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President Advocate Duma Boko (left), National Manual Workers Union deputy CEO, Mr Robert Rabasimane (right) and other dignitaries at the President's meet and greet session with Trade Unions in Gaborone on Wednesday. President Boko said a strong government and labour partnership promoted economic stability and created opportunities for workers to thrive. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe



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MOLEPOLOLE

In Molepolole, a sombre weekend unfolded under tents of grief where something deeply familiar was missing, the lowing of cattle and the ritual slaughter that has for generations, marked a dignified Setswana farewell. Funerals went on. Prayers were said. Tears flowed. Pots simmered. But no beast was slaughtered.

Families improvised, serving chicken, samp and beans, cabbage, soup and bogobe (thick porridge). Stomachs were filled, but hearts felt the absence. The missing beef was more than just meat, it was culture, honour and identity.

This quiet cultural disruption reflects a much larger crisis. Botswana's cattle long regarded as a symbol of wealth, security and pride, have become frozen assets under the government's restrictions following the recent suspected cases of Foot and Mouth Disease in the North East region.

The ban on the movement and slaughter of cloven-hoofed animals is felt far beyond farms and veterinary cordons. It has reached kitchens, funeral grounds, school lists and shop counters.

In a country where livestock is often regarded as the 'second diamond', the standstill feels like the nation itself is holding its breath.

"Cattle are deeply intertwined with the identity and pride of Batswana," said Mr Marumoagae Morogolwane, an elder from Goo Ra Sune Ward, speaking during the funeral of the late Mr Baeti Lebang in Molepolole.

He explained that the deceased had been a respected livestock owner, and his herd symbolised years of hard work and perseverance.

"To bury a man like that without slaughtering his own cattle is painful," he said. "In Setswana tradition, an elder deserves a befitting funeral. Some parts of the beast are shared with key family members like uncles and aunts. That carries deep meaning and shows the love and bond with the departed."

He added that the size of a man's herd traditionally reflected his status in the community, a mark of dignity that could not be fully expressed under the current restrictions.

"Regrettably, this was beyond our control. We had to comply with the law, so the family bought meat from the Botswana Meat Commission to serve mourners," he said.

At another funeral in Goo Tshosa Ward, Mr Kefithwaemang Ratanti, shared similar sentiments.

"A funeral without beef does not feel complete," he said quietly. "We are trying, but our hearts knows this is not how things are supposed to be. Still, we have no choice but to comply."

In Ga Molelane Ward, the Seduledi family, who buried their grandmother on Sunday, served simpler meals of samp and beans, cabbage, soup and bogobe. The love and respect were there, but tradition had to bend.

Beyond funerals, the ban has struck at the financial backbone of many households.

In Botswana, cattle are more



Mr Marumoagae Morogolwane, an elder from Goo Ra Sune Ward in Molepolole

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than livestock. They are savings, school fees, emergency funds and social security rolled into one. An old Setswana saying captures this truth. "Ka e tlhoka ka tlhoka boroko, ka nna le yone ntse ka bo tlhoka." Even when you have cattle, you worry about them because they are your wealth and your future.

Right now, that "living bank

account" cannot be accessed.

Form Three results have just been released. This should be a season of celebration and preparation as parents arrange fees, uniforms and transport for the next stage of their children's education. Instead, many families are trapped.

Ms Lorato Mokone of Lekgwapheng Ward said she had planned to sell cattle to cover her child's school needs.

"Now I cannot move or sell them," she said. "They are there, but they cannot help me. Everything needs money, uniforms, toiletries, transport. I don't know where I will get it." She said.

Her situation reflects that of many households already strained by a tough economy, rising costs and limited job opportunities.

The ripple effects are also being felt in the meat industry.

Butcheries that depend on a steady flow of cattle have seen business slow sharply. Some have



A young man grilling chicken at the funeral of the late Mr Baeti Lebang in Molepolole recently, reflecting how families are turning to poultry instead of beef.

"These measures are necessary to protect our national herd and the long-term future of the livestock industry"

closed temporarily. Workers have been sent home without pay.

Mr Malebogo Molepolole of All Agric Sales Butchery in Boribamo Ward said the impact had been severe.

"It is like the heartbeat of our business has stopped," he said. "Without cattle moving and being slaughtered, there is very little beef to sell."

He explained that many butcheries had turned to alternative proteins like chicken, but increased demand has pushed prices up.

"Now even chicken is becoming expensive. Customers are struggling and we are struggling too," he said.

For many families, beans and vegetables have become the main source of protein as they stretch already thin budgets.

Acting District Agricultural coordinator, Dr Leano Sethong, said in Kweneng, veterinary officers and law enforcement teams were working together to enforce the regulations and prevent the spread of the disease.

"These measures are necessary to protect our national herd and the long-term future of the livestock industry," he said, urging the public to cooperate.

But as days turn into weeks, the emotional and economic strain continues to build.

Across the affected zones, kraals remain full but pockets are empty. Parents stare at school requirements they cannot yet afford. Butchers stand behind quiet counters. Families mourn loved ones without the full comfort of custom.

What began as a veterinary emergency has grown into a social and cultural pause, a moment where tradition, livelihood and dignity all hang in the balance.

For now, Batswana wait. They adapt, they endure, and they hope that soon the gates will open again and with them, the return of a way of life where cattle once again provide not only food, but pride, security and belonging. **BOPA**



Matsapa Butchery in Molepolole is among many forced to close, reflecting the harsh economic toll the FMD-related slaughter ban has taken on local meat businesses. Photos: Lindi Morwaeng



An almost empty display fridge with a few pieces of chicken shows how some Molepolole butcheries are struggling to stay afloat, shifting to limited poultry sales as beef supplies remain restricted.

Project Bula Buka unlocks opportunities for JC leavers

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

For many young Batswana, completing the Junior Certificate is meant to be a key milestone and a path to senior secondary education. Instead, for some, it becomes a moment filled with uncertainty, a crossroads where dreams pause, opportunities narrow and the future feels uncertain.

While some young people leave school hopeful yet uncertain, others are forced to exit due to financial, family or personal challenges. Gradually time slips by, and many quietly fall out of the education system, carrying unrealised ambitions and unanswered questions. It is for these young people that Project Bula Buka was launched in Gaborone this week, offering more than just a programme, but

a renewed sense of possibility. Targeting JC leavers from 2019 to 2025, the initiative is designed to provide structured second-chance opportunities in education, skills development and pathways into employment. Speaking at the official launch, the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Ms Nono Kgafela-Mokoka described the project as a promise to young people who may have felt left behind. Phase one will focus on identifying and enrolling eligible JC leavers and linking them to tailor made training and vocations that align with labour market needs. Ms Kgafela-Mokoka explained that many beneficiaries had already been profiled, with more to follow, ensuring that participants received career guidance, life-skills training and support services aimed at building confidence and long-term self-reliance. At the heart of Project Bula



Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Ms Nono Kgafela-Mokoka (left) and deputy permanent secretary, Mr Steve Bothasitse addressing the media on Project Bula Buka in Gaborone on Tuesday. Ms Kgafela-Mokoka reaffirmed government's commitment to ensuring that no young person was left behind. Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe

Buka is a recognition that learning is not one-size-fits-all. While some learners thrive in traditional classrooms, others are more practically inclined or need alternative routes to rediscover their strengths. The programme is therefore built on three pillars: skills development, multiple learning pathways and multiple certification options creating flexible routes back into learning and work. With a strong Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) focus, the initiative also seeks to prepare young people for a rapidly changing job market, where adaptability and practical skills are increasingly valued. For those who have spent years outside structured learning, this

support could be life-changing, offering a bridge from prolonged unemployment to meaningful participation in the economy, entrepreneurship or further education. However, Ms Kgafela-Mokoka emphasised that the success of the programme depended on partnership. Government, she said was working alongside employers, training institutions and community stakeholders to create opportunities for internships, mentorship and smoother transitions into existing empowerment initiatives. Accessibility has also been prioritised and registration will be available both online and manually, with innovative partnerships allowing young people to register at selected Choppies Botswana

stores, JB Stores and fuel stations, including in remote areas such as Hukuntsi and Charleshill. The minister said special outreach efforts were targeting hard-to-reach communities, including the Central Kgalagadi Game Reserve (CKGR), Seronga, Gudigwa, Jao Flats, Ditshiping and New Xade areas where distance and limited connectivity have often excluded young people from national programmes. A toll-free helpline is also being established to provide guidance and respond to queries. Project Bula Buka forms part of Botswana's broader Education Continuum Model under the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), which aims to develop innovative, future-ready human capital. But beyond policy frameworks, the initiative reflects a deeply rooted Setswana value tshwaragano or the spirit of working together. "It acknowledges that young people who fall outside formal systems are not statistics, but our sons and daughters, neighbours and future leaders. By creating structured second-chance opportunities, the programme aims to restore confidence, dignity and direction," said Ms Kgafela-Mokoka. With registration open for a month and implementation set for March 2026, Project Bula Buka carries a simple but powerful message: one exam result or one difficult season does not define a lifetime. Sometimes, all it takes is for someone to open the book again and begin a new chapter. **BOPA**

Government-union ties protect workforce

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

A strong partnership between government and labour unions is essential for fostering economic stability and enhancing productivity through social dialogue, President Advocate Duma Boko has said. Speaking during a meet-and-greet session with labour union leadership, President Boko emphasised the importance of maintaining a tripartite collaboration between government, employers and trade unions. He said such an approach would ensure inclusive economic growth while protecting the workforce, particularly during periods of economic transition or crisis. "In essence, a constructive partnership transforms the relationship from an adversarial

one into a collaborative, long-term strategy that drives both economic prosperity and social progress," he said. President Boko noted that one of the key benefits of this partnership was the promotion of economic stability and growth by ensuring that industrial strategies aligned with workforce development. This, he said, would create a platform for workers to prosper while improving service delivery. "When working in partnership with the government, unions can encourage members to participate in national productivity efforts and skills training, enhancing overall economic efficiency," he said. As the country continues to face pressure to diversify its economy, President Boko said the workforce was expected to be instrumental in driving this initiative, noting that labour was one of the core elements of economic growth, alongside natural resources, capital and entrepreneurship. He said understanding the role of the workforce was crucial for appreciating how economic systems function and grow. The President said at the heart of any thriving economy lies its workforce, which played a pivotal role in shaping the economic landscape. "Economically speaking, labour is essential for growth, driving production, innovation and consumption. It turns raw materials into goods and services, fuels technological advancement and generates income, which supports demand and stimulates further economic activity," he said. President Boko further noted that sound labour relations were critical for workplace conflict mitigation, as unions served as a channel for employee grievances,

helping to reduce labour unrest, strikes and work slowdowns, thus promoting a more stable industrial climate. Meanwhile, Botswana Federation of Public Sector Unions (BOFEPUSO) president, Mr Gotlamang Oitsile called on government to create an enabling environment for unions to thrive, noting that unions played a crucial role in identifying emerging policy concerns and supporting evidence-based labour policy

formulation. Mr Oitsile said government needed to recognise the dynamics of bargaining power in labour economics. "In the field of labour economics, the concept of bargaining power plays a crucial role in shaping the dynamics between workers and employers. This balance of power is instrumental in determining various aspects of employment, including wage levels, working conditions and job security," he

said. He added that unions should remained aware of their regulatory function, as they were mandated to help regulate workplace environments and influence the direction government took on critical workforce-related matters. To that effect, Mr Oitsile emphasised the need for adequate legislation to be in place to enable unions to fully execute their mandate of representing their members effectively. **BOPA**



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) and Botswana Defence Force Commander, General Mpho Mophuting during the President's departure for Ethiopia yesterday. President Boko is in Addis Ababa for the 39th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union. The session is held under the theme: Assuring Sustainable Water Availability and Safe Sanitation Systems to Achieve the Goals of Agenda 2063. The Summit is also expected to deliberate on issues pertaining to peace and security, governance and the African Union institutional reform. As current chair of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance, President Boko will host a high-level press briefing where he will present the findings of the 2025 Africa Malaria progress report and call for enhanced efforts and strengthened commitment in the work being undertaken by the continent and international partners, to realise a malaria-free Africa by 2030. He will also hold a series of high-level bilateral meetings with his counterparts, aimed at strengthening diplomatic relations and promoting Botswana's national and regional interests. The President is expected back home on Monday. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

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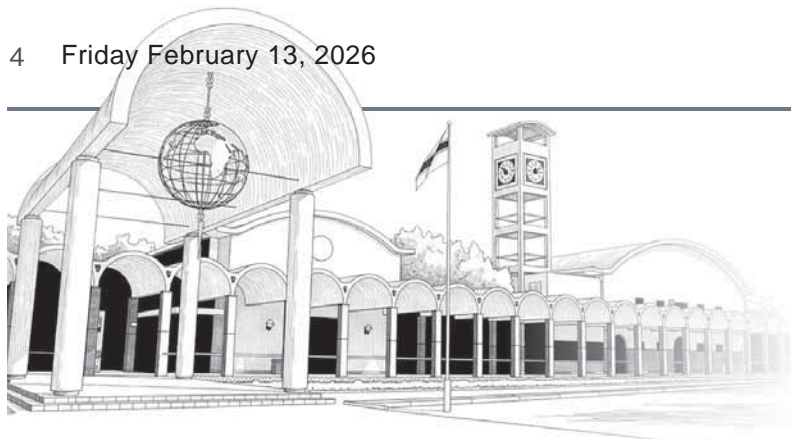
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PARLIAMENT 2026

MPs urges job creation and fiscal discipline

Tebagano Ntshole
GABORONE

The ongoing parliamentary debate on the 2026/27 Budget has highlighted a significant shift in Botswana's economic strategy, moving away from government-led spending toward a private-sector-led model designed to tackle youth unemployment and healthcare shortages.

Views shared by Members of Parliament (MPs) on Wednesday suggested several direct impacts on the public, including job diversification through the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), aimed at moving the economy beyond its dependence on diamonds.

Contributing to the debate, Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure and MP for Boteti East, Mr Keogile Atamelang, stated that the 400-megawatt solar farm earmarked for Letlhakane would create substantial employment opportunities, particularly for the youth.

Mr Atamelang described the BETP as a historical toolkit, noting that the 186 identified projects would help diversify the economy. He also addressed the P1.85 billion earmarked for maintenance, arguing that the high cost was a direct result of years of neglect regarding government facilities.

However, he commended the new e-Procurement system, noting its role as a watchdog against businesses that inflated prices when bidding for government tenders.

Furthermore, he highlighted that the suspension of Government Purchase Orders (GPOs) and unnecessary workshops had already begun plugging leaks in the national treasury.

Chobe MP, Mr Simasuku Mapulanga, centered his contribution on healthcare, decrying the persistent scarcity of drugs in clinics. He called on government to prioritise primary healthcare to curb the spread of diseases.

Mr Mapulanga also lamented the shortage of doctors and called for increased medical staffing to reduce the travel burden placed on rural patients. Regarding the creative economy, the legislator advocated for Botswana Television (Btv) to invest more in local content creators to build a sustainable creative infrastructure.

