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Boko and Xi hold talks



President Advocate Duma Boko (right) will, today, hold official talks with his Chinese counterpart, President Xi Jinping in Beijing, China to discuss trade and economic cooperation, including ways to deepen the strategic partnership between the two countries. Discussions will focus on key areas such as trade and investment, agriculture, health, education, digitalisation, defence, tourism and infrastructure development among others. President Boko is also expected to participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Monument to the People's Heroes and also officiate at the Botswana-China Business Forum. President Boko, who is on a state visit to China at the invitation of President Xi, is expected back home on October 18.

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Duma Boko School prepares for January intake

Mpho Mosojane
GABORONE

The newly established Duma Book Primary School is finalising preparations to welcome its first cohort of learners in January, marking the beginning

of a new educational chapter for the Gaborone Block 7 community. Addressing a meeting in Block 7 recently, Gaborone Bonnington North MP, Ms Maipelo Mophuting-Dikoloti said private developers had officially handed over the facility to the government to operationalise, targeting an

initial capacity of 380 learners. “We are not just opening a school building; we are fostering a vibrant environment where learners will be inspired to reach their full potential. Additionally, to meet the ever-rising demand for services, the initial enrolment will be 380 pupils with a horizon to expand

in future. According to the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education Mmamiki Kamanakao, the initial cohort would be from reception class through to Standard 5, with admission primary criteria being Block 7, as a permanent residence address.

“This will be a high-calibre environment bringing a private-school feel to public education to the community,” she cited.

“High regard has also been considered for staffing, which will be based on distinctive character, integrity, agility and competencies fit to operate in a tech-enabled environment.”

She said the school was poised to meet the evolving needs of a rapidly changing world, offering curriculum from early childhood development through to primary education.

She highlighted that it would be one of the first public schools to transition to the Science Technology Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) syllabus, demonstrating the government’s commitment to building a future-fit digitalised educational framework, equipping learners of all capabilities with critical thinking, arts and technical skills.

The Deputy Permanent Secretary to the President, High-Priority Projects, Mr Omphile Sehurutse highlighted that the state-of-the-art facility was built with a vision to be a blueprint of a modern-day public school.

“From the ground up, this school is set to meet the evolving needs of modern learners, featuring cutting edge classrooms, specialised STEAM labs and expansive spaces

for sports and the arts.” He further emphasised that it boasts critical features such as an indoor play area, school tuckshop, sickbay and robotics and a fully-fledged staff lounge to create a holistic, premium environment for well-being and productivity.

With its doors officially opening in January, the school is not just preparing to welcome its first intake, it is preparing a well-rounded environment for children of various learning abilities.

Director for the Disability office in the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Ms Peggy Garebaitse highlighted the government’s commitment to inclusive education.

“Inclusive education means we do not expect your child to fit in our school but we designed the school to fit for your child. Every classroom and every activity is built to ensure that every student regardless of ability is fully valued, supported and actively engaged.”

While the facility has been formally handed over to the government to operationalise, the Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs lauded the 16 and half year maintenance warranty extended by the investor to the government, pleading with the community to embrace a new culture of change.

“In order to maintain the structural integrity of the facility, under the current economic strain, the cost of maintenance remains with the investor,” Mr Moswaane said.

“Let us embrace this new approach to development as it supports the government’s cost saving strategy, making room for other competing priorities. **BOPA**



Assistant Minister for State President, Defence and Security, also Gaborone Bonnington North MP, Ms Maipelo Mophuting-Dikoloti (right) addressing Block 7 residents on the newly established Duma Boko Primary School recently. She said private developers had officially handed over the facility to government for operationalisation, with an initial capacity of 380 learners and room for future expansion. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

Botswana and Zimbabwe seal waste management deal

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
GABORONE

President Advocate Duma Boko has called for faster implementation of government initiatives, saying Botswana must shorten the time between conception and delivery, as the country signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Zimbabwe on waste management.

Speaking at the signing ceremony in Gaborone on Thursday, President Boko expressed concern over delays in concluding the agreement, which was expected to pave way for Zimbabwe waste management company, Geo Pomona Waste Management, to bring its expertise to Botswana and share skills in solid waste management.

The President said the signing marked the beginning of further engagements that would culminate in contracts and technical agreements to facilitate the company’s operations in Botswana.

Geo Pomona Waste Management chief executive officer, Dr Dilesh Nguwaya, who also serves as special adviser on waste management and environmental sustainability to Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa, said the agreement offered an opportunity for the two countries to turn waste management challenges into economic and environmental opportunities.

Dr Nguwaya said the partnership would combine

Botswana government leadership with Geo Pomona’s operational experience to strengthen local authorities, develop integrated waste management systems and build local capacity through skills transfer.

