building.

Any objections, may be forwarded to **Ramotswa physical planning** within 14 days of this publication.

Change of Land Use

CITY BREAKS PTY LTD being owner of lot 286 at Gabane, intends to change land-use from Multi Residential to commercial, any objections contact 71844488 or Physical Planning at Private Bag 006, Mogoditshane, Botswana.

Contact numbers are (+267) 310 5615.

CHANGE OF LAND USE

Tshepo Moile and Kgalalelo Moile, owners of Plot 709 at Metsimotlhaba Block 1, Mogoditshane are notifying owners of neighboring plots and the Public of change of land use from Single Residence to Multi-Residence. Any objection to the proposed development should be made in writing to Mogoditshane District Council's Physical Planning Department within 14 days of publication of this advert.

A Farm Worker Vacancy:

Organic Fertilizer Manufacturers Botswana (OFMB) is looking for a hardworking, physically fit, reliable individual for full time farm work. Duties include, planting, equipment operation and general farm maintenance.

Experience preferred but not required.
Send CV to Organic Fertilizer Manufacturers Botswana, P.O. Box 47059, Gaborone. Alternatively, please call 76065264.

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- Ability to train and advise
- Being able to polish diamonds as per required production targets
- Being able to polish diamonds to prescribed standards and specifications

Qualifications

- High school Leavers
- 8-15 years experience

Competencies and Requirements

- Good Team Leader
- Good eye sight
- Analytical thinking
- Attention to detail

Candidate who meet the required qualifications and experience should forward their CV's/ Resume, accompanied by a cover letter, certified copies of certificates and identification document (ID) to:

viral@brilliantstar.be | hr.botswana@brilliantstar.be

Closing date for applications is on the 15th May 2026

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Application invitation for the following positions for the year **2026-2027** at, **DAY-STAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**.

1.PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS (LOWER PRIMARY 1-4) AND (UPPER PRIMARY 5-7)

REQUIREMENTS

- Diploma in Primary Education or Degree. Masters is an added advantage
- Experience in an English Medium School
- Permission to teach is a pre-requisite

2.SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

REQUIREMENTS

- Diploma in Secondary Education or Degree, Maters is an added advantage.
- Should be able to teach at least two or more subjects.
- Experience teaching in an English Medium School

- Experience in Cambridge Assessment International Education
- Permission to teach is a pre-requisite

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- ICT
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Submit your letters of application, CV and ID/Omang copies at the school reception or forward to;

THE RECRUITMENT OFFICER
DAYSTAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
P.O.BOX 2899 MAHALAPYE
OR EMAIL TO: daystarschool2@gmail.com

CLOSING DATE: 30th May 2026

Note: **Only shortlisted candidates will be considered**

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certain copy of Deed No dated the 18th day of June 2012 in favour of **Esther Maungo Ngandwe** in respect of Tribal lot 2195 Tatisiding.

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 2195 Tati Siding

SITUATE: At Tati Siding Village in the Tati Tribal Area

MEASURING: 1 090 m² (One thousand and Ninety Square Metres)

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge in the same writing with the Registrar of Deeds Francistown within three weeks from the last publication of the notice.

P O BOX 504561 **GABORONE STATION**
Dated: 01st APRIL 2026

Vacancy

General Manager

Candidate should have qualifications, skills and experience to take full responsibility of logistics and trading organization

The following acumens essentially required

- Overall operational responsibilities
- Develop and implement growth strategies
- Maintain and manage budgets
- Research and identify areas of opportunities
- Set policies, processes and standards
- Training employees and skill developmen
- Must have knowledge and vast experience in ship chandelling, international trading and commercial law

Applications should reach **PO Box 403138, Gaborone**
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before **28 May 2026**



COPIERS BOTSWANA (Pty) Ltd; T/A

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT – TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Botswana's Leading Company in providing Printing, Telecom, Copiers solutions are urgently looking for suitable candidates with respective qualifications and experience for the position of Telecommunications Business Development Manager

We are a well-trained, highly motivated, talented, hands on, dynamic and competitive team, with a high level of integrity and strong commitment to serve. We are looking for a suitably qualified Technical Manager to join our team. The position is tenable in Gaborone. Only Botswana citizens may apply.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB

To position Copiers Botswana as a key player in the telecommunications industry by delivering best-in-class network solutions and security services, while maintaining end-to-end network infrastructure for telecom and energy sector clients.