On the agricultural front, while he acknowledged the swift response by the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture to the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak in the North East, he urged government to move away from animal culling in favour of vaccination and identification of alternative red zone markets.

Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship and MP for Serowe North, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe, reiterated that the BETP was the primary vehicle for shifting toward a private-led economy. Mr Mathoothe commended the expansion of Botla Energy into the Serowe gas project as a win for the energy sector.

He pointed to successful citizen-owned ventures, such as a local company currently manufacturing power metres for the Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) as well as plans for a cement plant in Oodi using domestic limestone and gypsum.

He also welcomed the structural developments at the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), noting that entity had finally been able to settle its longstanding debts with farmers. **BOPA**

GABORONE

The Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs is in the process of implementing interim measures to address issues of overpopulation in schools and ensure learning continuity.

Responding to a parliamentary question from MP for Shashe West, Mr Jeremiah Frenzel, on Wednesday, Minister Ketlhalefile Motshegwa said to manage the influx of learners, the ministry had introduced shifting classes in schools.

Mr Motshegwa indicated that at Shashe Mooko Primary, shifting was

Ministry to address overpopulation in schools

GABORONE

Parliament has heard that consultations are ongoing to create additional District Councils in the next four years.

To that effect, the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs has commenced consultation processes regarding the possible creation of new Districts for the second phase, which would include, among others, Okavango West (Shakawe), Kweneng South (Thamaga), Nata, Tswapong (Lerala/Sefhare) and Mmadinare.

This was said by local government and traditional affairs minister, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa in response to a question on Wednesday.

Tebagano Ntshole
GABORONE

Leader of the Opposition and MP for Maun North has called upon government to break away from routine budgeting that sustains deficits and instead embrace bold, evidence-driven reforms that prioritize efficiency, accountability and inclusive growth.

Responding to the 2026/27 budget speech on Wednesday, Mr Dumelang Saleshando said the current climate called for a need to shift away from diamond dependency toward strategic domestic resource mobilisation, innovation and economic diversification.

"In a time of fiscal pressure and rising youth unemployment, it calls for smarter taxation, digitised revenue systems, strong governance and oversight and targeted social protection that empowers rather than perpetuates dependency," said Mr Saleshando.

The Maun North MP, who is also Botswana Congress Party (BCP) president, said there were, however, areas in which the opposition agreed with government, most notably the commitment to review the Public Finance Management Act and the Public Procurement Act.

"This admission that our core financial laws are outdated aligns precisely with our longstanding



Leader of Opposition, Mr Dumelang Saleshando responding to the Budget Speech in Parliament on Wednesday. He said the country must shift from deficit-driven budgeting and diamond dependency towards bold, evidence-based reforms that promoted economic diversification, fiscal discipline and inclusive growth. Photo: Felicity Male

position and the findings of expert analysis. In fact, one of our youngest MPs, Comrade Tlhabologo Furniture, is actually in the process of submitting a motion for the domestication of the SADC Model Law on Public Finance Management," he noted.

model. The definitive way forward will be formally communicated to all stakeholders following the completion of the DM model revocation and the recommendation of a new procurement method," he added.

Shashe West legislator had asked the minister if he is aware of the overpopulation of learners currently experienced in the primary schools located in Chadibe, Borolong and Shashemooke. Mr Frenzel also wanted to know if there were plans to address the situation and if the planned construction of new primary schools using the DM model was still underway. **BOPA**

"The consideration will be undertaken through the National Development Planning process alongside other competing national priorities upon approval by Cabinet," Mr Motshegwa said.

In 2022, government undertook at local authorities restructuring exercise, as the first phase, and resolved to upgrade all 22 sub-authorities into fully-fledged councils.

The minister explained that the criteria applied considered homogeneity which entailed safeguarding social cohesion by respecting community interdependence patterns in settlement, migration, employment and shared resources.

He added that they also welcomed the curbing of supplementary budgets, the centralising of Government Purchasing Orders (GPOs) and the reduction of non-essential procurement.

He further stated that the P1.85 billion dedicated maintenance fund, with its ban on virements, was a smart and targeted intervention to stop the decay of public assets.

The Leader of the Opposition also welcomed the shift in Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises (SMME) financing philosophy. He described the commitment to move from collateral-based loans to a National Fund of Funds model as a visionary and necessary shift.

Furthermore, he expressed his impression of the turnaround at the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), which cleared P698 million in arrears and boosted revenue by 31 per cent, calling it a 'textbook case of focused operational reform.'

He also lauded the initiative of securing citrus access to 17 markets and achieving 390 per cent export growth, which he said demonstrated effective trade diplomacy.

While noting the positive developments, Mr Saleshando argued that significant issues remained regarding the governance system, corruption, mismanagement and lack of progress across various sectors.

"However, the ruling party leadership continues to say a lot but do very little about addressing the systematic governance deficits characterising service delivery in our country," he said.

Meanwhile, the Maun North legislator called upon government to be prudent in its spending and adhere to the austerity measures it had introduced.

He expressed concern over the deficits accumulated over the years, noting that the statutory ceiling of 40 per cent of debt-to-GDP was at risk of being breached and recalibrated.

"Recurrent spending continues to soar, now at roughly P80 billion, while development spending remains stagnant around P23 billion. This means we are borrowing not to invest, but largely to sustain a growing wage bill and expanded social pledges," he said. **BOPA**

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Electric vehicles
in Kenya surge
to 35 000

NAIROBI - The number of electric vehicles in Kenya rose to 35 000 at the end of 2025, Kenya Power, the country's national electricity distributor, said on Wednesday. The firm said that the surge from 5 294 in 2024, according to industry data, was due to increased adoption of electric two-wheelers (motorcycles). There has also been an increase in electric buses for commuter public transportation. Kenya Power noted that the e-vehicles consumed 8.43 million kilowatt hours (KWh) of electricity. This represents a 188 per cent increase in electricity consumption by the electric mobility industry compared to 2.92 million KWh consumed by customers in 2024, noted the firm. Kenya is experiencing rapid adoption of electric vehicles, driven by enabling government policies, tax incentives and a rising demand for sustainable transportation. **Xinhua**

Ghana to
license industrial
cannabis use

ACCRA - Ghana's Narcotics Control Commission (NACOC) announced on Wednesday that it would soon start licensing qualified applicants for the medicinal and industrial cultivation of cannabis, while recreational use of the drug remains illegal. In the statement, NACOC said the licensing regime is in line with parliamentary approval obtained to implement the licensing regime of controlled cultivation, processing and use of cannabis with tetrahydrocannabinol content not above 0.3 per cent for medicinal and industrial purposes. According to NACOC, only qualified applicants who meet the security protocols, product traceability systems, quality assurance standards and full compliance with applicable laws and regulations shall be granted the license. The organisation urged applicants to deal with NACOC directly through the Cannabis Regulation Department, without going through intermediaries. **Xinhua**

Measures in
place to stabilise
prices

BEIJING - China's top economic planner, in coordination with other government departments, has unveiled measures to ensure stable supply and prices of daily necessities and assistance to people in need ahead of the Spring Festival. The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) said Wednesday that efforts would be made to ensure sufficient supply by strengthening agricultural production and streamlining logistics for fresh produce. To stabilise prices, the NDRC said it would ensure the timely release of government vegetable reserves and strengthen market supervision to prevent hoarding and price gouging. "Support for low-income groups will be enhanced, including temporary subsidies linked to price increases." The NDRC said that China had a solid foundation for market stability, with sustained grain output and sufficient production of meat, eggs and vegetables. **Xinhua**

Moruakgomo promotes mushroom farming



Thamani Shabani
TONOTA

A quiet revolution is taking root at Seroto Ward in Tonota. Ms Lady Moruakgomo, a 35-year-old horticulturalist, is cultivating a brighter future for herself and her community through mushroom production. As the second person in her village to venture into mushroom production, she is proving that with the right skills and passion, even the most unlikely crops can yield a bountiful harvest. "I am sharing my skills and expertise with fellow women, proving that even the most unlikely crops can yield a bountiful harvest," she said.

Ms Moruakgomo's journey began with a training programme sponsored by NARDI, where she mastered the art of mushroom cultivation. Her dedication has earned her reputation as a skilled trainer, and she is now passing on her knowledge to other women in the community. "I want to empower other women in the society. We women have to support each other, and that is the only way to get out of poverty," she added. The process of growing mushrooms is labour intensive, but Ms Moruakgomo is undeterred. She uses cleaned maize straws, soaking them overnight, boiling them to disinfect and then filling them into plastic bags for germination in a dark room. The mushrooms are grown in a dark house, where they are kept for three weeks before being exposed to sunlight by opening windows. "I have never felt so empowered," she said, carefully placing oyster mushrooms in a plastic bag. Her dark room is a demonstration to the power of entrepreneurship, providing for her family and inspiring

other women. Ms Moruakgomo's venture is more than just a business, it is a beacon of hope. She is creating jobs, promoting sustainable farming and putting nutritious food on tables.

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It is a high value crop, but it requires patience and care," she said. With a huge market demand, particularly in Francistown, Ms Moruakgomo, whose mushrooms are the first batch she has ever grown, is confident that her produce will find eager buyers. With the market research that she conducted pointing to a sprawling market, her target is chain stores and food outlets like restaurants. "This is just the beginning," she said, envisioning a future where mushroom farming transforms lives. Tonota-based Agricultural Scientific Officer, Ms Amanda Molantwa is all praises for Ms Moruakgomo's initiative; and sees it as a timely answer to the huge demand for mushrooms locally. Ms Molantwa said with dedication and expertise, Ms Moruakgomo could prove that even the smallest initiatives could have a profound impact. "Women need to support each other to get out of poverty and I am grateful that with the mushroom production, she is certainly doing just that," she added.

ABOVE - Mushroom production farmer, Ms Lady Moruakgomo (left), Tonota agricultural scientific officer in horticulture, Ms Amanda Molwantwa (centre) and a farmer, Mr Moruakgomo Segaisi demonstrating how mushrooms are grown by inserting spawn into straw in Tonota recently. Ms Molwantwa said there were market opportunities for mushroom supply in the area.

BELOW - Ms Molwantwa (left) and Ms Moruakgomo washing dried maize stork to be used as straw during a demonstration of mushroom production in Tonota recently. Ms Molwantwa said currently there were few mushroom farmers in Botswana due to limited production skills, low farmer interest and lack of a reliable source of spawn. Photos: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata



Ms Molantwa is also urging women to consider mushroom production to improve their livelihoods. "It is a high value crop with huge market and demand. With the right skills and support, women can graduate from poverty and achieve financial independence," she said. Ms Molantwa explained that with determination and passion, Ms Moruakgomo was cultivating a brighter tomorrow, one mushroom at a time. When asked about common diseases affecting mushrooms, Ms Molantwa explained that their fragile nature and ability to 'code' surrounding smells made them susceptible to even minor threats.

"They can absorb smells from nearby substances, including harmful chemicals," she noted. Despite the challenges, Ms Molantwa highlighted the benefits of mushroom production. "Mushrooms are not only delicious, but they are also packed with nutrients and numerous health benefits," she said. She said they were rich in protein, fibre, and antioxidants, and that mushrooms could help boost immunity, reduce inflammation, and even support cancer prevention. Ms Molantwa's appeal is clear, "Join the mushroom revolution and take control of your financial future." **BOPA**

Budget promises hope amid financial challenges

Pako Lebanna
GABORONE

The emptiness of the public gallery tent pitched along Parliamentary Grounds at Annex II during the presentation of the National Budget Speech on Monday may have prompted legendary American musician Bob Dylan to belt out his famous tune, “the times, they are ‘a changing.’”

Or fellow Grammy award winner Prince, to similarly sing, “Sing o’ the Times.” Filled to the brim just a year earlier with an excited citizenry when Vice President and Minister of Finance Mr Ndaba Gaolathe delivered his maiden budget address, and over the past two State-of-the-Nation Addresses (SONA), the public gallery

that in the recent past captured a highly expectant public mood was now empty. Perhaps the sheer weight of sustained economic recession characterised by high unemployment, rising costs of living, plus a foot and mouth disease outbreak and a national healthcare crisis conspired to shift the national mood. As the public listened in on national radio, television and online platforms to hear if the despair could turn to hope, Mr Gaolathe, the man tasked with performing the national Houdini Act, spoke. “We are fully aware of the realities facing our people,” Mr Gaolathe forthrightly acknowledged. “Chief among them is the health crisis that has tested our nation’s resilience. At a time when our nation is already navigating economic and social pressures, the outbreak of the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Zone 6B has emerged as a dark cloud over our agricultural sector.” Having candidly appreciated the deep seated, structural challenges Botswana faces, Mr Gaolathe pronounced the short term solutions-advanced talks with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to provide extensive health affordable supplies to normalise operations in the health system; and a National Emergency Operations Centre to coordinate the national response to FMD, among other interventions. He then pronounced a new path towards the long terms solutions, in a budget titled: A New Era of Economic Transformation and Fiscal Prudence. “The 2026-27 National Budget is

anchored in and launches the Twelfth National Development Plan (NDP 12) and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP),” Mr Gaolathe said. Key to this, is building “an inclusive and deep economy” through a reform process of halting wastage and taking tangible steps towards the upper income prosperous Botswana envisioned by the National Vision 2036. He said the 2026/2027 Budget built directly on his maiden 2025-26 budget framework, with four key steps of halting financial wastage, stabilising the economy and preparing it for takeoff, initiating tangible steps of change and building a New Botswana. Already the process had commenced to manage public spending more prudently, strengthening oversight institutions to safeguard public resources; and mobilising the private sector and society as active partners in restoring efficiency, discipline, and accountability, Mr Gaolathe revealed. Now the BETP and NDP12 would guide the nation towards the True North- “A high income Botswana that is digitally enabled, export driven, and economically diversified where every citizen is employed, empowered and fulfilled.” The BETP was developed with the technical assistance of PEMANDU Associates, a Malaysian transformation and performance management consultancy firm that has been endorsed by American Ivy League universities Harvard and Princeton. They have a record of assisting Malaysia transform into high income status, the UAE and its Emirate of Dubai establish a world class economy and also guided Rwanda and Tanzania develop policy reform, and Botswana hopes for such transformation. Over the second half of 2025, the BETP identified 186 projects and initiatives across six economic priorities- agriculture, manufacturing, financial services and digitalisation, infrastructure, tourism as well as energy and mining. There are also three social sectors to be prioritised- healthcare, education and social protection. “Government has developed a more structured, evidence based approach to project execution. Through the BETP, a set of strategically significant and transformative projects underwent rigorous analysis,” Mr



Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe (left) and Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse after the Budget Speech. He pronounced hope amid a climate of national despair. Photo: Phenyio Moalosi