He said implementation would be key to the partnership’s success, thus called for joint implementation teams, measurable priorities and mobilisation of investment and technology.

He added that the initiative would create green jobs, improve public health and promote environmental sustainability and strengthen cooperation between the two countries.

He further said the agreement aligned with the African Union’s Agenda 2063 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those relating to sustainable cities, responsible consumption and production, climate action and global partnerships.

Meanwhile, Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs acting permanent secretary, Ms Tshupo Kebakile said Botswana would draw lessons from Geo Pomona’s waste management operations in Harare, where the company had cleared landfills and rehabilitated sites, some of which had since been converted into sports grounds.

Ms Kebakile said technical committees would now determine the scope of work before

contracts could be signed, adding that implementation could be phased depending on available financial resources and economic opportunities presented by individual landfills.

She said committees would identify priority sites and establish

the extent of work to be undertaken, taking into account the country’s financial constraints.

Ms Kebakile said the initiative was expected to improve public health by reducing waste-related disease risks, while making rehabilitated land available for productive use,

including government projects, private investment and other developments.

She added that the project was also expected to create employment, although the number of jobs would depend on the scope of work agreed upon by the parties. **BOPA**



Geo Pomona Waste Management CEO, Dr Dilesh Nguwaya (second left) and Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs acting permanent secretary, Ms Tshupo Kebakile (second right) signing Memorandum of Understanding on waste management between Botswana and Zimbabwe on Thursday. Dr Nguwaya said the partnership would strengthen local authorities, develop integrated waste management systems and build local capacity through skills transfer. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

Botswana eyes e-Mobility hub

Taboka Ngwako
BEIJING

Botswana is looking to leverage its 50- year diplomatic relationship with China to drive trade and investment, with a major focus on establishing an e-mobility hub, press secretary to the President, Ms Emang Bokhutlo-Mutapati has said.

Speaking in an interview ahead of the Botswana-China Business Forum to be held in Beijing, China Thursday, Ms Bokhutlo-Mutapati explained that Botswana had already identified a site for its ambitious e-mobility project.

“Botswana is looking to establish itself as an e-mobility hub. Already, plans are afoot, a place has been identified around Serorome Valley (along Tropic of Capricorn area) to set up an e-mobility hub in terms of producing components for e-mobility and even for assembly,” she said.

Ms Bokhutlo-Mutapati labelled China a natural partner for the transformation, given its global leadership in electric vehicle technology.

“China has got the expertise, China has got the technology and this is going to be very significant,” she said.

Ms Bokhutlo-Mutapati said President Advocate Duma Boko,

who was in Fuzhou in Fujian Province, yesterday, had visited Project 3820, a celebrated Chinese development blueprint that was done in phased manner and had transformed Fuzhou over the past 30 years, from a struggling economy into a modern, sustainable city anchored on electric mobility.

Botswana is looking to do a similar project, so it is very good to collaborate and benchmark, Ms Bokhutlo-Mutapati said.

She added that Botswana and China were expected to sign Memoranda of Understanding in areas including media, health and trade.

However, she said the major highlight of the visit would be the Botswana-China Business Forum and Exhibition.

“Approximately 30 companies had confirmed by the time we left Botswana and 100 companies from the Chinese side had confirmed to attend. So, it is going to be a very good business networking time,” said Ms Bokhutlo-Mutapati

President Boko will use the forum to make a strong pitch for investment that benefits Botswana.

As he has always said, the value chain should be in Botswana, the beneficiation should be in Botswana as well, Ms Bokhutlo-Mutapati said. **BOPA**



FUZHOU - President Advocate Duma Boko (left) and First Lady Kaone arriving in China for a State visit at the invitation of his counterpart President Xi Jinping. They will discuss trade and economic cooperation, including ways to deepen the strategic partnership between the two countries. Photo: Courtesy BW Presidency

Maele acting President

GABORONE

Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele, has been appointed acting President from October 10 to 18, following the absence of President Advocate Duma Boko and Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe from the country.

According to a press release from the Office of the President, President Boko is in China for a state visit from October 12 to 17, 2026, at the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping.

During the visit, President Boko is expected to focus on strengthening bilateral relations and advancing cooperation between Botswana and China in key sectors, including trade and investment, agriculture, health, education, digitalisation, tourism and infrastructure development.

Meanwhile, Mr Gaolathe has travelled to Bangkok, Thailand, to attend the 2026 International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group Annual Meetings.