Copiers Botswana is seeking to appoint an experienced Business Development Manager who will lead, develop, and oversee client relationship initiatives, with the aim of driving revenue growth and strengthening the organization's market presence within the new Telecoms Strategic Business Unit (SBU).

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND MAIN TASKS:

- Developing and executing strategies for the organization to boost new account development.
- Developing new customer relationship in new account and existing, boost operations pipeline and conversion rates.
- Creating long-term clients through understanding, targeting and developing the target markets and accounts.
- Understanding the business, its capabilities and product and service offerings and serves as a missionary to take the service benefits and value propositions to the target markets and accounts.
- Define, drive, and own the client satisfaction business requirements towards improving services and its delivery.
- Leading tendering and proposal processes
- Negotiating contracts and pricing agreements
- Conducting market research and competitor analysis
- Working closely with technical teams to align solutions with client

REQUIREMENTS AND SKILLS:

- Minimum of 7 years' experience in the ISP/Telecoms industry.
- Minimum of 5 years' experience as a Business Development Manager in Telecoms or ISP
- Minimum of Diploma in Telecommunications – Transmission Systems
- Must have demonstrated and quantifiable success in selling to senior level executives, key decision makers and influencers within the Telecoms/ISP Industry.
- Project management experience in the telecoms industry (Rollout and network operations) is an advantage.
- Sales and Digital Marketing qualifications will be an added advantage.
- The ideal candidate will have experience selling into telecoms OEMs, wireless operators etc.
- Must have experience working with VSAT, microwave radios, wireless, and routing systems.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All applications accompanied by cover letter, curriculum vitae and certified academic qualifications must be e-mailed to job@nfb.co.bw (stating the position applied for as the subject for the email)

Closing Date: Friday, 29 May 2026

NB: Only shortlisted candidates will be responded to.

Tel: +267 3708000 Fax: +267 3190373
Plot 22050/51, G-West, Unit 1, Gaborone, Botswana | PO Box 26315, Gaborone, Botswana
Director: A. P. Rangaswamy (Motswana) & Adithya.H.P.T. Rangaswamy (Motswana)

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act

[Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
JOSEPH ADAM MARMAN	ESHFT-000324-26	30-06-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 8TH MAY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
KHUDU RAKWADI	ESHFT-000376-25	24.06.26	0900HRS	SARM1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THE 6TH DAY OF MAY 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 the 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 Masters of the High Court at **Mahalapye High Court** on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of the deceased person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
THEETSO DITAU	ESHMY 000192-26	23.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 5TH MAY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act

(Cap 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KOBAMELO NICHOLAS MOALAFHI	ESHMY 000005-26	23.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 6TH MAY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

F.P&SONS Investments is seeking a holistically diverse Chief of Inclusive systems and specialized strategist to complement our infrastructure team development in Gaborone.

Core Competences:

- Strategic support for Inclusive commercial, residential and public-private infrastructure developments.
- Skilled in interprofessional communication, leadership, and human-centered accessible spaces.
- Leading oversight of diversity research, workshops and capacity development trainings.
- Systematically supervise individuals and groups effectively and facilitate inclusive designs solutions.

Minimum Requirements:

- At least 8 years' expertise in inclusive developments, governance and oversight.
- Master's in Clinical-Social Sciences specialist discipline.
- Doctoral degree or PhD candidacy is highly recommended.
- Certified in Leadership Development, and in Strategic Management.
- Highest academic achievement registered by BQA or relevant professional body.

Minimum Offers:

- Supportive. Healthy work spaces with competitive remuneration.
- Collaborative working environment among building experts.
- Continuous Education support in architecture mainly in inclusion and diversity in urban developments

Reply to P.O. Box 21152 Gaborone or email: fulgence9773@gmail.com by 21/05/2026.