Gaolathe said. The Vice President added that transformational initiatives such as the Chobe-Zambezi Water Transfer Scheme, development of rail infrastructure and the upgrade of the A1 road will be delivered under NDP12 as part of state investment in economic enablers based on fiscal discipline and accountability, “deliberately building a new culture of project delivery anchored on value for money, integrity and results.” He said government would lay a firm foundation for long term agriculture industrialisation driven through the National Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI), which was already developing national seed production self sufficiency. Complementing this would be high impact technology driven initiatives including organic fertiliser, drone assisted crop nutrition, as well as the expansion of water melon value chains into juices, jams and other processed products, the Vice

President revealed. Also, the government had negotiated market access for fresh citrus exports to the European Union, Canada, the UAE, South Africa, Russia and Hong Kong, translating to strong performance of citrus exports from 2 790 tonnes in the 2024 season to 13 711 tonnes in 2025, a 390 per cent growth. This typifies the future of a diversified export led economy that is envisioned to generate over 500 000 jobs over the next decade in fields such as manufacturing, agriculture, energy and mining, and increasing the country’s revenue base from heavy reliance on a diamond sector that is susceptible to external shocks. As Vice President Gaolathe disembarked the Parliamentary Chamber podium, he had pronounced hope amid a climate of national despair. Now the nation awaits delivery. In the words of Karl Marx, “Philosophers have interpreted the world in various ways. The point, however, is to change it.” **BOPA**

South Africa agricultural exports hit record high despite US tariffs

CAPE TOWN

South Africa’s agricultural exports rose to a record level of US\$15.1 billion in 2025 despite higher US tariffs on most of its products, according to the Agricultural Business Chamber of South Africa (Agbiz). “South Africa’s agricultural exports have remained strong throughout 2025 despite significant trade policy shifts and uncertainty. Agricultural exports in 2025 reached a record US\$15.1 billion, up 10 per cent from 2024,” Agbiz said in its latest report released on Monday. The report attributed the growth to higher production of fruits, grains, sugarcane and wine, as well as improvements in port and logistics efficiencies. By region, Africa remained the largest market for South Africa’s agricultural exports in the last quarter of 2025, taking 53 per cent of the total value. Asia and the Middle East together accounted for 17 per cent, followed by the European Union at 16 per cent, while the Americas made up just 4 per cent. Notably, South Africa’s agricultural exports to the United States totaled US\$504 million in 2025, down 3 per cent from a year

earlier, with shipments falling 11 per cent in the third quarter and 39 per cent in the fourth. Meanwhile, South Africa’s agricultural imports totaled US\$7.8 billion in 2025, up 4 per cent from a year earlier, leaving the sector with a trade surplus of US\$7.3 billion, up 18 per cent year on year. “Overall, in the current environment of heightened geoeconomic tensions, South Africa’s export-oriented agricultural sector must maintain its existing export markets and expand into new ones,” Agbiz Chief Economist Wandile Sihlobo said in the report. The focus for South Africa’s policymakers, agribusinesses and organised agriculture should be on improving logistical efficiency, Sihlobo noted. In addition, the country must work to maintain its existing markets in Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East and the Americas. “South Africa should expand market access to key BRICS countries, including China, India, Saudi Arabia and Egypt. There is also a need to increase focus on the broader Asia and Middle East regions, with the intention of securing lower tariffs and the removal of phytosanitary barriers,” he added. **Xinhua**



SANTIAGO ISLAND - Women collecting seaweed along the shore near the community of Moia Moia in Sao Domingos Municipality in Cape Verde, Wednesday. Women turn seaweed into organic fertilisers, which are then applied to the cultivation of tomatoes, maize and watermelons. Photo: Xinhua

MPs divided over healthcare solutions and economic reforms

GABORONE

The 2026/27 budget deliberations in Parliament have revealed a division among lawmakers, with government defending its heavy investment in healthcare and economic diversification while the opposition warns of recycled promises and fiscal sabotage.

Contributing to the debate, Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse, told Parliament on Wednesday that government remained resolute in its goal to improve the well-being of Batswana through operationalisation of the National Health Insurance (NHI), which is intended to provide equitable healthcare access for all.

To address long-standing service gaps, Mr Ookeditse, also Nata-Gweta MP, said plans were underway to privatise the Central Medical Stores (CMS) to ensure a steady flow of medication and the ministry also digitising healthcare records to streamline service delivery. He dismissed claims of negligence, noting that the ministry had received the largest share of the budget to capacitate facilities and secure medicinal supplies. He also indicated that government was on course to revitalise and diversify the economy through the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BTEP).

He said BTEP would take time but would eventually pay off with spill offs in job creation in future. “We found a dysfunctional economy and we acknowledged that we have

challenges and we are working hard to restore this economy,” he said. On other issues, he said government would continue improving the social safety nets and ensuring that the less privileged were taken care of.

Supporting the budget, Minister of Environment and Tourism and MP for Francistown South, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi, highlighted that BETP had already attracted 186 projects, which showed a shift toward a private-sector-led and export-oriented economy. Mr Mmolotsi also said government prioritised healthcare and allayed allegations that government was not prioritising healthcare delivery.

He condemned leaders that trivialised the medicinal issue as a political gimmick to the extent of alleging that government did not care about lives lost.

“This is the reason why the biggest share of the budget is going towards health ministry,” he said.

He emphasised that government was intentionally moving away from a single-commodity economy by diversifying tourism and moving beyond traditional wildlife into dam and city tourism while also forging new links with international investors to boost income generation.

However, MP for Nkange, Mr Motlhaleemang Moalosi did not support the budget, arguing that it was unsustainable, citing dwindling revenue and rising debt levels. Mr Moalosi raised concerns over the suspension of Government Purchase Orders (GPOs), which he termed economic sabotage. He argued that the move had paralysed essential services, noting that wildlife officers in Tutume were currently unable to respond to emergencies due to the centralised GPO system.

He further argued that his constituency remained neglected, lacking both a referral hospital and reliable water access, while land allocation delays continued to fuel generational poverty. Mahalapye West MP, Mr David Tshire, also Minister of Communications and Innovation, applauded the Minister of Finance for its prudent spending following the GPO suspension.

Mr Tshire also advocated for a modernised, data-driven tax collection system to bolster national revenue. He maintained that taxation was a tool for development, not a means to impoverish citizens, though he joined others in calling for urgent fixes to widespread electricity shortages in his constituency.

BOPA

Govt plans to increase districts


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Population was also part of the criteria to consider beyond size, dynamics such as population density and growth trends and a minimum threshold of 50 000 people was proposed for district designation. Furthermore, the minister indicated that infrastructure and services were also considered where sustainable service delivery was essential.

“Key services, particularly those identified in the National Spatial Plan (NSP) 2036, should be accessible within or near proposed district boundaries,” he said. Nonetheless, he said although the restructuring process had strengthened political authority and decision-making, some districts remained geographically large and required residents to travel long distances to access services at the district headquarters.

“The criteria applied was fair and consistent, as it was intended to improve service delivery and decentralise decision-making,” he added.

Bobirwa legislator, Mr Taolo Lucas had asked the minister to state the criteria that was employed to demarcate the current district councils and whether such criteria fair and consistent. Mr Lucas also wanted to know if there were any intentions to create additional district councils in the next four years. **BOPA**



Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse told Parliament that no expired COVID-19 vaccines were administered to the public, explaining that although over 1.9 million doses worth about P16.9 million were destroyed, all vaccines given to citizens were within WHO and internationally approved shelf lives.

Ookeditse gives clarity on COVID-19 vaccines

GABORONE

The Ministry of Health has confirmed that while over 1.9 million vaccine doses were destroyed at a cost of approximately P16.9 million, no expired vaccines were ever administered to citizens.

Answering a question in Parliament on Wednesday, Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse said any changes to the expiry dates of vaccines, particularly Pfizer, were not unilateral decisions made locally.

Instead, Mr Ookeditse said, the extensions were sanctioned by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and international regulatory bodies like the FDA after rigorous stability testing proved the vaccines remained effective for longer than initially estimated.

“No member of the public was offered or administered expired Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines,” he said.

He added that government emphasised that all doses administered were within their valid and scientifically-approved shelf

lives. Again, he said of the 6 326 694 doses received, a total of 1 917 101 doses, including brands like AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna and Sinovac, were eventually withdrawn from circulation.

He said the expired stock, representing 7.9 per cent of the total supply, was destroyed via high-temperature incineration.

“This method was specifically chosen to mitigate environmental risks, ensuring that no chemicals would leach into the soil or groundwater,” he added.

Furthermore, the assistant minister indicated that the total monetary value of the vaccines lost to expiry was calculated at P16 909 236.

He said while the financial loss was notable, the ministry underscored that the priority remained the prevention of health risks.

Addressing public anxiety regarding long-term side effects or deaths, Mr Ookeditse said there was no evidence linking the vaccination drive to any fatalities from expired doses, as those doses were successfully intercepted before use and that surveillance continued to show no signs of population-level long-term health complications.

The assistant minister said government was committed to international health standards and assured that all medical supplies used in the country continued to undergo strict regulatory oversight.

He was responding to an inquiry by Serowe South MP, Mr Leepetswe Lesedi, who had asked the minister if any members of the public were ever offered COVID-19 expired doses and vaccines as well as the number of people who were given expired Pfizer shots locally and the number of people who died during and after the COVID-19 vaccination.

Mr Lesedi also wanted to know if any vaccines were destroyed, the quantities of those destroyed, the monetary value of all expired and destroyed vaccines and how many Batswana were suffering from the long-term effects of COVID-19 vaccines, among others. **BOPA**

Ministry denies allegations on passports issuance

GABORONE

The Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs has denied allegations that foreigners entering Botswana through unauthorised points are being issued passports from their home countries while inside the country.

Answering a parliamentary question on Wednesday, on behalf of the labour and home affairs minister, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi said while the ministry was not aware of any illegal recipients of travel documents, it facilitated a Mobile Consular Outreach Programme by the High Commission of the Republic of Zimbabwe in early 2025.

Mr Mmolotsi explained that the

outreach, which covered Mahalapye, Francistown and Bobonong, was designed to document Zimbabwean nationals legally residing in Botswana, prevent individuals from becoming stateless, facilitate applications for birth certificates and passports and issue Temporary Travel Documents (TTDs) for those needing to return home for formal replacements.

On issue of fears of a breach in sovereignty, Mr Mmolotsi noted that such services are standard diplomatic practice.

“The initiative by the Zimbabwean High Commission is not out of the ordinary and does not violate Immigration Laws,” he said, adding that Botswana Missions abroad performed the exact same services

for Batswana living in the diaspora. Furthermore, he said the exercise benefitted Batswana citizens as well.

“Parents whose children were born in Zimbabwe were able to process birth certificates and former students were assisted with the authentication of educational documents,” he added.

Furthermore, he said government supported such initiatives aligned

with Botswana’s commitments to the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and the SADC Protocol on Facilitation of Movement of Persons and the African Union Agenda 2063. Parliament also heard that the programme did not encourage illegal entry, as the High Commission only assisted individuals whose documentation and identities can be strictly verified and authenticated.

Serowe West MP, Mr Onalepelo Kedikilwe, had expressed concern that foreigners who entered Botswana through illegal or unauthorised entry points were given passports of their country of origin while in the country, arguing that such a practice might incentivise illegal immigration. **BOPA**

Widow finds solace At the Feet of Jesus

Thelma Khunwane
GABORONE

Silence can sometimes be deafening; a heavy shroud woven from the threads of grief. For Ms Oreeditse Batsweletse of Block 8 in Gaborone that silence began on July 30, 2021.

It was a silence born of isolation, of a husband lost to the pandemic, and of a burial she was forced to witness through the painful lens of absence.

“It left me in a state of indescribable depression. I was going crazy within. There were turbulences I never knew existed,” Ms Batsweletse shares, her voice steady yet carrying the weight of those early days.

Today, that silence has been replaced by the rhythmic harmony of a choir and the renewed energy of community.

Ms Batsweletse now serves as chairperson of the At the Feet of Jesus Widows and Widowers Society, a movement redefining what it means to lose a partner and find strength again.

The society’s journey officially began on July 29, 2025, at the Block 8 Kgotla. Although the group was born out of Ms Batsweletse’s testimony earlier that May, it gained formal recognition on September 11, 2025, when the name At the Feet of Jesus was approved.

The name itself is both a prophetic prayer and a declaration of faith, drawing inspiration from Luke 10:38–42, the story of Martha and Mary. While Martha was distracted by the demands of serving, Mary chose to sit at Jesus’ feet.

“Our prayer for all widows and widowers is to find peace at the feet of Jesus. We want to ensure



Member of Parliament for Gaborone Bonnington North, Ms Maipelo Mophuting-Dikoloti (second right) hosted a luncheon for the resilient women of At the Feet of Jesus in Gaborone. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

that during this season of grieving, we do not lose heart, but instead find the stillness that Mary found. We refuse to be distracted by the cares of this world that can lead to depression,” she said.

The journey from feeling ‘crazy within’ to becoming a community leader was not straightforward. Ms Batsweletse discovered that mainstream support often lacked the depth needed for true healing.

Her recovery began in earnest at the Block 8 Kgotla under the guidance of Kgosi Kenneth Thari, where she exchanged isolation for purpose. Armed with a degree in Business Administration, she began leading morning prayers and assisting with administrative duties.

What started as personal restoration gradually sowed the seeds of what would become a lifeline for dozens of others.

Today, the society has over

30 active members who are confronting wounds that society often overlooks, particularly the painful cultural stigma of being accused of causing a spouse’s death.

“*Batho ba go baya mo leteraseng* people whisper about you while you are listening. It kills a woman’s self-esteem,” Batsweletse says.

The society now serves as a shield against such whispers.

Through partnerships with Botswana Faith Ministries for counselling and a focus on financial literacy, members are empowered to navigate inheritance complexities and move beyond the bitterness that can arise from strained family dynamics.

Their efforts to re-enter community life have not gone unnoticed. In a gesture of support and solidarity, members were recently hosted for lunch by their area Member of Parliament, Ms

Maipelo Mophuting-Dikoloti.

The gathering symbolised a shift from the shadows of grief into the light of civic recognition. The bond

with the MP extends beyond that occasion. Members previously volunteered as ushers during Independence Day celebrations and presented Ms Mophuting-Dikoloti with a size 30 three-legged pot for her wedding in December last year, a gesture steeped in tradition, presence and shared joy.

“Something just strips away the willingness to continue standing,” Ms Batsweletse reflects.

“But we are forcing society to see us, and it is working. Our members are finally coming out of their houses.” The society’s ambition matches the size of its compassion.

Ms Batsweletse envisions a future where the organisation owns factories and businesses to cushion families against financial hardship.

Within five years, she hopes the movement will extend across the country, advocating for the mental and spiritual well-being of the widowed, the divorced, and the orphaned.

Until then, they continue to gather, to pray and to sit ‘at the feet of Jesus’ proving that the soothing balm of a shared journey can transform even the deepest longing into a legacy of strength. **BOPA**



Widows of At the Feet of Jesus are turning shared grief into collective strength.