President Boko and Mr Gaolathe are expected to return to Gaborone on October 18 and 20, respectively. **BOPA**

Business forum to deepen economic ties

Taboka Ngwako
BEIJING

As part of his maiden state visit to China, President Advocate Duma Boko is expected to officiate at the Botswana-China Business Forum, a platform that will explore ways in which Botswana can leverage China’s huge consumer market and the new zero-tariff arrangement to increase and diversify its exports to China.

Speaking to BOPA ahead of the high-level engagement that will bring together representatives of Chinese companies and their Botswana counterparts, International Business in India and Asia at the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) director, Mr Dipopego Tsheko, said preparations for the forum were at an advanced stage.

“Thirty companies from Botswana will attend the Botswana-China Business Forum on Thursday in Beijing. We are seeing continued efforts to mobilise more Chinese companies to participate in this initiative,” said Mr Tsheko.

He said the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) and Mr Miles Nan, a Chinese national who had been doing business in Botswana for 30 years, were among organisations

involved in mobilising Chinese companies, with a target of attracting 300 businesses.

“Mr Nan has registered 38 Botswana companies ahead of the anticipated participation in an effort to broaden business representation and strengthen prospects for commercial partnerships,” he said.

Mr Tsheko explained that the forum was designed to produce tangible outcomes.

“This is not just about dialogue, it is about deals. The matchmaking session is a key component of the engagement. It is where we connect Botswana and Chinese companies directly to explore joint ventures, trade opportunities, investment prospects and other mutually beneficial business arrangements” said Mr Tsheko.

Botswana is positioning itself as a gateway for Chinese investment into Africa and Mr Tsheko said, “through continued engagement, both countries have an opportunity to expand market access, promote knowledge sharing and encourage partnerships that support economic diversification and sustainable growth.

“Botswana offers stability, a conducive business environment and access to regional markets, and we want Chinese partners to see

that potential,” said Mr Tsheko.

Meanwhile, President Boko is also expected to hold official talks with his Chinese counterpart President Xi Jinping, to discuss trade and economic cooperation, including ways to deepen the strategic partnership between the two countries.

According to a press release from the Office of the President discussions will focus on key areas such as trade and investment, agriculture, health, education, digitalisation, defence, tourism and infrastructure development among others.

President Boko and President Xi will also exchange views on global peace and security, sustainable development and other international issues of mutual interest.

During the visit, President Boko will participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Monument to the People’s Heroes and officiate

President Boko who is accompanied by First Lady Ms Kaone Boko, ministers Dr Pheny Butale and Mr Moeti Mohwasa, for International Relations, and State President, Defence and Security, respectively, senior government officials and a business delegation will return to Gaborone October 18. **BOPA**

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Mmirwa walks for a good cause

Booster Mogapi
KUMAKWANE

For someone who has experienced cancer, Mpinie's Breast Cancer Awareness Walk held in Kumakwane on Saturday meant more than just showing up for the event.

Hailing from Molalatau, Ms Mmoloki Mmirwa is a breast cancer survivor and her participation in the event was driven by a deep sense of gratitude for her second chance at life.

For her, every step represented celebration of resilience and a personal milestone.

Reflecting on her journey, Ms Mmirwa openly acknowledged that delaying her initial diagnosis altered the course of her life. Health officials later confirmed that the lump in her breast had likely been present for three to four years before she sought medical help.

Her intensive treatment journey began with chemotherapy in 2023, followed by a mastectomy in 2025 where she lost her breast.

She subsequently underwent

radiation therapy, a gruelling process she navigated through faith and hope.

"I completed radiation in February this year and now I go for check-ups and scans and I believe that I will do fine," Ms Mmirwa said.

Having walked that difficult road, she is determined to spare others from a similar ordeal. She urges both women and men to regularly examine themselves for potential warning signs such as breast colour changes, an unusual lump or alterations in nipple appearance and to consult healthcare professionals immediately if they spot anything atypical.

"I encourage people to always check breast cancer with health professionals often as it is not easy to pass through what I went through," she said.

Navigating a diagnosis can also bring emotional confusion, especially when there is no family history of the disease.

Ms Mmirwa admitted that she sometimes wondered why she had to face breast cancer when no one else in her family had experienced

it. Yet, she considers herself healed, owing to unwavering support of her loved ones as her anchor throughout the storm.

"I am living a new life now and I have accepted it. It is hard to imagine losing all your hair and your breast. But my hair has since grown back now and I am embracing it seriously as I lived for two years without any hair," she said.

Today, Ms Mmirwa remains positive. She wants to reach out to as many breast cancer patients as possible to offer them the compassion and encouragement needed to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Her story is precisely why counsellor and Journey of Hope volunteer, Ms Mpinie Olopeng started the initiative back in 2023. What began as a local effort has grown into a mobile campaign to reach diverse communities across the nation. The fifth awareness walk held in Kumakwane follows previous events held twice in Kanye and twice in Mogobane.