We seek a seasoned Tourism Product Development Specialist to attract and captivate French clientele. The ideal candidate, with at least five years' experience in a similar role, is bilingual in French and English, adept in market intelligence, strategic partnerships, and curating culturally tailored experiences that drive demand and bookings.

Application to be emailed to: lungusafaritours@yahoo.com or contact 73801115

JOB TITLE: HEAD CHEF

Rodizio Express (Pty) Ltd is seeking a highly skilled and experienced Head Chef to lead our kitchen operations. The successful candidate will be responsible for overseeing menu development, managing kitchen staff, ensuring food quality and safety standards, and driving innovation in culinary offerings.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead and supervise the kitchen team to deliver exceptional dining experiences.
- Design and update menus in line with customer preferences and seasonal availability.
- Ensure compliance with food safety, hygiene, and health regulations.
- Manage inventory, procurement, and cost control to maximize efficiency.
- Train, mentor, and motivate kitchen staff to maintain high performance standards.
- Collaborate with management to align culinary operations with business goals.

Qualifications & Experience

- Proven experience (At least 5-years) as a Head Chef or Executive Chef in a reputable establishment.
- Certificate/Diploma in Hotel Management and Catering
- Strong leadership and team management skills.
- Excellent knowledge of culinary techniques, food trends, and kitchen operations.
- Ability to work under pressure while maintaining quality and consistency.
- Relevant culinary qualifications or certifications.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit their CV and cover letter to rodizioex@gmail.com.

Closing date 25 May 2026.

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Notice of intention to dispose Tribal Land to a Non-Citizen IS GIVEN that Julia Nkalosang Masisi the seller, a female adult of full legal capacity who is a title holder of a residential Plot No. 1626 situated at Morwa Kgatlang, intends to enter into a sale of agreement with the (buyer) Ngoie Fabien Kalombo (non-Citizen)

The property description is follows:

CERTAIN: Piece of Land being Plot No. 1626 Morwa.
SITUATE: at Morwa
MEASURING: 21.87 X39.11 X33.43 X44.25
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Oodi Sub Land Board to the consideration for the proposed transaction in the sum of P350,000.00
SUBJECT: (Three hundred and fifty Thousand Pula Only) excluding Value Added Tax. (VAT).

Any citizen interested in entering into similar transaction in respect of the above-mentioned property, shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement the agreement reached by the parties.

Any citizen objecting to this transaction should do so, in writing, to Oodi Sub Land Board.

JULIA NKALOSANG MASISI, Applicant, Cell phone No. 72131299

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy Of **Deed NO: 590/2014** dated **04** day of **April 2014** made in favour of **Modisaotsile Ratshawe** in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 6101
SITUATE: In Lobatse Extension 24
MEASURING: 362m²
HELD UNDER: Certificate of registered state **TITLE NO: 1049/95 DATED 08th December 1995**

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

DATED AT Gaborone ON THIS 07 DAY OF MAY 2026

APPLICANT

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KEITSEKILE JAKOBA	ESHMY 00014-26	23.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 7TH MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased person and all persons having claims against the below estate are being called upon to attend a meeting before the Master of the High Court at **Mahalapye High Court** on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relative for purposes of identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Odirile Timothy Matsuokwane	ESHMY-000017-26	22-06-2026	0900 hours	SARM

DATED at Mahalapye this 21st April, 2026
Master of the High Court.

NOTE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HERE GIVEN THAT othe undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed NO: TL1215/12 dated 21st day of August 2012 made in favour of **NKAELE SUSAN GOITSEONE MATLAPENG** In respect of:

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Tribal Lot 3500 Tlokwegweng
SITUATE: At Tlokwegweng in the Batlokwa Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 1000m² (one thousand square metres)
HELD UNDER: TL1215/2012

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

DATED AT Gaborone ON THIS 17th DAY OF April 2026

APPLICANT

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No.FT 952/1993 dated the 4th day of October, 1993 made in favour of Tshisibalo Tebelelo Bogwasi , in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot No. 4980, Selibe-Phikwe:
SITUATE: in the Selebi-Phikwe Township:
MEASURING:1362M² (One Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-Two Square Metres).

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

DATED this 13th day of February, 2025.
P.O Box 354, MAHALAPYE

LETSIDIDI J.