From silent sorrow to steadfast leadership, Ms Oreeditse Batsweletse stands as a beacon of faith and restoration.

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Ba Shoshong ba farologana ka megopolo

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Banni ba kgaolo ya Shoshong ba amogetse morero wa kgotla ya molao-motheo ka maikutlo a farologanyeng, bangwe ba re ba sebate se molangwana ka lepotlapotla le puso e ikaelelang go tlhoma lekgotla leo fa ba ba amogelang mogopolo ba supile boitumelo.

Banni ba buile jalo mo phuthengong ya kgotla ee neng e buisiwa ke Mothusa Tona wa lephata la Dikgaolo le tsa Ngwao, Rre Ignatius Moswaane kwa motseng oo ka Labobedi.

Ba ba atileng mogopolo ba supile fa kgotla leo le tla araba dikgang tsa ditshwanelo tsa batho tse di tswang kgakala di gatakwa.

Mme ba ba neng ba le kgatlhanong le go tlhongwa ga kgotla eo ba re ba eletsa gore puso e hehogepe pele go dirwa ga molao-motheo mme ke gone ko morago go tlhongwe kgotla ya molao-motheo.

Kgosi Flex Kgamane wa Shoshong a re o eletsa gore Batswana ba neele go tlhongwa ga kgotla leo sebaka gore ba tle ba bone gore le ba tshoetse eng.

Monni mongwe, Rre Samuel Mphoyakgosi a re ene ga a eme nokeng kgang ya kgotla ya molao-motheo ka gore o belaela gore puso e e busang e batla go fithelela dilo dingwe tse Batswana ba sa di bolelelweng, ka jalo a supa fa a eletsa gore tshekatsheko ya molao-motheo e dirwe pele.

Mme Boingotlo Mogate ene o ne a amogela mogopolo wa go tlhomiwa ga kgotla ya molao-motheo a re e ka thusa Batswana ba ditshwanelo tsa bone di tsuololwang.

Mme Cathrine Abonne ene o lemoga gore

O tthalositse fa e le maikaelelo a puso gore ko bofelong ba bo ba tlhoma lekgotla le le ikemetseng le le tla bong le ruta le go kaela setshaba ka molao-motheo ga mmogo le go tsaya megopolo.

kgotla e e botlhokwa ka jaana Batswana ba sa bolo go gatakela ditshwanelo ba sena lentswe go tswa bogologolong, mme a kopa gore thulaganyo ya go tlhomiwa ga kgotla e tsamaisane le thulaganyo e e kwadilweng mo bukeng e e Boitshepo (Baebele).

Rre Robert Molefhabangwe, yo e kileng ya nna Mopalamente a re ene ga a gane e bile ga a amogele mogopolo oo a tthalosa gore o batla go dirwa patlo maikutlo mo setshabeng.

A re go botlhokwa fela thata go tsaya megopolo ya setshaba.

Kgosi Mosinyi Mosinyi o ne a amogela morero wa kgotla ya molao -motheo a re e botlhokwa ka jaana e tla thusa Batswana ba ba tswang kgakala ba gatakela ditshwanelo.

Kgosi Mosinyi a re lekgotla le le ka thusa gape go rarabolola matshwenyego a merafe e e ntseng e sa lemogiwe ke molao-motheo wa lefatshe leno.

Mothusa Tona, Rre Moswaane o ne a tthalosa fa maikaelelo a go tlhomiwa ga

kgotla ya molao-motheo ele nngwe ya meakanya e e ropameng mo maitlamong a mokgatlo wa sepolotiki wa UDC.

O tthalositse fa e le maikaelelo a puso gore ko bofelong ba bo ba tlhoma lekgotla le le ikemetseng le le tla bong le ruta le go kaela setshaba ka molao motheo ga mmogo le go tsaya megopolo.

A re kgotla e e tlabo e ikemetse, e tla thusa Batswana ba ba gataketsweng ditshwanelo go itsheka ka batlaabo ba sa duele sepe.

Rre Moswaane a re morero o ke wa go kopa Batswana go letlelela puso go tlhoma kgotla ya molao-motheo pele go baakanyetsa thulaganyo ya paakanyo ya molao-motheo.

A re kgotla eo etla hema seemo se gompiano Batswana ba senang ko ba ikuelang teng fa ditshwanelo tsa bone di tsuololwa jaaka merafe mengwe e e dumelang fa e sa lemogiwe ke molao-motheo wa nako eno.

Rre Moswaane a re ko bofelong go tla dirwa patlo maikutlo e Batswana ba tlaa ikgethelang gore a ba batla kgotla e kgotsa nnyaya.

Mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Shoshong, Rre Moneedi Bagaisamang o ne a lebogela Mothusa Tona Moswaane morero a bo a phophotha legetla morafe go bo ne o tsile phuthengong ka makata-namane. **BOPA**

Tsamaiso ya go dira melemo ga e itumedise barui

Relief Lephutshi
NTLHANTLHE

Barui ba tshwenyegile thata ka kgang ya Bgore molemo wa mogare wa bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo o dirwa fela morago ga go tshwarwa ga bolwetse mo lefelong lengwe le go dira ditlathlho.

Se ke selemo sa bangwe banni kwa Ntlhantlhe mo phuthengong ya kgotla e e neng e biditswe ke ba lephata la matlhoko a leruo go tswa Moshupa, maikaelelo e le go tsibosa setshaba ka bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo mo kgaolong ya Moshupa.

Morui kwa Ntlhantlhe, Rre Kealeboga Kesekang o tthalositse fa tsamaiso ya gonna jalo e utlwa botlhoko ka jaana le fa bolwetse jo bo bonwe, ba matlhoko a leruo ba tthalosa fa molemo o dirwa dikgomo di setse di bolailwe, a re go dira jalo go supa fa lefatshe le ka se kgone go bo thibela.

“Mo nakong ya gompiano go ka be go tabogiwa ka ditlathlho, go bona gore a bolwetse ga bo ise bo goroge go tswa Dibete go fitlha ka kwano borwa”, ga akgela Rre Kesekang.

O ne a tshwaela ka terata ya taolo matlhoko a loruo a ngongorega ka gore e felela kwa Dibete, e bo e ralala bophara jwa kgaolo go ya go bonala kwa Mamuno.

Ka jalo a re melemo e bophara thata go ka laola motsamano wa bolwetse.

Kgosi Malepa Orengwa wa Ntlhantlhe le ene o ne a iteela kobo moroko matshwenyego ao, a supa fa go tlhokomelwa ga diterata tsa taolo matlhoko a leruo go sa nametse pelo.

Kgosi one a botsa seabe sa puso mo go tlhokomeleng diterata tse, le gore a ko mafelong a barui ba itekang go tsosolosa terata ya molelwane go na le kemo-nokeng nngwe go tswa kwa pusong.

A re maitemogelo a gagwe mo loetong lengwe, go supagetse gore bangwe barui mo dikgaolong dingwe ba supa fa di heke tsa kgaoganyo mafudiso di sa bewa leitlho mo mafelong mangwe, mme a re se se ka rotloetsa go anama ga bolwetse.

Modulasetilo wa Village Extension Team (VET) kwa Ntlhantlhe, Rre Donald Seitsang, yo e bileng e le molemi morui kwa Makopong mo kgaolong ya Kgalagadi

Borwa o tlhomamiseditse banni le barui kwa Ntlhantlhe fa go kgonagala gore barui le setshaba ka kakaretso ba ikopanye, a supa fa bomme le borre kwa Makopong ba ithulagantse go tsosolosa terata ya molelwane go dibela loruo lwa bone.

A re barui mo kgaolong eo, go sa kgathalesege gore ba ruetse bokgakala bokae le molelwane ba eme ka dinao go tsosa terata le go disa dikgomo. O ne a rotloetsa baruwa kgomo kwa Ntlhantlhe gore go ka kgonagala go boloka loruo lwa bone ka go tshwaraganya mabogo go thusana le puso.

“Se ke go ikapola boikotlha jo bo ka tlang kwa morago”, Ga rotloetsa Rre Seitsang.

Fa a tsibogela go bolawa ga dikgomo ka ponyo ya leitlho le ntswa go sena dikai dipe, mokenti wa kgaolo ya Ranaka, Ntlhantlhe le Legkolobotlo, Rre Mogolegi Phatsime, a re mogare wa bolwetse jwa tlhako-le-molomo o anama motlhofo ka jalo dikgomo fa di amile tikologo e e kgotlelesegileng jaaka fa ditloetse ko Afrika Borwa, di a bolawa.

A re se ke tshwetso e e tsibogelang go itsa go kgotlelesega ga tikologo e e senang bolwetse. A re gantsi fa kgomo e supa dikai e a bo e le sesupo sa gore bolwetse bo setse bo aname, a re kgato ya go bolaya e botlhokwa go dirwa, dikai di ise di supege.

O tladitse ka gore mogare o ka tshela mo kgaolong lebaka le le ka fetang dingwaga tse tlhano, a re se ke lebaka le gantsi le diang go buseletsa dikgomo gape mo kgaolong.

Mo godimo ga moo, o sedimoseditse barui gore bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo bo na le megare e ka tshwara bosupa.

“Jaamong go thata gore re ka dira mokento ka jaana ga reitse gore mogang kgaolo e tlhaselwang re ya go tlhaselwa ke mogare ofe wa e e supa”, ga tsibosa Rre Phatsime. A re go dingalo thata ka jaana mogare wa tlhako le molomo o iphetola gantsi.

A re ka gale lefatshe leno le ntse le dirisa mekento e meraro ya tlhako-le-molomo, e le mo nakong eno e dirisiwang mo dikgomong tse di amegileng segolo jang kwa bokone. A re lefatshe la Zimbabwe lone ka gale le ntse le itemogetse megare yotlhe e e supa ya tlhako-le-molomo. **BOPA**

John Mackenzie High School



**P. O. Box 121
Francistown
Botswana**

**Tel : +267 2419799
Fax : +267 242 0162
e-mail : admin.high@jms.ac.bw**

Established in 1899

JOB ADVERT: JOHN MACKENZIE HOSTEL BOARDING MASTER

As John Mackenzie school, we are looking for a dynamic and pivotal boarding master with parental care, firm leadership and administrative efficiency to manage the holistic well-being of students at the Mackenzie boarding house.

The suitable candidate should be able to take on a formal, temporary parenting role and should be able to manage the routines, safety and emotional development of students irrespective of race, colour, gender or religious affiliation.

Key qualities are:

- Empathy and Approachability: He should be kind, patient and accessible. He should be able to create a home away from home atmosphere where students feel safe to discuss personal issues.
- Pastoral insight: The suitable candidate should have deep understanding of adolescent development and should be able to recognize, address and support emotional, social needs of students.
- Relationship builder: One who can develop strong, trusting relationships with students, parents and staff, acting as a key link for communication.
- Leadership and discipline: He must be able to enforce school policies and boarding rules consistently and fairly.
- Clean record: He must have a clean life record with no criminal record of any magnitude.

Requirements:

- Application letter
- A detailed curriculum vitae
- Academic qualifications
- A recent police clearance

If you are interested and can match the above qualities, submit your application to:

principal.high@jms.ac.bw | Closing Date: 12 March 2026

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VACANCY: HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNTING AND BUSINESS STUDIES TEACHER

Position Summary

John Mackenzie High School is seeking a passionate and dedicated High School Teacher to join our vibrant academic team. The ideal candidate will inspire students to achieve high standards, foster a positive, child-centered and inclusive learning environment and contribute to the overall school community. John Mackenzie School is an independent, co-educational English medium school situated in Francistown, Botswana. The school was established in 1899 and has a history spanning almost 127years. We offer Cambridge Primary Checkpoint, IGCSE, AS and A Levels.

Key Responsibilities

- Teach Accounting and Business Studies to Form ones, IGCSE, Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level students
- Deliver engaging lessons and develop lesson plans tailored to diverse learning styles.
- Maintain a safe, respectful and organized learning environment.
- Monitor and evaluate student progress to drive up academic standards.
- Work collaboratively with colleagues, participate in professional development and build strong partnerships with parents and guardians.

Requirements

- Bachelors Degree in Education or relevant subject area.
- Proven experience in high school teaching
- Experience in teaching Accounting and Business Studies at IGCSE, AS and Advanced Level is a must.
- Good communication and leadership skills

What we offer

- Competitive salaries based on market values
- A collaborative and supportive hard-working team of professional teachers

If you are interested and can match the above qualities, please submit the following to the email address at the bottom:

- Application letter
- A detailed curriculum vitae
- Certified Copies of academic and professional qualifications
- Certified copy of birth certificate

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TENDER NUMBER

DESCRIPTION

PRICE (BWP)

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500.00

MS-2026-27-0018

Provision of Perimeter Fencing & Access Control

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MS-2026-27-0019

Provision of Security Services (24HRs- Guarding 24 months)

1000.00

MS-2026-27-0020

Provision of Site Offices

500.00

- The procurement method is open domestic bidding
- The tender evaluation shall follow the least cost based selection method
- Procuring entity- Project Developer Tumsyn Pty Ltd t/a Mr Solar

Interested companies may purchase the tender documents at a non-refundable deposit as set above for each tender, payable only by bank deposit to:

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Reference: company name and tender number

Tender documents will be sent by email to interested companies after payment. Send proof of payment to

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 Phone: 76339534/74208390

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Tender Closing Date: 12 March 2026

NB: Application for this tender qualifies contractors for additional work packages during construction.



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National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency

NAHPA Botswana



‘Settle for cash-only bride price’

Marvin Motlhabane
BIKWE

In a reminder of how a livestock disease can upend centuries-old cultural traditions, authorities are urging families to pay bride price in cash rather than cattle, goats or sheep, as the nation confronts Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak.

The appeal was delivered during recent kgotla meetings in Manyana, Bikwe and Mogonye, where Acting District Agriculture Coordinator for Moshupa District, Mr Othusitse Sebolaakhudu, spoke directly to worried residents.

With sweeping nationwide bans now prohibiting the slaughter, movement and sale of cloven-hoofed animals, even for weddings, funerals and other vital social ceremonies, he called for understanding and cooperation.

“Where cash payment for lobola is not possible, families should postpone the events until the restrictions are lifted,” he said, acknowledging the deep cultural and emotional significance of the tradition.

“These are challenging times, but strict adherence is the only way to contain this highly contagious disease and protect the backbone of our rural economy,” he said.

The outbreak, confirmed in late January 2026, has struck hardest in the North East District along the Zimbabwe border.

Scientific Officer Mr Lyndon Mmelesi outlined the epicenter; confirmed infections at Jackalas No. 1, North East District (Zone 6B). Suspected cases have since appeared in neighbouring Zone 3C, including at Kgari, Moroka and Maitengwe, triggering immediate investigations and a targeted vaccination drive launched in early February, he added. Movement controls have also been tightened in Zones 3B and 7 to block the transport of livestock, feeds and related products.

Botswana’s network of fenced veterinary control zones engineered to contain FMD risks, especially near international borders has so far limited the outbreak largely to the northeast.

Southern districts, including Moshupa, long regarded as a ‘green zone’ free of the disease remain shielded by these broader national safeguards, he said.

Mr Mmelesi urged livestock keepers to watch closely for classic FMD symptoms, which usually appear 2–14 days after infection, being high fever lasting two to three days, profuse and often stringy or foamy drooling, painful blisters and ulcers on the tongue, lips, mouth, teats and between or around the hooves, severe lameness or refusal to walk, loss of appetite, lip smacking, shivering and animals dropping feed while eating.

In cattle the mouth and foot lesions are typically dramatic and unmistakable; in sheep and goats the signs can be far subtler; mild limping or small, easily missed

oral sores.

Once the blisters rupture, raw erosions develop, often leading to secondary infections, sharp weight loss, plummeting milk production and, tragically, high death rates among calves and lambs.

He said the virus races through herds via direct contact, saliva, milk or contaminated equipment, making early reporting a matter of national importance.

Mr Mmelesi cautioned the public about an emerging loophole that could undermine the entire control effort.

“Although donkeys are not cloven-hoofed animals and are

not directly susceptible to FMD, we discourage their slaughter during this period.

We have already seen attempts by some individuals to pass off cattle meat as donkey meat in an effort to evade the restrictions.

Allowing donkey slaughter creates a dangerous cover for illegal cattle slaughter and risks reintroducing infected meat into communities.

The public must understand that any attempt to disguise or mislabel meat from cloven-hoofed animals will be treated as a serious breach of the disease-control measures,” he said.

Violators, he said, could face

severe consequences under Botswana’s Diseases of Animals Act and supporting regulations. Unauthorised slaughter, movement or sale of restricted animals or their products is a criminal offence.



Penalties include fines of up to P5000 and authorities are empowered to seize and destroy implicated animals, and deliberate attempts to spread the disease carry the prospect of harsher prosecution.

With beef exports forming a vital pillar of the country’s economy, the stakes could not be higher. An uncontrolled outbreak jeopardises food security, rural

incomes and the country’s long-standing reputation as a producer of premium, FMD-free beef on the world market, he said.

Mr Mmelesi said residents in affected areas were urged to report any suspicious signs in their livestock to veterinary officers immediately and to observe movement bans and biosecurity rules without exception.

Through sustained community engagement, public education and decisive veterinary action, Botswana is rallying to contain the outbreak, a shared national effort to defend both cultural traditions and the future of its livestock heritage. **BOPA**



AUCTION SALE

The public is informed that BURS (Selebi Phikwe office) intends to conduct public auction on **Wednesday 4th March 2026 to Thursday 5th March 2026** in **Selebi Phikwe State warehouse**.

The goods listed as follow:

DESCRIPTION	
New clothes	Aluminum Pots
Secondhand clothing (bales)	Wooden spoons
Secondhand shoes (bales)	Car parts
Tables	Alcohol
Leather belts	Carpets and curtains
Wooden sticks	Decorating maselo
New shoes	Cigarettes
Perfumes & Deodorants	Rizla

Dates for viewing the goods are the **2nd and 3rd March 2026 from 0800hrs to 1600hrs**.




The following terms and conditions apply



- The items will be viewed **ONLY** on the date given on this advert. There will be no viewing of goods on the auction date.
- Auction will start at 0800hours.
- Items will be sold in lot numbers to the highest bidder. BURS reserve the right to reject any bid.
- All the items will be sold with a reserve price and only bids equivalent or above the reserve price will be considered.
- All items are offered in "as is" condition, i.e. without warranty or guarantee of any kind expressed or implied.
- The auction sale will be open to **Botswana citizens only and wholly citizen owned companies**.
- Proof of identity (**Omang**) will be required for **registration/ company certificate** and contact details.
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- Lots may only be collected from the auctioning premises upon presentation of an official receipt of purchase. All sold items should be paid and collected by the end of each Auction day.
- BURS shall not be responsible for the safe custody of sold items.
- The handling and removal of the sold items shall be at the sole risk and expense of the successful bidder.
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I WOULD LIKE to open a bottle store at plot no 913 Mosanta Mochudi. Any obligation contact commercial office in Kgatleng council.

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FARM WORKER WANTED in Lentsweletau. Cell: 73297502

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FARM WORKER WANTED urgently in Letlhakeng for horticulture with references, non smoker and non alcoholic. Contact 71621395.

WANTED: FARM WORKER at Gamongweotsile. Apply: Kgotlaetsile Ragabane Box 200133 Kanye. Closing date: 28/02/2026

RE BATLA MODISA wa dipodi ko Potsane mo kgaolong ya Ramotswa ka potlako. Leletsa 71312927 kana 73712211

FARMWORKER WANTED AT Makuta contact Kelebile Hubona 71746772 Box 27 Tutume

FARM WORKER WANTED at Setatse Fields, Palapye. The Manager, Box 995, Palapye.

3 FARM WORKERS Wanted in Senyawe. Apply to Phillipa Tendayi. Box 3066 Francistown 71409266

KE BATLA MODISA ko Kudumane, Box 1055 Mahalapye

FARM WORKER URGENTLY needed at Matshelagabedi. Extension. Apply to Dianah Sabata. Box 11744, Tatitown, Francistown 77125709

FARM WORKERS ARE wanted for the following vacancies: potato x4, mushroom x2, rabbits/guinea fowl x1 and garlic/ginger x1. They will be situated at Molengwane/Kweneng. Email: takuwa@gmail.com, cell number 77184533. Deadline for submission is 16/02/26

HERDBOY WANTED AT SEMOLALE VILLAGE, BOBIRWA DISTRICT CONTACT PERSON: ONKARABILE DIKINYA (77181158/ 73225394)

AGENTLY IN NEED of farm worker, Apply to Brodeville Holdings Pty Ltd. P O Box 1163 Mahalapye

FARM MANAGER, ANIMAL husbandry worker & five farm workers needed at Agribees Holdings Farm operating at Plot 90 Senthane Farms. Contact 73516727.

FARM WORKER WANTED. Please call 74045256. Atleast 5 years experience for horticulture.

URGENTLY LOOKING FOR a farm worker at Makolo Farms. Apply to Florance Mokane, Box 501111 Gaborone. Closing date 27-02-2026.

POULTRY FARM WORKER wanted at Marapong/ Semitwe lands. Apply to P O Box 1069, Francistown. Call +267 75643836

WE ARE LOOKING for a herdboy/ farm labour to work at our farm at Moko Farms Serowe. Apply to Bagomotsi Ramontsho P O Box 1135 Serowe or send your cv to 71695671

FARM WORKER WANTED. Farm worker wanted at Moralane, Tsumpane ward (Mahalapye) Apply to: Mojiwa Ramaloko P O Box 3371 Mahalapye. Closing date: 28/02/2026

LOOKING FOR A farm worker/ herdboy at Kweneng District Dutlwe. Contact address: P O Box 30551 Tlokweng or call 00267 71292308.

FARM WORKER WANTED in Lentsweletau, for more information call 75668261 G. Gadifele

GENERAL FARM WORKER required with at least 12 years' experience in sheep farming, especially exporting to America. Experience in maintenance and general farming equipment a must. Work experience in America shall be a benefit. Contact jillianvn@hotmail.com P O Box 491 Tsabong or Pieter cell: 73668417. Closing date 06-03-2026

FARM WORKER WANTED at Ditladi. Box 464 Tonota. Contact Dinah Matshemeko 74282621

HERD BOY WANTED at Serule 72681482/76293854

INVESTMENTS HOUSE NEEDS two farm workers in Ditladi Box 500053 Tatitown Call Douglas Nkiwane 71508362

FARM MANAGER WANTED at Abakhudu farm, requirement: Diploma in Agriculture or related fields contact Legusto Investment (Pty) Ltd, Letlhakane cell 75268868/77174083

LOOKING FOR TWO farm workers in Mochudi. Bettab Investments, P O Box 502330, Gaborone. 71524776

FARM WORKER WANTED Sebina cross. Mbo Osego, Box 3754 Gaborone 71893669

FARM WORKER WANTED at Sekoding near Bobonong. Contact 72873001/71862164

KE BATA MODISA WA DIKGOMO KO BOLOPELA, BOBONONG. 77182221

WANTED FARM WORKER Borolong farm P/Bag 001 Serule 74667829

1 FARM MANAGER, 2 farm workers needed Marokolwane. Apply P O Box 1396 Mochudi. Attention Ms Mukuware

FARM WORKER URGENTLY required at Kumakwane. Apply to Vincent Dickson P O Box 40 Kumakwane. Cell: 75137009

TWO FARM HERDMEN wanted around Lobatse. Apply to A.G. Duplessis Odendaalsrust farm. P O Box 99 Lobatse or contact number 71304897. Closing date 02 March 2026

WANTED: FARM WORKER, Semolale Farm, Bobonong P O Box 1281. Call: 71268934/ 72131737.

2 FARMWORKERS WANTED at Gadile. Apply: Tlhapiso Lesole 71703240. Box M1082 Kanye. Closing date 27/02/2026.

SHINDINGS (PTY) LTD wants (5) five experienced horticulture farm workers at plot 32860, Glenvalley Gaborone. Contact W.J. Henning 74712178. Closing date 21/02/2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000530/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late ANNAH JOHANNA HERBST & CHRISTIAAN HERBST who both died at Pretoria, Republic of South Africa on the 09th June 2023 and 01st June 2024 respectively.

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 GABORONE on 10th this Day of FEBRUARY 2026

The Executor
Louis Herbst
P O Box 744, Lobatse
Tel: 76556908

The Executor
Marius Hugo Hamann
C/o Motsamai Attorneys
P O Box 20157, Gaborone
Tel 3924837 / 72958038

NEIGHBOR CONSULTATION FOR PLOT 14381

The owner and lessor of **plot 14381 Gaborone Bus Rank Precinct** seeks to change the use of the plot from industrial (Mortuary) commercial and to further develop a filling station within it. Any objections or clarifications regarding the proposed development should be forwarded to Gaborone City Council Physical Planning Office Telephone no **3695003/02** within **Fourteen (14) days** of this publication.

JOB VACANCY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

Company : Marula Expeditions Travel (Pty) Ltd
Industry : Tourism & Safari
Location : Plot 16732, Corner Road, Maun, Boyei
Closing Date : 14 days after publication

Marula Expeditions Travel (Pty) Ltd is a tourism company based in Maun, specialising in showcasing the unrivalled beauty, culture, and wildlife of Southern Africa. We offer bespoke travel experiences, including luxurious safaris and expertly planned itineraries across iconic game reserves.

Key Responsibilities

1. Provide strategic leadership and overall management of the company.
2. Oversee operations and delivery of bespoke safari and travel experiences.
3. Drive business growth and represent the company to key stakeholders.

Minimum Requirements

4. Proven experience in the tourism and safari industry.
5. Relevant qualification in Tourism or a related field.
6. Strong leadership and management skills.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit their applications via email to:
neil@africabushcamps.com

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Branch Manager: Botswana



This position is responsible to direct and organise the human, economic and material resources of a Branch, meet Branch objectives to deliver growth, profitability, and customer/employee satisfaction targets.

Key responsibilities include:

- Control the implementation of sales and commercial policy in the branch, per the established procedures.
- Promote, motivate, coordinate, and direct the activities of the branch, to deliver the objectives of client satisfaction.
- Coordinate the development and execution of all works, optimize the workgroups, tools, and means to meet the objectives of invoicing, activity, yield, and quality of the works.
- Organize and control the supervision of New and Modern jobs.
- Manage daily sales business operations to achieve sales budget.
- Ensure enough bids and hits are generated (sales cockpit).
- Analyze root causes for deviations and set up corrective actions.
- Ensure target achievement, actions implementation and follow-up and develop corrective actions.
- Control the application of the safety and health guidelines in house and on site.
- Enforce systematic sales management practices with processes and tools applied.
- Ensure the correct sales and booking processes are adhere to.
- Coordinate labor relations in agreements with the effective Labour norms and process in line with local legislation.
- Perform development reviews and performance appraisals for all staff, to identify development needs.

- Actively develop staff (quality, efficiency, customer orientation etc.).
- Develop the technical expertise of technicians.
- Ensure Compliance according to Safety and Quality Standards
- Authorize first level pricing escalation.
- Review pricing decisions and ensure discount decisions in line budget and strategy.
- Control Branch expenses, optimize the management of Branch purchases and stock.
- Apply the company's financial policies to all Branch activities according to the established procedures and guidelines.
- Providing feedback on project profitability (PPG) to line management.

Knowledge & Skills:

- Technical Leadership Skills – proven record
- Minimum 5 years working experience in the Lift / Escalator Industry
- High level of integrity
- Results-oriented, strategic thinker and planner
- Sales experience will be an advantage.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Advance computer skills (SAP knowledge is an advantage)

Education:

Engineering / Business Management Diploma or Degree
4-5 years managerial experience
Trade Test – Lift Mechanic essential

Location: Gaborone

SchindlerBotswana
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Closing Date: 27 February 2026

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FEMALE FARM WORKER wanted. Farm location JN 15 Lorolwane. Contact 76532493 or email application to sokologangrabokala@ymail.com alternatively write to P O Box 40742 Gaborone. Worker should be between ages 25-35.

FARM (ONE) WORKER Wanted (Matshelagabedi) Stone Creek farm. Box 30232 Francistown 74367599

ONE FARM LABOURER wanted (Tutume). Lovemore Gwakuba, Box 10614 Tatitown 77607471

FARM WORKER NEEDED by Shalom RainPark Developers. Box 53576, The farm is at Tlokweng

KE BATA MODISA WA DIKGOMO KO BOLOPELA, BOBONONG. 77182221

FARM LABOURERS WANTED to apply at Cecil waters Box 361 Ghanzi

TWO FARM WORKERS wanted at Matshelagabedi Area Box 11535 Matshelagabedi Mr S Jairosi 75254466

LOOKING FOR TWO farm workers in Mochudi. Bettab Investments, P O Box 502330, Gaborone. 71524776

I'M LOOKING FOR a herdboys aged 30 above. Contacts 71666640/76943002

FARM WORKERS NEEDED-Rasesa. Call 71325521

FEMALE FARM WORKER wanted Box 213 Gaborone 77576846

MISCELLANEOUS

WINDOOR WORLD: LOOKING for technical manager 2+ years experience. Tel: 3933861
DREAMHOUSE JOINERY: LOOKING for Sales Manager. 2+ years experience. Tel: 3933861

HOUSEMAIDS

I REQUEST FOR a house maid from Zimbabwe. Contact Ellestinah Piyo. Cell: 71338299

HOUSE MAID WANTED. We seek the services of an experienced house maid with Indian cuisine cooking skills. Must know your way around the kitchen in making various Indian dishes and more. Should be clean, reliable and ready to work in Francistown. Contact: 74598154

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 17615 Gaborone West would like to change land use from single residential to multi residential. For any objections, contact Gaborone physical planning office on 3657400 within 14 days of this publication

OWNER OF PLOT 77320, GNorth, Gaborone intends to erect a boundary wall. For any objection contact Gaborone city council at 3657400 or Ramokotopo M. Serefete at 72712784

THE OWNERS OF a farm in Toteng along A3 next to the Khoemacau staff house wishes to develop a junction into their farm/commercial property. The proposed drawings can be viewed at the Roads Department (Central Government) in Maun. For further clarification please call 76272747

I OWNER OF plot 2696 at Oodi would like to change land use from residential to multi-residential on Portion B any neighbouring plots if they have any objection shall contact Kgatleng district council within 14 days of publication.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 9390, Tlokweng, Letlapeng, intends to change land use from single residential to multi residential. For any objection, contact Tlokweng Physical Planning on telephone 3695041.