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

CASE NO: CVHGB-001475-23

In the matter between


EASYGAS BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD	PLAINTIFF
And	
MLOZA ENTERPRISES (PTY) LTD	DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to a judgment of the above Honourable Court the following movable property of the Defendant will be sold by public auction by **DEPUTY SHERIFF MOKIYA MOKIYA** to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE: THURSDAY 11TH JUNE 2026.
TIME : 11:00 AM
VENUE : JWANENG (IN FRONT OF POLICE)
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: 1.Trailer - TERMS OF SALE: CASH, EFT, GUARANTEED CHEQUE

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 08th DAY OF MAY 2026.



Plot 18938, Segakwana Road Phase 2, Gaborone
 TEL: (+267) 311 9003 / 77 551 277
 P O Box 45123, Riverwalk, Gaborone
 info@pelompelegal.co.bw
 www.pelompelegal.co.bw

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
LEMME MOSINYI	ESHMY 000309-26	16.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DARED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 14TH APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
JOSEPH MABUAAEME	ESHMY 000155-26	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]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
KGOPISO RAMMUTANA	ESMAMY 000351-26	23.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THE 5th DAY OF MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000221/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Mmapula Marope** who died at SPrincess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on **2nd March 2024.**

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 of _____ 2026.

Executrix Dative
Dennis Methula
P O Box 601970 GABORONE
CELL: 78004285

Name of Company: Obair Pty Ltd
Job Title: Managing Director
Location: Botswana

About Us
We are a firm offering Contracts Management, Cost Consultancy, Quantity Surveying, and Claims Consultancy services.

Role Overview
We are seeking an experienced Managing Director to lead the business, drive growth, manage operations, and build strong client relationships.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead company strategy and daily operations
- Drive business development and revenue growth
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- Manage finances and ensure profitability
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Requirements

- Degree in Quantity Surveying, Construction, or related field
- 10+ years' relevant experience, including leadership
- Strong knowledge of construction contracts and claims
- Proven business development skills
- MBA is required

Apply
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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING

Administration of estates Act (Cap.31:01)

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Name of Deceased Peron	Estates Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
PHETEDI RAGABATSEWE	ESHMY 000205-26	02.06.26	0900Hrs	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 31st MARCH 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 Master's Reference: **ESHFT – 000047/26**
IN THE ESTATE of the late **GABATLHAOLWE SEFHOMO** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central – Serowe District, Botswana on 17th November 2025.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.
DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

The Executor
 Molalagare Odisitse
 Plot 201, Extension 1 Palapye
Cell: 74518211/72622328

Vacancy

General Manager

Candidate should have qualifications, skills and experience to take full responsibility of logistics and trading organization

The following acumens essentially required

- Overall operational responsibilities
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- Maintain and manage budgets
- Research and identify areas of opportunities
- Set policies, processes and standards
- Training employees and skill developmen
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Applications should reach **PO Box 403138, Gaborone**
 email to modise.koofhethile@googlemail.com
 before **28 May 2026**

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

ESHMY 000109-26
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOTLHABANI GOTULWENG - ESHMY 000109-26** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Central Serowe District on the 1st July 2025.
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby requested to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof. Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required
Dated at Mahalapye this 06th day of May 2026

G. MOTLHABANI **AND TO** **MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**
 EXECUTOR DATIVE PRIVATE BAG 6
 Leapetswe Ramshi MAHALAPYE
P O BOX 161 MOIYABANA

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

ESHFT 000365-24
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN THE ESTATE of the late **PETER MLALAZI ESHFT: 000365-24** who died at **NYANGABWE REFERAL HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT REPUBLIC BOTSWANA** on the 3rd day of March 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 28TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

REBAONE MLALAZI **AND TO** **MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**
 EXECUTOR DATIVE Private Bag F13
 P O BOX 228 FRANCISTOWN
TONOTA

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT **ESHGB-000455/24**

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE BOIKGONO RAPEKENENE who died at Along A12 Road Near Car World, Mogoditshane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the **9th day of October 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