OWNER OF PLOT 6583 at Tlokweng Mmaratanang ward wishes to erect a boundary wall. Any objections contact Tlokweng district council physical planning office within 14 days of publication notice

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND USE, Owner of Plot 11245 intends to change land use from residential to guest house in Kazungula Flower town to guest house. Anyone with issues should contact Chobe District Council Control office on 6254682

CHANGE OF LAND use. Owner of Plot No. 4417 Block 5 Mogoditshane, intends to change the land use from single to multi-residential. Any objection regarding this proposal should be forwarded to Mogoditshane/ Thamaga District Council within 14 days at Physical Planning office or call 3931537/ 8.

OWNER OF PLOT 23174 in Mogoditshane, Nkoyaphiri wishes to change residential plot to multi-residential. Any objection contact Mogoditshane- Thamaga District council physical planning department at 3166646

OWNER OF PLOT 1601, Tlokweng Metlhabeng, would like to change land use from single-family residential to multi-family residential. For any objections contact Tlokweng physical planning office, telephone 3925242, in writing, within (14) days publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 7503 Civic and community in Thamaga wishes to change to commercial. Any objections contact Mogoditshane- Thamaga District at 3166646.

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No.2180/2006 dated 08-day September 2006 made in favor of REBABONYE PHARITHI.

CERTAIN: Piece of land being, LOT 22721 Gaborone
SITUATE: In Gaborone G West Extension 17 four sq
MEASURING: 584m², Five Hundred and Eighty-four

All persons having objected 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 this notice hereof.

DATED AT Gaborone ON THIS 14th DAY OF August 2025.

APPLICANT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB-000163/24

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE KGOTLAETSE KOKWE AND KEITUMETSE KOKWE who died at Bamalete Lutheran Hospital, Ramotswa District, Botswana on the 6th day of October 2017 and Thamaga Primary Hospital, Thamaga, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 12th March 2021 respectively.

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 ATON THEDAY OF 2026

The Executrix
Kelebogile Kokwe
P. O. Box 643, THAMAGA
Cell: 726330065 / 75606427

Change of Land use

BOIPELO ZWINILA, owner of a plot legally referred to as Lot No. 16710 Maratadiba / Tlokweng notifies the public of her wish to change land use of her plot from single-family residential to multi-family residential.

In case of any objections, please contact Physical Planning Department in Tlokweng District Council or call them at Telephone Nos. 3695002 / 3695042 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that GAEYO MOTHEI intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. FT 317/2024 dated 27th day of June 2024 made in favour of GAEYO MOTHEI in respect of:-

CERTAIN : piece of land being Lot 36522, Francistown;
SITUATE : In Francistown Extension 55;
MEASURING : 513 m2 (Five Hundred and Thirteen Square Metres);

Any person having objection to the issue of such a copy is hereby required to lodge the same, in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag F72 Francistown within 3 (THREE) weeks of the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

RESHENG RESHENG ATTORNEYS

P. O Box 26014, Gaborone, Plot 23952, Phase 4, Tel: +267 3119091, Mobile: +267 77 622 313
E-mail: thapyd@gmail.com

RHINO PLANT HIRE is looking for an experienced FITTER & TURNER MACHINIST/ HEAVY PLANT MECHANIC.

To apply for the position the applicant should have the following Qualifications & Minimum 5 years' experience:

- Class one skilled worker fitter & turner, including machining
- Certificate in machine shop engineering training
- Certificate in hydraulics & Pneumatics
- Certificate in Supervisory Management
- Certificate in Principals & practice of supervisory management
- Certificate in Production & General Engineering
- Machining, Modifying & manufacturing various components in house for heavy plant machinery using lathes, milling machines, Grinders. Etc
- Experience in machining bushes & pins to required standard & quality
- Must be experienced in Hydraulics & Pneumatic Systems including fault finding and diagnostics.
- Experience with Hitachi Excavators (20-40ton), JCB, Shantui front end loaders, Hidromek & Komatsu Excavators, Cat Graders, Cat Dozers; including fault finding/ diagnostics & repairs of the above.
- Be able to Implement Maintenance systems for machinery/ service schedules.
- Management of site mechanics out of Gaborone.
- Procurement capabilities- sourcing & ordering parts
- Must have good communication skills

CV's to be submitted by 16th February 2026 to
workshop@rhinoplanthire.co.bw or Po Box 502130, Gaborone.

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intentions to apply for a certified copy of the Deed No FT 420 / 2010 dated the D1 / 06 / 2010 made in favour of Estate of the late Babile Mothudi in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being 6228, Selebi Phikwe
MEASURING: 490m²(FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY SQUARE METERS)
SITUATED: In Selebi Phikwe Township Extension 12
HELD UNDER: FT 420/2010

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

Dated: 09/02/2026. ADDRESS: P O Box 4, Francistown

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
DANIEL P. JARABANE	ESHFT-000983-25	14/04/2026	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 06TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed NO: T6 221/2013 dated 8th day of July 2013 made in favour of MOAGI DWIGHT KGOBOKANO BATHULENG In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of Land being T6 221/2013
SITUATE: in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 2.4617 Ha, Two Comma Four Six One Seven Hectars
HELD UNDER: Diagram DSM NO 1916/2013 Survey by Land surveyor Wilson Mhuri in June 2013

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 11TH DAY OF February 2026

Moagi D.K. Bathuleng
APPLICANT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN MASTERS REFERENCE: ESHFT: 000259-25

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
IN THE ESTATE of the late **PETER CHAKE ESHFT-000259-25** who died at LOBATSE SABRANA HOSPITAL, SOUTH EAST DISTRICT on the **19TH JANUARY 2025.**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 09th OF FEBRUARY 2026

OEMELENNA CHAKE SEBETLELA
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 301645
FRANCISTOWN

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



Kwadiwa (Pty) Ltd

t/a Kwadiwa Game Lodge & Resort
VAT No: C41769701113
Baines Drift, Tuli Block
Private Bag 62, Palapye
info@kwadiwaranch.com / www.kwadiwaranch.com
+267 76 475 132

EXTERNAL ADVERT: VACANCY CIRCULAR NUMBER 1 OF 2026

Applications are invited from suitably and self-motivated, energetic and innovative qualified persons for the below post tenable at Kwadiwa Ranch in Baines Drift.

FARM WORKER x 4

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB

To carry out general farm duties at Kwadiwa Ranch.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Must be able to read/speak English
- Must be able to work long hours
- Must be able to work during the weekends and public holidays

MAIN DUTIES

- General farm maintenance and up keep.
- Must be able to prune trees and cultivate in the garden of ploughing field
- Must have understanding of chemicals used in farming i.e., fertilizers and pesticides.

All applications should be addressed to:

The Human Resources Officer
Makoro Brick & Tile (Pty) Ltd
Private Bag 62 Palapye

Email: careers@makoro.co.bw

If you do not get response within 7 days of the closing date know that your application was unsuccessful.

Closing Date: 05TH MARCH 2026

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
Masters Reference No. ESHGB 00018-25

IN THE JOINT ESTATE of the late MALEFSHWANE ELLEN DISWAI who died at Deborah Retief Memorial Hospital, Mochudi in the Kgatleng District, Botswana on the 8th August 2021 and the late PHIRI MOSES DISWAI who died at Deborah Retief Memorial Hospital, Mochudi in the Kgatleng District , Botswana, on the 28th June 2024.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT of the above-cited Estate will lie for inspection at the Chambers of the Assistant Registrar and Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of **twenty one (21) days** from the date of date of publication hereof.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 11th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

The executrix
COLLEEN TINY NEO DISWAI AND SEDIKWA DISWAI
P.O. Box 1139, Mochudi

AND TO: Registrar and Master
High Court of Botswana
Administration of Justice, Gaborone

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO
DISTRIBUTE LAND TO A NON-CITIZEN

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Tribal land act of 2018, that Mitch Investments (Pty) Ltd hereby gives notice of the intention to Cede and transfer the under- mentioned property to BRAHMAN MEAT MARKET (PTY) LTD Namely:

CERTAIN: Warehouse

SITUATED: At Bakgatla Tribal area OODI

BEING: In Extent Measuring Approximately 800.1570 sqm

Certificate of Customary land grant entered into by the between:
MITCH INVESTMENTS (PTY) LIMITED ON THE 7TH DECEMBER 2023
The Transaction is valued at P 550,000.00 (Five hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula only) by virtue of this notice, any citizen willing and able to likewise conclude such transaction may make a similar offer through Oodi Sub Land board

P. O. Box 002, Oodi or submit at the office of the here undermentioned within 30 (Thirty Days) of this publication notice. To receive priority notwithstanding the proposed transaction set out above.

Dated AT GABORONE THIS 09th DAY FEBRUARY 2026

LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that I intend applying for a certified copy of Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA 56/2001 dated the 26th day of February 2001 made in favour of CHURCHILL TUKULA MAGOWE, in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Tribal Lot 1 Mmadinare;
SITUATE: in Bangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 990m² (Nine Hundred and Ninety Square Metres);
HELD: under Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA 56/2001 dated the 26th day of February 2001 made in favour of CHURCHILL TUKULA MAGOWE;

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

Dated at Gaborone this day of 2026.

THE EXECUTOR (BOITSHOKO MANYAAPELO)
P.O. Box 20073, Gaborone
71531244

NOTICE OF LOST TITLE DEED

Notice is hereby given that the **Title Deed No. FTTL119/2010** in respect of **Plot No. 18688**, Palapye Industrial, registered in the name of **Nkaboa Milling**, is missing. Any person in possession of or with information regarding this document is requested to report to the undersigned. Any unauthorized use is unlawful.

Contact: **Thato Masiapeto**
+267 71844665 / +267 71553677

JOB TITLE: PROJECT MANAGER

COMPANY: Purple Duty Private Limited | LOCATION: Gaborone, Botswana | POST DATE: 09 February 2026

ROLE OVERVIEW: Purple Duty is seeking a suitably qualified Engineer for the role of Project Manager. The ideal individual must: hold an Engineering (or related) degree; possess relevant experience; be an effective communicator; be willing to relocate; be a quick learner and adapter; be willing to work overtime.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES: Oversee projects assigned through planning, organising and directing. Ensuring projects are completed in a timely manner, on budget and within scope. Be proficient in the use of engineering software and techniques.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The contract is expected to last for three years, with room for renewal. Applications will be accepted until the **21st of February 2026**.

TO APPLY: Send your CV and Cover Letter in PDF format to the following email: **marketing.purpleduty@gmail.com**

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

Please take notice in terms of Section 34 (1) (a-e) of the Tribal Land Act, 2018 that Bontle Metlhaleng of P O Box 7 Bokaa intends to enter into a sale agreement with Hydro-Mobile Technologies (Pty) Ltd, a beneficiary company owned by a non-citizen, in respect of the undermentioned property for the sum of **P280,000.00** namely

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Portion A of Ploughing Field, Ruele.
SITUATE : At Ruele in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : 2.090 hectares
HELD UNDER : Certificate of Customary Land Grant issued by Oodi Sub Land Board and made in favour of **BONTLE METLHALENG**.

By virtue of this notice, any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the above-mentioned property shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the parties.

Any citizen objecting to this transaction should do so, in writing, to Kgatleng Land Board within thirty (30) days of this publication of this notice. Inconvenience

S. G Mariri Attorneys (Attorneys, Notaries & Conveyancers)
Lot 7906, Segogwane Way, Maruapula, Gaborone
P O Box 793 AAH, Gaborone | **Contacts:** 391 0606 / 71 487 747 / 75 300 361

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 2596/2010 dated the 27th day of October 2010 made in favour of **KEBAFALOTSE SEKANA** in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 56968, Gaborone;
SITUATE: in Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 375m² (Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Square Metres);

WHICH
ROPERTY: is held under Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 2596/2010 dated the 27th day of October 2010 made in favour of **KEBAFALOTSE SEKANA**;

SUBJECT TO: the reservations and conditions contained in the aforesaid Deed.

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 28th January 2026.

WINFRED MASITHA LEGAL PRACTICE
P. O. BOX 1511
PLOT 19201, PHASE 2, GABORONE
TEL: 76050594/73566512

Application for a Certified Copy Lost Deed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Notarial Deed of Cession No MA562/2013 dated the 17th day of July 201, made in favour of **SEA CREST HOLDINGS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** in respect of the below mentioned property namely:

CERTAIN: piece of land being tribal Lot No 76, Rasesa
SITUATE: in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory,
MEASURING: 1617 m² (One thousand Six hundred and seventeen Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Notarial Deed Cession No MA562/2013 dated 17th day of July 2013 in favour of **SEA CREST HOLDINGS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED**.

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 publication of this notice hereof.

DATED at Gaborone this 5th Day of February 2026
MOARSH HOLDINGS for the applicant plot 1248 Block One Mmopane, Botswana P O Box 2720 Aad Gaborone Telephone : + (267) 391 10990 + (267) 728484472

MAJOR BLUE AIR

MAJOR BLUE AIR REQUIRES **AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER** (AVIONICS ENGINEER)

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- Education:** Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering or equivalent
- Professional/Technical: Aircraft maintenance engineer's license (Avionics) with B4 and B6 rating
- Experience:** At least 2–3 years experience in aircraft maintenance environment

Candidates meeting the above criteria should send their CVs through to:

Major Blue Air Pty Ltd, P O Box 1299, Gaborone, Botswana, Tel: 3937340
Physical Address: SSKI Hanger Arc, Unit 153 / Inside SSKI Terminal Building, Gaborone

Email: md@majorblueair.com

Closing date: 03 March 2026

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
KOOTLOGETSE KOKORO & GAGOTHONA KGOMPHIRI	ESHFT-000543-24	15-04-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 9TH FEBRUARY 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
OGANNE MORAPEDI	ESHFT-001164-25	21-04-2026	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 09TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD
FRANCISTOWN

ESHFT 000 121-23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE STATE of the late Mareledi Molsoma Giddie, ESHFT 000 121-23 who died at Mafikeng, Republic of South Africa on the 6th of August 2003. Notice is hereby given that the debtor and creditor 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.