Executrix
Hannah Rapekenene
 P O Box 1907, MOGODITSHANE
CELL: 71219960

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
MADOME BEN PHATSHWANA AND SOBOLA PHATSHWANA	ESHFT-000355-26	24-06-26	0900HRS	SARM1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 27TH DAY OF APRIL 2026
 MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

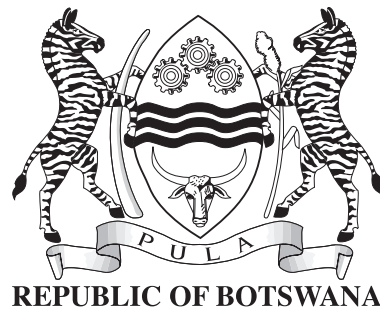
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REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

REF NO: DEA 4/6/8 I (25) | 17th April 2026

Applicants are invited from suitable qualified candidates for the following position tenable in the Ministry for State President, Security and Defence- Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO.5 OF 2026

POSITION TITLE : Director, Investigation
SALARY SCALE : E1- P449,256.00 – P467,436.00 per annum
LEAVE : 30 working days per annum

Benefits:

- Optional contributory medical aid scheme with the Botswana Public Officers' Medical Aid Scheme (BPOMAS) (Government pays 50% and employee pays 50%)
- Government will also contribute 50% of the medical aid cover for individuals who are already members of a different Medical Aid Scheme other than the BPOMAS
- A contract of 36 months, with a gratuity of 30% payable upon expiry of contract.

Qualification:

- Bachelor's Degree in Criminology or criminal Justice or Security Management or policing or Law (LLB) or equivalent.

Experience:

At least sixteen (16) years working experience in security and law enforcement of which two (2) years should have served at E2 salary scale in Government or equivalent in private sector.

Main Purpose of the Job:

- To provide strategic advice and direction in the development and implementation of investigation policies, strategies, programs, guidelines related to illicit drug activities including trafficking,
- manufacturing and distribution in line with illicit Traffic of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Act of 2018.

Key Responsibilities:

- Oversee the development and implementation of investigation, policies, regulations and standards in accordance with the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.2018
- Oversees implementation of investigation programs on trafficking of illicit narcotic Drug or Psychotropic substances
- Directs establishment of frameworks for the systematic tracking, rigorous assessment and executive reporting of enforcement actions and programs effectiveness
- Cultivates strategic relationships with Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) to secure collaboration and joint resources for major investigations and enforcement.
- Directs preparation of budget estimates for the division
- Provides professional guidance, coaching and mentoring to staff for enhanced performance.
- Directs the review and ensures alignment of all policies, procedures and interventions with SHE legislations and protocols and MDAs quality Management Systems

Key Competencies

- Deciding and initiating Action
- Leading and supervising
- Adhering to principles and values
- Analyzing
- Formulating strategies and concepts
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VACANCY CIRCULAR NO.6 OF 2026

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Key Responsibilities:

- Monitors the implementation of operational tools that enable transactional investigations and coordination of operations.
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- Facilitates engagement =s with relevant stakeholders in combating trafficking and the use of illicit drugs and psychotropic substances
- Participates in the development of the annual development and recurrent financial budget for the Agency.
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Requirements:

- Diploma or Bachelor's Degree in Criminology or criminal Justice or Security Management or equivalent.

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Arts & Culture



YOKI fashion show drives empowerment

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

Initiatives focused on creativity and hands-on learning such as the Youth and Kids (YOKI) African Fashion show, are emerging as important platforms for youth empowerment and economic participation.

Such initiatives come at a critical time when Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) has increasingly become a national priority, aimed at strengthening practical skills, promoting entrepreneurship and improving employability among young people while reducing reliance on theoretical education.

Under the YOKI initiative, young people aged between four and 25 gather to explore fabric patterns and design with registration running from January until the end of August annually.

The programme is designed to nurture creativity, empower future entrepreneurs and help tackle unemployment through fashion and the arts.

Once enrolled, participants receive structured assignments and attend free training sessions every weekend, culminating in the annual YOKI African Fashion show, with semi-finals held in September and the grand finale

in December each year.

In addition to showcasing their creativity and technical skills, participants also gain access to educational opportunities, with all YOKI participants qualifying for tuition discounts at Gaborone University College of Law and Professional Studies ranging from 10 percent to full scholarships for top performers.