DATES AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 11th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

Shadrack Giddie
Executer Dative
P O Box 40311, Gaborone

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

INTENT TO CHANGE LAND USE

The Proctor Family Trust, being the owner of Plot 34859, Gaborone, Block 8, hereby proposes a change of land use from single-family residential to multi-family residential.

This notice serves to inform the owners of adjacent and neighbouring plots.

Any objections to the proposed change must be lodged within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice and should be directed to Gaborone City Council using the contact details below:

Tel: +267 365 7400, Fax: +267 390 0141
Physical Address: Plot 330, Independence Avenue, Gaborone, Botswana
Postal Address: Private Bag 0089, Gaborone, Botswana

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 17550 at Tlokweg Masetheng wishes to erect a boundary wall. Any objection contact Tlokweg district council physical planning unit 3695000

CHANGE OF LAND use. The plot owner, 10382 would like to change land use from residential to commercial, (Restaurant). For any objections you can contact 3657400, Gaborone City Council Physical Planning office within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice. Contact No. 71320861.

OWNER OF LOT 18916, Phase 2, Gaborone intends to change land use from single residential to multi-residential family home. The public is being noticed. Enquiries should be directed to GCC office No. 3657400

OWNER OF LOT 8296, Ext. 25, Gaborone intends to change land use from single residential to multi-residential family home. The public is being noticed. Enquiries should be directed to GCC office on 3657400

NOTICE, MODPOD HOLDINGS (PTY) LTD, to construct a residential double storey at Plot No.633 at Sky township in Tatisiding. Any surrounding neighbors that may have a complaint with this development may contact Tatisiding council.

CATCH FABRIC MART (Pty) Ltd owner of plot No. 1014 and 1015 Ext 2, Gaborone informs neighbours on plot No.s 1008, 1009, 1013 & 1016 it's intention to consolidate and change land use from residential to commercial. Contact GCC on 3657400 for any clarifications

I BOTSALO LESANG Moroka id ID#741822407, owner of plot 5002 Tlokweg, Block 4 would like to change land use from residential use to multi-residential

OWNER OF LOT 3934, Mmathubudukwane, intends to change land use from single family residential to commercial. Objections may be lodged with the Kgatleng district council physical planning office (5773512) or 77885228 within fourteen days of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND use. The plot owner 2877 wishes to change land use from single residential to multi- residential family. For any objections please contact 3105615 Mogoditshane Physical Planning Office within fourteen days of publication of this notice.

VACANCIES

SENSATION NAIL STUDIO
Looking for a nail and beauty therapist with a certificate or Diploma in the beauty therapy with more than 3 years experience. ITEC or CIDESCO Diplomas are an added advantage. Closing date : 25 February 2026. Email : sensationnailstudio1@gmail.com. Call : 77622822 or drop your CV at Bontleng plot 2107

QUALIFIED TEACHERS WITH at least five years experience urgently wanted. Apply to the Manager, St Bridget Pre-school Tonota. P O Box 19 Shashe. Contact 74626659.

MARKETING MANAGER. A reputed company in Gaborone is looking for a Marketing person to be appointed immediately. Call: 74422775/ 3190931

PROJECT INSTALLATION MANAGERS X3 with 5 years experience in installation of Hatchery YFDF 1152 MD incubators. Will be responsible for the installation operation execution, tool and equipment management, safety guarantee and maintenance. Apply to: Beijing Yunfeng Limin Livestock Equipment Co.Ltd C/O Box 47375 Phakalane Gaborone.

CLOUD/DATA SECURITY specialist required. Relevant Degree 10 years experience in cyber security, cloud computing. Apply - Endeni Lan Technologies, Box 238ABF, Gaborone (Closing 27/02/2026)

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Network Engineer (Cisco & AVTECH Environmental Monitoring Expertise)

Our organization is seeking a Network Engineer with strong Cisco networking skills and hands-on experience in AVTECH environmental monitoring solutions. This role is ideal for professionals who thrive in dynamic environments, combining technical precision with operational awareness to safeguard both digital and physical infrastructures. The candidate should possess the following requirements:

- Cisco (CCNA Routing and Switching) certification knowledge from any year.
- Network Engineering Diploma / Degree.
- Strong grasp of TCP/IP, subnetting, NAT/PAT, and SNMP.
- Experience with AVTECH Room Alert systems or similar monitoring solutions.
- Familiarity with WAN technologies, VPNs, and network security fundamentals.
- Excellent troubleshooting, documentation, and communication skills.

Applicants should have 3–5 years of professional experience in network engineering. Relevant internship experience may also be considered if candidates can demonstrate practical skills and readiness for the role.

Communicate with: **admin@gridironengineering.co.bw, PO Box 25134 Gaborone (+267) 72589122**

Application close date: **27th February 2026**

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
MOGAKOLODI MASHONA	ESHFT-000619-25	21-04/26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE TRIBAL LAND TO A NON-CITIZEN

This serves as a notification, in accordance with section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, that BOINEELO KEHUPETSE OF ID: 719016111 has entered into sale agreement with EPHRAIM MUSOSI, holder of passport No. FN507592, a non-citizen, for the sale of the following property:

Property Details: Residential Plot No. 15597 (portion of lot 13573 Tsabong)
Location: TSABONG
Size: 875m²
Development: None

Any citizen interested in a similar transaction for this property shall be given priority, regardless of the agreement reached between the parties. Should any citizen wish to object to this transaction, they must do so in writing to the Kgalagadi Land Board, Private Bag 4, Tsabong within thirty days (30) of the date of this publication.

TOP INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING BOTSWANA / SHAANXI CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING GROUP CORPORATION LIMITED

VACANCIES

We are inviting applications for the below mentioned positions; Note the Requirements & Responsibilities

1. PROFESSIONAL CODED WELDER (3)

- Ability to achieve 100% steel structure/buildings
- Prepare materials through cutting, grinding, and fitting prior to welding
- Identify and repair welding defects when required
- Maintain welding equipment and ensure safe handling of tools and materials
- Must possess a relevant certificate
- Fluent in both Chinese & English

2. CHINESE CUISINE COOK (1)

- Prepares Chinese dishes (Shaanxi Cuisine Style)
- Possesses ability to use specialized Chinese cooking equipments and tools
- Ensures that the kitchen area and food preparation are always upheld to health and safety standards
- Must possess a relevant certificate
- Relevant experience of not less than five (5) years

3 MECHANIC ENGINEER (2)

- Identifying deficiencies in mechanical processes and developing improvements
- Developing, initiating and managing all phases of projects
- Ensures that all mechanical systems work safely and efficiently to meet user needs
- Must possess a relevant engineering degree
- Atleast 25 years of experience

4. CONTRACT MANAGER (1)

- Prepare and monitor contract agreement
- Prepares and monitor work program
- Prepare reports and overall supervision of works
- Must possess a relevant Diploma or Degree
- Atleast 7 years of experience
- Fluency in speaking and writing Chinese is an added advantage

CLOSING DATE: 28th February 2026

Competent and qualified candidates should email or post their CV's to the Personnel Manager at; Shaanxi Construction Engineering Group Corporation Limited / Top International Engineering Botswana

The Human Resources Manager
Private Bag 13, Mogoditshane
Tel: 311 8015 | tiecbotshr@gmail.com

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
RICHWELL MATENGU	ESHFT-000127-26	22-04-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 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
THABO TUELO & JOYCE TUELO	ESHFT-000784-25	21-04-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administrative of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
NORMAN MOYO	ESHFT-000055-26	23-04-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 09TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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KENNETH WOTO	ESHFT-001496-25	06-05-26	0900HRS	SARM

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000795/25**

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Officials welcome free trade agreement with China

JOHANNESBURG

South African officials and experts have welcomed the signing of an agreement with China, saying that it was expected to give South African goods duty-free access to the Chinese market.

Signed last week during a visit to China by Parks Tau, South Africa's Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, the Framework Agreement on Economic Partnership paves way for an Early Harvest Agreement due by the end of March 2026, which will grant duty-free access for South African exports and encourage more Chinese investment.

Speaking to Xinhua at the Chi-

nese New Year reception in Johannesburg on Monday, Ntombizanele Sifuba, a member of the Free State Executive Council for sports, arts, culture and recreation, said the move would help create and sustain jobs, and grow the economy.

"There are countries that have been threatening us with tariffs, and this opportunity will go a long way in boosting our economy.

This is a progressive move. China is choosing not to develop alone but to pull others up. This will help to save jobs and cushion us against tariffs," said Sifuba. She noted that South Africa faced persistently high unemployment and welcomed China's support in addressing the challenge. Official data showed

the country's unemployment rate stood at 31.9 per cent in the third quarter of 2025. Gregory Nthatsi, executive mayor of Mangaung Municipality in Free State Province, also welcomed the continued strengthening of relations between South Africa and China.

He said Mangaung was keen to work with Chinese partners in manufacturing to produce goods for export to China.

"We would like to collaborate with the Chinese to construct the railway line, boost energy production, skills transfer, and construction of houses," said Nthatsi.

Hlompo Mphanje, a strategic networks specialist of the Mayor's office of Johannesburg, said the

agreement was expected to bring tangible benefits to people in South Africa and China.

"We welcome the agreement as it will contribute to our economic development and improve the lives of our people. We want to make Johannesburg a world-class city, and we look forward to working with China on that. We expect the agreement would help create job opportunities, and we expect more skills and people-to-people exchanges," said Mphanje.

Gideon Chitanga, researcher at the University of Johannesburg Centre for Africa-China Studies, said the agreement would expand South African markets and contribute to economic growth. "This

is a free trade agreement which will broaden South African markets, particularly for agricultural goods.

Expanding traditional markets for agricultural products is important to grow the sector, which is one of the largest employers," said Chitanga.

South Africa's agricultural sector was hit the hardest by the 30 per cent tariffs imposed by the US in 2025.

In response, the South African government stepped up efforts to diversify export destinations, actively seeking new markets while expanding access to existing ones. China has remained South Africa's biggest trading partner for over 15 years. *Xinhua*



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REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

INFORMATION NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR PROJECTS FINANCED BY THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Publication date:	8 February 2026
Country:	Republic of Botswana
Executing Agency:	Public Procurement Regulatory Authority
Name of Project/Study:	Public Procurement Technical Assistance Project
Loan/Grant Number:	5500155016058
Name of Request for Proposals (RFP):	Consultancy Services for Review and Development of Standardised Bidding Documents and Capacity Building Consultant's Qualification Selection Method
Selection Method:	
Date of publication of EOI:	26 January 2025
Date of publication of RFP:	5 December 2025
Technical Proposals opening date:	12 January 2026
Financial Proposals opening date:	12 January 2026
Date of approval by the Bank of the draft negotiated Contract:	30 January 2026
Name of Selected Consultant:	EBMSE Consulting
Nationality:	United States of America
Address:	Lanham, MD 20706, USA
Contract Award Price:	USD 258,147.00
Contract Start date:	12 February 2026
Contract Duration:	12 months
Summary of Scope of Contract Awarded:	Review and development of a set of standardized bidding packages (SBP's) that are aligned with the Public Procurement Act, 2021 and Regulations, and to train users on their use, develop monitoring tools for the SBP's to enhance efficiency, transparency, and accountability of the public procurement processes in Botswana.
Total Number of Proposals Received:	1
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Name:	EBMSE Consulting
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Technical Points:	N/A
Evaluated Price:	USD 287,172.00
Final Points:	N/A
Ranking:	1

N.B.: Any consultant who wishes to ascertain the grounds on which its proposal was not selected, should request an explanation from the Executing Agency. In any event, the Bank reserves the right to review any complaint of a bidder at any time following the award.

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Water management critical -official

LUSAKA

Zambia has emphasised the importance of African countries strengthening cooperation in the management of water resources through a guiding continental framework. Mulambo Haimbe, Zambia's minister of foreign affairs and international cooperation, made the remarks after attending the 48th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union (AU), currently underway in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. "It is important that Africa adopts a common position and a unified policy framework on water resources. While each country has its own specific circumstances and developmental needs, we must have a guiding continental framework that ensures coordination, sustainability and shared progress," he said in a statement. The session is held under the theme "Assuring Sustainable Water Availability and Safe Sanitation Systems to Achieve the Goals of Agenda 2063." Haimbe said the theme was particularly relevant to Zambia, noting that water was a priority area closely linked to sustainable development, public health, food security, energy security and the overall well-being of African citizens. He called on AU members to adopt the proposed continental water policy and work toward a harmonised African approach. Water is also critical to achieving the goals of the AU Agenda 2063, he said, as it has the potential to drive industrialisation, reduce poverty, enhance agricultural productivity and improve livelihoods. Zambia, he added, was committed to working with other AU members to ensure the effective management of water resources and to promote policies that strengthened resilience against climate-related shocks, including drought. He cited the drought Zambia experienced during the 2023/2024 rainy season, which affected food production and hydroelectric power generation, saying such challenges elevated water from a development issue to a security concern. Xinhua



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TENDER ADVERTISEMENT



1. TENDER NO: CEDA 025 / 2025-2026 INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES TO CITIZEN ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CEDA) FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS

1.1. Sealed Tender offers are invited for the Provision of Public Relations Services to CEDA for a Period of Two (2) Years.

1.2. Procurement Method is: Open Domestic Bidding Method

1.3. Tenderers must, in order to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) in the following categories: Code: 138 (Marketing and Public Relation Services) Sub code: 03 (Public Relations Services).

1.4. All Bids must be submitted no later than 10:00hrs on 20th of February 2026 (As per CEDA timepiece placed at Reception Area).
2. The Tender document is available for purchase and collection at CEDA Head Office Only at a non-refundable fee of P250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Pula Only) inclusive of VAT and P 125.00 (One hundred and Twenty-Five Pula) inclusive of VAT for youth owned companies as per Presidential Directive CAB (B)/2015 from 30th January 2026.

3. Preference Margins will be applied to qualifying bidders in line with the Economic Inclusion Act of 2021.

4. The tender document is also available via online purchase as per the above non-refundable fee. For more information please visit the CEDA website www.ceda.co.bw or scan the QR code.

5. The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority's Standardised conditions of Tender apply to this procurement, for which all the applicable Tender Data is contained in the Tender Document. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, CEDA is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender offer.

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Arts & Culture

Praise Experience 1.0 to ignite Francistown

Kelebogile Taolo
FRANCISTOWN

The Praise Experience 1.0 music concert is set to ignite Francistown on March 7.

The event promises an evening filled with performances from local talents in the likes of Ezra Neethings, Tshepo Lesole, K Rams, MaHazel, Tlo-Tlo, and emerging star Queen B from Francistown.

Top gospel artistes, including Teboho Moloi, Ayanda Ntazi, and Joey Mofoleng, who are all part of South Africa's Spirit of Praise will also perform at the concert.

Praise Experience director, Bonno Ngaka told BOPA that the purpose of the event was to treat the audience to the music that would restore, uplift, and rejuvenate their spirits.