Formed in 2023, by fashion designer and also director of Met Designs Fashion and Met Kiddies Academy, Montle Rantatana, YOKI was born out of her strong resolve that mainstream education alone is not enough to mould a successful future for the youth.

A conviction that stems from her own lived experience as an unemployed degree holder in Professional Design from Limkokwing University of

Creative Technology Botswana.

For nearly two years, the fashion entrepreneur practiced her fashion design skills merely as a hobby before transforming her passion into a thriving career path.

"I didn't wait for a job to come along for me, instead I started designing just a hobby," said Rantatana in an interview, adding that from that hobby, her Met Designs Fashion and Met Kiddies Academy empires were founded.

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Met Design fashion and Met Kiddies Academy founder, Montle Rantatana (left) at work. Photos: Courtesy of Montle Rantatana



Children showcasing their designs during the YOKI African Fashion show.

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Since the founding of Met Designs, Rantatana has secured major designing deals for top pageantry organisations such as Miss Botswana and Mrs Botswana, with whom she continues to design for.

For her, the ever-evolving nature of the world requires theoretical education partnered with a scarce skill to ensure that youth reach their full potential.

Rantatana shared that throughout the years, YOKI has resulted in three participants who managed to successfully launch their businesses in the creative industry while three more have completed their courses at GUC University.

The fashion talent noted that she planned to expand the show beyond Gaborone and surrounding areas, to further villages such as Shoshong and

many others in time, for YOKI season four this year.

“My hope is that YOKI African Fashion Show continues to equip youth even in remote areas with the skills and confidence to shape their futures,” she said. **BOPA**

Poetry festival brings together Chinese and Arab writers

GUANGZHOU

Young poets, writers and scholars from China and Arab countries have gathered in south China's Guangzhou for a poetry festival aimed at deepening literary dialogue and people-to-people exchanges.

A China-Arab States special session of the 2026 International Youth Poetry Festival began over the weekend in the southern Chinese metropolis, drawing more than 40 young poets, sinologists and writers from 13 Arab countries, including Morocco, Syria and Egypt, as well as over 40 young Chinese poets.

The event will run through May 17. In the coming days, Chinese and Arab poets will take part in a series of cultural exchange activities in Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Beijing, including poetry readings, academic dialogues, poetry seminars and field visits.

“Though separated by thousands of miles and different languages, the two great poetic traditions of China and the Arab world have both become roots and souls of their civilizations with condensed language, profound wisdom, and sincere emotion,” said Zhang Hongsen, chairperson of the China Writers

Association.

Zhang said he hoped young poets from both sides would draw inspiration from one another while staying rooted in their own cultures, allowing poetry to flourish through exchanges between tradition and modernity, and between the local and the global.

For Egyptian poet Yahia Mohamed Wagdy Lotfy Omar, poetry can travel across languages and borders.

“When I write a line of poetry, a friend on the other side of the world who speaks a different language can still be moved by it and understand its poetic language.

That is poetry,” he said at the event, adding that translation served as an important bridge and that such gatherings could help poets break through their own limitations.

Launched by the China Writers Association in 2024, the International Youth Poetry Festival has previously held special sessions for BRICS countries and China-Latin America exchanges.

Organisers said the platform was growing into an international venue for young writers to promote literary dialogue and mutual learning among civilisations. **Xinhua**



BLLED - Participants during the accordion weekend event at Lake Bled in Slovenia on Sunday. The annual event brings together hundreds of participants for band performances, ensemble shows and an accordion procession. Photo: Xinhua

Culture strengthens grassroots governance in China

BEIJING

China takes culture as the backbone to consolidate the foundation of good governance, giving full expression to the profound strength of culture in deepening the ethical and cultural civilisation of urban and rural areas and strengthening primary-level governance, said a Xinhua think tank report released on Thursday.

The report, titled: The Theory of Cultural Empowerment: China's Cultural Consciousness

Kwa Isong Cultural Festival returns

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

The 7th Edition of the Kwa Isong Cultural Festival, which aims to celebrate Setswana culture through traditional music, cuisine, dress, folklore and dance, is set for Camel's Inn Lodge in Mmopane, on May 22 to 23.

The event will feature performances by a dynamic line-up of local artistes, including Ramonyaku, Ramozara, Batsumi cultural group, Mpuma Jazz Band as well as Lerankana Social Club.

Addressing the media recently, Kwa Isong Cultural Festival director, Barudi Mosimaneotsile, noted that the event also aimed to reflect on and preserve cultural heritage by encouraging intergenerational learning.

“It underscores the importance of elders passing on traditions to children, a foundation that has inspired the establishment of Kwa Isong,” said Mosimaneotsile.

She said 300 learners from both government and private schools were expected to attend the event.

“The initiative aims to teach children their Setswana roots through song, dance, folklore

and traditional music,” she said, adding that the event was centred on reconnecting young people with their cultural heritage.

Mosimaneotsile shared that some of the profits from the event would be donated to Bagolo Ba Motse Trust, Bo Mme Ba Kgotla Yoo Moatshe in Mmopane and selected elderly people in need, while women in Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), would be given stalls at a discounted price to sell their products.

For his part, Lerankana Social club chairperson, Oteng Mantirisi Jnr, said the club would focus on teaching traditional dances such as Setapa, Tsutsube, Phathisi, Hosana, Sebirwa and Seperu.

He noted that the initiative aimed to pass down knowledge to children while educating them on the origins and cultural significance of each dance.

He announced that activities on May 22 would be geared towards both adults and children, with a dedicated children's programme running from 11am to 5pm, while the following day, would be strictly for adults, beginning at 11am until late hours of the evening. **BOPA**

and cultural civilisation by cultivating and educating people with culture, amplifying positive energy and the mainstream cultural narrative.

It noted that culture served as the “flexible engine” of community-level governance.

Regions across China are transforming cultural strength into governance efficiency, ensuring that the principles of collaborative construction, co-governance, and shared benefits take deep root in local communities. **Xinhua**

in Marching Toward High-Quality Development, was released by Xinhua Institute, a think tank affiliated with Xinhua News Agency.

The report said that the integrated development of urban and rural public cultural services hinged on the joint construction of facilities, shared use of resources, and effective alignment between supply and demand.

According to the report, local authorities across China continued to advance ethical

Basketball league reschedules season opener to May 15

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.

The Dolphins 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, 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**



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World Cup preparations gather pace

MEXICO CITY

With one month remaining before the FIFA World Cup kicks off in Mexico City, organisers across the three host countries are finalising stadium preparations and security planning, while teams monitor injuries ahead of squad selections.

The June 11-July 19 tournament will be the first World Cup to feature 48 teams, with matches in 16 cities across the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Here are some of the key talking points as the buildup enters its final stretch.

STADIUMS

Host cities are racing to ensure match venues and key infrastructure are ready for the tournament. At Miami's Hard Rock Stadium, crews face a tight schedule to remove temporary facilities used for this month's Formula One Grand Prix and adapt the complex to FIFA requirements, while workers in New Jersey are installing a temporary grass pitch over MetLife Stadium's artificial surface.

In Mexico City, renovation work continues at Estadio Azteca, which is due to stage the opening match

on June 11.

The stadium has faced legal and operational complications linked to its refurbishment - notably a dispute over luxury box access rights and construction delays, although organisers continue to say it will be ready in time.

Mexico City International Airport is also still undergoing redevelopment ahead of the tournament, with authorities saying last month that work was about 70 per cent complete.

TICKET SALES FIFA

FIFA president Gianni Infantino has defended ticket prices after seats for the final in New Jersey were listed for more than US\$2 million on the governing body's resale platform.

"If somebody buys a ticket for the final for US\$2 million I will personally bring him a hot dog and a Coke to make sure that he has a great experience," Infantino told reporters earlier this month.

He said the resale listings did not reflect the original ticket prices and argued FIFA's pricing was consistent with other major sporting events in the United States.

FIFA has not provided a recent

update on overall ticket sales, although it released additional batches of tickets in April and May through 'last-minute sales' phases. Secondary market data shows tickets remain available for many matches.