"This event has been organised by a highly skilled team of professional coordinators, to ensure that Francistown receives the ultimate Praise experience," said Ngaka.

Thabitha English Medium Grounds in Francistown, a family-friendly venue, is where the event will be staged.

Since the artists have not performed in Francistown previously, Ngaka said it was fitting to provide the community with an experience that would be worth their while.

"All I can say is that their support will enable us to organise more shows like this one, which typically occurs only in Gaborone," he remarked.

Ngaka said more such occasions would contribute to the economic growth of the second city. **BOPA**

The Praise Experience 1.0 music concert will feature among others, Tshepo Lesole (left), Ezra Neethings (centre) and Teboho Moloi (right).

Mohwasa highlights unity at Spring Festival celebrations

Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Moeti Mohwasa (left) and China Ambassador to Botswana, Fan Yong at the Chinese Spring Festival celebrations in Gaborone on Tuesday.

Minister Mohwasa said the occasion brought communities together and served as a reminder of the universal values of harmony, humanity and mutual support that binds all.

Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

The Spring Festival or the Chinese New Year as commonly known, denotes cultural connection and enduring friendship between nations, an occasion that has remained a time-honoured tradition, symbolising renewal, reflection and fresh beginnings, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Moeti Mohwasa has said.

Speaking at the festivities of the Chinese New Year in Gaborone, Tuesday, Minister Mohwasa said the occasion brought communities together and served as a reminder of the universal values of harmony, humanity and mutual support that binds all.

"As we embrace the Chinese Year of the Fire Horse, let us know that it associates with unity, perseverance, strength and coordination and resonates with the spirit of cooperation and progress that defines relations between China and Botswana," he said.

He said looking ahead, there was optimism that the Year of the Horse would bring renewed energy, prosperity for businesses, happiness for families and expanded cultural collaboration.

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Mohwasa highlights unity at Spring Festival celebrations

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“I am confident this year will open new doors for sustainable development, economic growth and lasting friendship for the mutual benefit of our nations,” said Mohwasa.

Celebrating alongside members of the Chinese community, Mohwasa acknowledged the community’s role in promoting cultural exchange and highlighted drama, poetry, cuisine, music and the preservation of Chinese heritage as important bridges of friendship.

He said the 50 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries, built on mutual trust and collaboration had yielded tangible benefits in education, health, infrastructure, trade, investment and cultural exchange.

“The presence of the Chinese community at this year’s celebrations is a testament to the depth and maturity of our bilateral ties,” said Mohwasa.

He commended the Chinese community for its contributions to Botswana’s economic, social and cultural development, citing entrepreneurship, investment and skills transfer as key drivers of growth.

China’s Ambassador to Botswana, Fan Yong, reaffirmed his country’s commitment to strengthening bilateral relations with Botswana. Ambassador Fan expressed appreciation for Botswana’s longstanding support for China–Botswana relations, and that 2025 marked the 50th anniversary of diplomatic ties.

Over the past half-century, the two countries have built strong political mutual trust and achieved fruitful outcomes through practical cooperation.

Fan highlighted frequent high-level exchanges over the past year, including visits to China by Botswana’s Speaker of the National Assembly and several Cabinet ministers, as well as a visit to Botswana by a senior delegation of the Communist Party of China.

He also said several cooperation agreements were signed, including memoranda on development cooperation, economic and technical cooperation and a protocol on Botswana’s beef exports to China.

Furthermore he said Botswana had also joined initiatives on international economic and trade cooperation within the frameworks of the digital economy and green development.

The developments demonstrate the deepening of the China–Botswana strategic partnership and reflect broader efforts to build a China–Africa community with a shared future.

Ambassador Fan noted that 2026 would mark the launch of China’s 15th Five-Year Plan and the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and Africa.

He added that 2026 had been designated the Year of China–Africa People-to-People Exchanges, creating new opportunities to promote cultural understanding and strengthen ties between the peoples of China and Africa. **BOPA**

‘Relic doctors’ step into spotlight at south China museum

NANNING

Inside the Museum of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in south China, a unique transformation is capturing the hearts of visitors.

It is not just the shimmering gold or ancient bronze that draws the crowds, but the quiet, meticulous journey of a relic traveling from ‘broken’ to ‘perfect’.

By literally breaking down walls to install transparent glass windows, the museum has turned its private restoration laboratories into a public stage, allowing the ‘slow time’ of cultural heritage conservation to be seen and appreciated.

“This used to be a solid wall. Now, it is a bridge connecting history with the public,” said Jing Hui, director of the museum’s cultural relic conservation centre. Jing added that the decision to ‘break the wall’ is born from a desire to foster a deeper understanding of the labor-intensive nature of preservation.

For restorers, the transition from the secluded ‘backstage’ to the public eye was initially daunting. Chen Qi, a professional

restorer at the center, admitted to feeling nervous about potential misunderstandings.

“We worried people might wonder why we are not wearing gloves, or think we are idling when we sit still for a long time,” Chen said.

He further explains that some delicate tasks requires the tactile sensitivity of bare skin, and that ‘staring’ is often a crucial moment of mentally connecting with the original creator to ensure perfect color matching. Through the window, the craft’s complexity is revealed. The lab equipment resembles a blend of various professions: a carpenter’s saw, a painter’s palette, an ultrasonic cleaner from a dentist’s office and even a surgeon’s scalpel.

The museum’s deputy curator, Yang Qingping, believes the ultimate goal of the open-door policy is to build an emotional connection. It is about understanding a legacy.

As visitors left the hall, many stopped to leave messages. One visitor wrote: “Restorers are the ‘relic doctors’ in white coats, guarding the roots of our civilisation with their hearts.” **Xinhua**



Mmurubele has made a comeback with the latest single *Naka la Mpa*. The single paves the way for the group’s upcoming album.

Mmurubele transcends modern space

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

The Molepolole-based traditional ensemble, Mmurubele has made a comeback with a latest single, *Naka la Mpa*, directly translated as, the horn of the stomach.

True to their style, Mmurubele delivers a sound that is both deeply rooted in tradition and refreshingly modern.

A long-serving member, Motshabi ‘Tshabisto’ Moloi, explained that the single was chosen to pave the way for their upcoming album, though she deliberately kept details under wraps to stir curiosity among fans.

“The song is self-explanatory,” she teased, leaving listeners to interpret

its layered meaning for themselves, a hallmark of Setswana traditional music that thrives on parables and open-ended storytelling.

Produced and engineered by their trusted collaborator, Uncle Touch of Touch Records, *Naka la Mpa* blends parabolic messages with irresistible African beats.

Its choruses and leads are a reminder that Mmurubele’s traditional spark is far from fading, despite skeptics who feared Setswana rhythms might lose their edge in the digital age.

For nearly 18 years, the quartet; Moloi, Tumiso ‘Stuks’ Ntona, Boago Motlhabakgomo, and Gaone Ramonato, have carried the torch of Setswana culture.

Their journey began in 2008 under the mentorship of the legendary Eric Ramco, and they quickly carved out a space in a male-dominated industry with their

debut album *Puo ya Mme Kopelo*.

Tracks like, *Ditjomp*, and *Ke Mmaago Mmaago Ngwanaka*, not only dominated local airwaves but also resonated across South Africa, cementing their reputation as cultural ambassadors.

Their artistry is not confined to sound alone. On stage, Mmurubele embodies heritage through leather outfits, beadwork, crisscrossed sandals, and leg rattles, a visual spectacle that amplifies their music’s authenticity.

This fusion of performance and tradition has kept them relevant across eras, from the cassette-to-CD transition to today’s streaming platforms like Apple Music, Spotify, and Deezer.

In 2024, their eight-track album, *Botshelo*, earned them the Best Contemporary Music Award at the Botswana Music Union (BOMU), proving their ability to evolve while staying true to their roots.

Singles like, *Mokwena* (2023) and *Domi* (2024), further showcased their versatility, each release reinforcing their status as icons of Setswana culture. **BOPA**

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The Mares during a previous game against Mauritius.

Malete announces preliminary squad

Anastacia Sibanda
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The Mares head coach, Alex Malete, has released a preliminary squad that will compete at the COSAFA Women’s Championships to be held in Polokwane from February 18 to March 1. Veteran players Golebaone Selebatso and Boitumelo Gammu have not been included in the COSAFA preliminary squad. However, Malete has called up five Under-20 players who also featured in the World Cup qualifiers against Cameroon on Saturday. The coach said the squad includes players making a return to the national team, such as Lorato Motlogelwa, Atang Busang and Precious Tlhapi, who previously missed out on travelling with the team to WAFCON due to military training commitments. Malete said he was happy with their return, noting that they missed last year’s WAFCON.

He added that experienced players were also selected due to the short preparation period. “If you look at players such as Leungo Senwelo, who has been out due to injury, and Jessica Maponga, who has also been nursing an injury, then considering the expectations from COSAFA and the level of competition, this has forced us to also call experienced players,” he said. Furthermore, Malete said in the event that Senwelo and Maponga are not fit in time, players such as Balotlhanyi Johannes have been recalled to strengthen the squad. He also highlighted the inclusion of experienced players like Nondi Mahlasela. **The Squad** **Goalkeepers:** Sedilame Bosija (Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies – South Africa), Lesego Moeng (ZISD FC – Zambia), Tlanelo Pheresi (Gaborone United), Obusitse Letebele (Security Systems) **Defenders:**

Desiree Kenyaditse, Kesegofetse Mochawe (Gaborone United Ladies), Rose Modumo (Township Rollers), Mokgabo Thanda (Green Buffaloes – Zambia), Lone Gaofetoge (Unattached), Lorato Motlogelwa (Makufa SC), Tshogofatso Mosotho, Godiramang Gonae (Mazottie), Hope Lesotlo (Dunamis), Masego Montsho (Security Systems), Veronica Mogotsi (Double Action) **Midfielders:** Obonetse Rathari, Leano Busang, Nancy Baeletsi (Gaborone United), Precious Tlhapi (BDF XI), Katlo Ditsile (Zodiac Collabo Girls), Laone Moloi (Jwaneng Galaxy) **Strikers:** Balotlhanyi Johannes (Double Action), Lesego Radiakanyo, Jessica Maponga, Jessica Modise, Gaonyadiwe Ontlametse, Keitumetse Dithebe (Gaborone United Ladies), Leungo Senwelo (Mazottie FC), Lebogang Dileleo (Dunamis), Refilwe Tholakele (Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies – South Africa), Nondi Mahlasela (Prisons XI Ladies). BOPA

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Young Mares will have better luck this around since they will be playing on home soil. Coach, Tapathiwa Gaebolae, told BOPA that they went into the second leg well prepared because they have had time to correct their mistakes. “We have analysed the game with the girls. We have 18 players who have the zeal to work for this country,” she said, adding that they had a one on one with them to iron out certain issues. Ready as they may be, Gaebolae said the team was aware of the dent that resulted from the loss they suffered at the hands of Cameroon, but would be playing to win the match. “Mind you this is football, it’s possible for us to do that looking at how Cameroon played. Though they are more physical than us, my girls can match them,” she said, adding that the girls performed to their best. Coach Gaebolae said all the players were without injuries and ready to give it their all. The game is scheduled for 3pm. BOPA

Real Madrid reaches agreement with UEFA to officially end Super League project

MADRID

Real Madrid on Wednesday announced the club had reached an agreement to end its long-standing conflict with UEFA over the possible creation of a European Super League. The club announced the agreement with a post on its official website reading “UEFA, European Football Clubs and Real Madrid CF reach agreement for the good of European club football.” The statement says that after “months of discussions conducted in the best interests of European football, UEFA, European Football Clubs (EFC), and Real Madrid CF announce that they have reached an agreement of principles for the well-being of European club football, respecting the principle of sporting merit with emphasis on long-term club sustainability and

the enhancement of fan experience through the use of technology.” Real Madrid adds that the agreement will also end any legal dispute with Europa. The news comes just a few days after FC Barcelona announced it was leaving the Super League project, which was originally established in 2021, on February 7. The original 12 team project was quickly in trouble when pressure from fans saw the Premier League clubs withdraw, along with Atletico Madrid and the Italian sides. That left Real Madrid and FC Barcelona as the only survivors of the project and Barcelona’s withdrawal left Real Madrid alone and with no chance of a Super League taking place, so for all of the words in Wednesday’s communique, this is a huge defeat for the club and its president, Florentino Perez. Xinhua

Botswana Athletics Association receives new electronic timing machine

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Imagine a track and field event without electronic timing; one wonders how officials would determine the winner when athletes reach the finishing line at the same time and can only be separated by a photo finish. This emphasises the importance of electronic timing in athletics, as it uses sensors to measure performance to the thousandth of a second. With the traditional stopwatch, which was used from the inaugural modern Olympic Games in 1896 until 1960, it was very difficult for officials to separate closely finishing athletes. As the world evolves, Botswana has not been left behind in adopting modern electronic timing. In fact, the system is also used at school sports competitions, as it gives athletes an opportunity to qualify for major competitions if they have clocked qualifying times. Only electronically timed results are recognised as qualifying times, and after assessment, the performances can be ratified by the world athletics governing body.

According to World Athletics, world records are ratified through a strict process requiring verification of performance, equipment and athlete eligibility within 30 days of the event. “A formal application, including photo finish images, doping control results and technical surveyor reports, must be submitted by the national federation to World Athletics,” it states. Therefore, the arrival of a new Fully Automatic Timing (FAT) system from Timetronics of Belgium places Botswana among serious athletics nations in Africa in terms of accurately recording athletes’ performances. According to Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) acting president, Oabona Theetso, the government purchased the machine at a cost of over P6 million. He said their intention was to create a pool of trained electronic timers, adding that for years, it had been a top priority to train more officials. Theetso said training more officials would enable BAA to host more events in different parts of the country.

He said with the arrival of the machine, they were currently training 26 officials, adding that he was happy that Timetronics had also sent Angus Campbell from South Africa, Kim Peteers from Belgium and John Chizu from Zambia to fully

train the officials. “Athletics has grown. For our Series Two, which will be held in Francistown, we have over 700 entries. Imagine if we can even have different series running concurrently, one in the south and

another in the northern part of the country,” he said. He said with the arrival of the new machine and the training of more personnel, they were confident that they would be able to hold more events across the country. BOPA



A facilitator from Timetronics, Kim Peeters (second right) explaining how the new Fully Automatic Timing system works. Botswana Athletics Association acting president, Oabona Theetso said the arrival of the timing system from Timetronics placed Botswana among serious athletics nations in Africa in terms of accurately recording athletes’ performances. Photo: Courtesy of Botswana Athletics Association

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The young Mares will take on Cameroon in the return leg of the FIFA U20 Women's World cup qualifiers at Obed Itani Chilume Stadium in Francistown today. Photo: Courtesy of BFA

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Kelebogile Taolo
FRANCISTOWN

U20 Women's World cup qualifiers at Obed Itani Chilume Stadium in Francistown.
Cameroon walloped the young Mares 5-0 in a game played at Olembe stadium, Cameroon on February 7.

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