SECURITY

Security planning has intensified across the three host countries in recent months. Mexico president Claudia Sheinbaum said in March that nearly 100 000 security personnel would be deployed across Mexico City, Guadalajara and Monterrey during the tournament, with authorities increasing patrols around airports, hotels and fan zones.

Canada's public safety ministry announced additional funding in April for World Cup security preparations, including support for policing, border management and emergency coordination in host cities.

The ministry said up to 145 million Canadian dollars (105 million U.S. dollars) would be made available to support safety and security operations during the tournament.

In the United States, federal agencies are continuing to

coordinate preparations through the White House task force established for the World Cup.

IRAN Iran's football federation has confirmed the country will take part in the competition despite questions over entry requirements for some players and officials. The federation said it had asked the United States, Canada and Mexico to guarantee visas, security and respectful treatment for Iranian players, officials and national symbols.

Iranian officials have also sought assurances that players and staff who completed mandatory military service with the Revolutionary Guard would be allowed to enter the host countries without difficulty.

Infantino has previously said Iran would play in the tournament as scheduled. Iran has been drawn in Group G and is due to open its campaign against New Zealand in Los Angeles on June 15. It will then face Belgium at the same venue on June 21 and Egypt in Seattle on June 26.

INJURIES

Teams are monitoring the fitness of key players before FIFA's June 2 deadline for final World Cup

squads.

Federations must first submit preliminary lists of between 35 and 55 names, including four goalkeepers, before selecting final squads of between 23 and 26.

Injuries have already ruled several high-profile players out of the tournament, with Brazil hit particularly hard.

Defender Eder Militao and forward Rodrygo will miss out with knee injuries, while goalkeeper Alisson Becker remains a doubt because of a recurring hamstring problem. Meanwhile, Brazil's all-time leading scorer Neymar is still trying to regain fitness after a series of injuries that have kept him out of the national team since October 2023.

France forward Hugo Ekitike and Netherlands midfielder Xavi Simons will also miss the tournament with Achilles and knee injuries, respectively.

Others are battling to be fit for the competition. Spain winger Lamine Yamal and Egypt forward Mohamed Salah are nursing hamstring injuries but are expected to be ready in time, while France striker Kylian Mbappe has returned to training after a muscle injury. **Xinhua**



Athletes chase success at Championships



Justice Oratile

Obakeng Kamberuka

Prince Selepe

Bhekimpilo Eppie

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Some of the athletes representing the country at the 2026 African Senior Athletics Championships are hopeful that they will do well and improve on their last edition performance.

The Championships, which start today, ending on Sunday, is held at the University of Ghana Stadium in Accra.

Botswana has fielded a formidable team made up of experienced and youthful athletes who knows the importance of hoisting the flag high.

Bhekimpilo Eppie, who won a silver

medal in the last edition, and Obakeng Kamberuka, who made it to the final, are some of the athletes, Botswana is banking on to bring glory to the country.

Eppie said his intention was do well and improve on his last edition performance.

“In the last edition, I went there carrying 45 under my belt, so this time I have been working very hard, I am going there with a sub-45,” he said.

He said his competitors at the Championships were strong athletes adding that he would need to remain focused so as to be able to perform to the best of his ability.

Obakeng Kamberuka was confident and ready for the Championships.

“The Debswana World Athletics Relays Gaborone 26 are behind and they were a lesson and now I am going for an examination in Ghana. I think I am in a good shape. I am a strong contender for a podium finish,” she said.

The promising 400m runner Justice Oratile said he had been preparing very well, and his body was responding well.

He said he was not under any pressure and he would execute the race plan as instructed by the coaches.

Prince Selepe said it was always an honour to represent his country, adding that he was aware of the nation’s hope on them.

“I will therefore do my best. The most

important thing is to focus and to remain calm, the rest will then follow,” he said.

The team’s assistant coach, Nico Manyapedza said training had been going well.

However, he said it might be a bit of a challenge to defend the 4x400m men’s relay title.

He said countries were given a small quota and did not have reserves for the relays, which he added would drain athletes.

“Athletes will be going through the round in their individual races and also expected to compete in relays. We will not have any fresh legs, but we will see,” he said. **BOPA**



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