The primary goal of the walk is to spread vital information about breast cancer while building a solid



support system for patients facing physical and emotional struggles.

Ms Olopeng noted that securing corporate backing remained a challenge, though they do not seek monetary donations.

Instead, they encourage

companies, organisations and individuals to donate essential items like toiletries, services and other useful products for patients.

"We are not running an organisation but we are all people affected or infected in one way or the other by breast cancer and have come together to raise awareness to the community of Kumakwane and Botswana on the importance of early detection of breast cancer," she said.

Her commitment to the cause is personal, having lost her mother to breast cancer, Ms Olopeng made a conscious choice to turn her grief into action, creating platforms that give others the support her mother missed and encouraging widespread testing.

She extended her gratitude to stakeholders and South African partners who have consistently stood by her vision. Primary healthcare director in the Ministry of Health, Dr Bobby Kgosiemang, commended the event, noting that globally, October serves as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He emphasised that early detection was crucial to initiating quick treatment before the cancer can metastasize.

In Botswana, breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women, trailing only cervical cancer. The statistics highlight a serious public health threat as in 2024, Botswana registered 423 breast cancer cases and 136 deaths. Raising awareness and encouraging routine testing are vital steps to lowering these numbers before cases become fatal. Dr Kgosiemang encouraged people to perform self-examinations or visit local clinics for professional check-ups, where immediate assistance and referrals can be provided if anything unusual is detected.

Symptoms to watch for include a painful breast lump or thickening, changes in the size, shape, or appearance of the breast, dimpling, redness, pitting or other skin changes, alterations in nipple appearance or surrounding skin as well as abnormal or bloody fluid discharge.

Importantly, Dr Kgosiemang reassured the public regarding national medical capabilities, noting that Botswana had full capacity to treat all cancer patients through both public and private facilities, without needing to send patients abroad.

Meanwhile, the impact of the walk extends beyond the borders. Hikers from South Africa, including Ms Gugulethu Tong from Mafikeng, travelled to Kumakwane to show their solidarity. **BOPA**



General medical practitioner, Dr Muzaffar Hossain said adopting healthy lifestyle and undergoing regular screening could help reduce the risk of breast cancer and promote early detection. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

Experts shift to unified approach to combat breast cancer

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

As Breast Cancer Awareness Month gains momentum, medical experts are shifting the spotlight toward a proactive, evidence-based approach that extends beyond the traditional focus on genetics.

A growing body of research suggests that a multifaceted approach to daily lifestyle, environmental habits and preventive care has the potential to significantly influence long-term health outcomes.

"We want to move the conversation from fear to empowerment," said Dr Muzaffar Hussain, a family physician based in Gaborone. "There are modifiable factors within our control, that allows individuals to become active participants in their own health journey, rather

than passive observers of their genetic destiny," Dr Hussain said.

He said current research highlights the critical role of metabolic health.

He points to physical activity as a primary intervention, noting that 30-60 minutes of moderate activity per day could help regulate hormone levels that are often linked to breast cancer cell growth. He said nutritional patterns were equally vital, with oncologists now recommending diets rich in cruciferous vegetables and high-fiber foods.

Beyond diet and exercise, Dr Hussain said the modern environment presented new variables. He said public health officials were increasingly looking at endocrine-disrupting chemicals found in common household plastics and beauty products. Dr Hussain mentioned

among them the electric components with high voltage as they worked against the body by discharging some cancer like chemicals, which then affect the body.

He said it was important to opt for clean-label products and minimise exposure to known synthetic chemicals where possible. Despite the aforesaid lifestyle modifications, Dr Hussain and other medical experts maintain that the cornerstone of breast health remain early detection.

"The goal is to lower the baseline risk through healthy habits while ensuring that we catch any potential issues as early as possible. It is about creating a comprehensive defence," said Dr Hussain. Free breast screening is offered during the breast cancer awareness month, October in health facilities, non-

governmental organisations and private sector supporters with the hashtag "know the sign, get screened, save lives" "leba, tshwara, thatlhoba."

For those looking to take the first step, Dr Hussain recommended scheduling a consultation with a primary care provider to discuss a personalised risk assessment.

Dr Hussain said breast cancer remained a global burden, commonly diagnosed in women and the leading cause of cancer mortality for women across most countries. "An estimated 2.4 million new female breast cancer cases are diagnosed today, with 99 per cent being women and 0.05 per cent being men," he said. Dr Hussain said 70 per cent of all cancers in Botswana were diagnosed at a late stage, urging people to be conscious of their health at all times by doing regular medical checkup. **BOPA**

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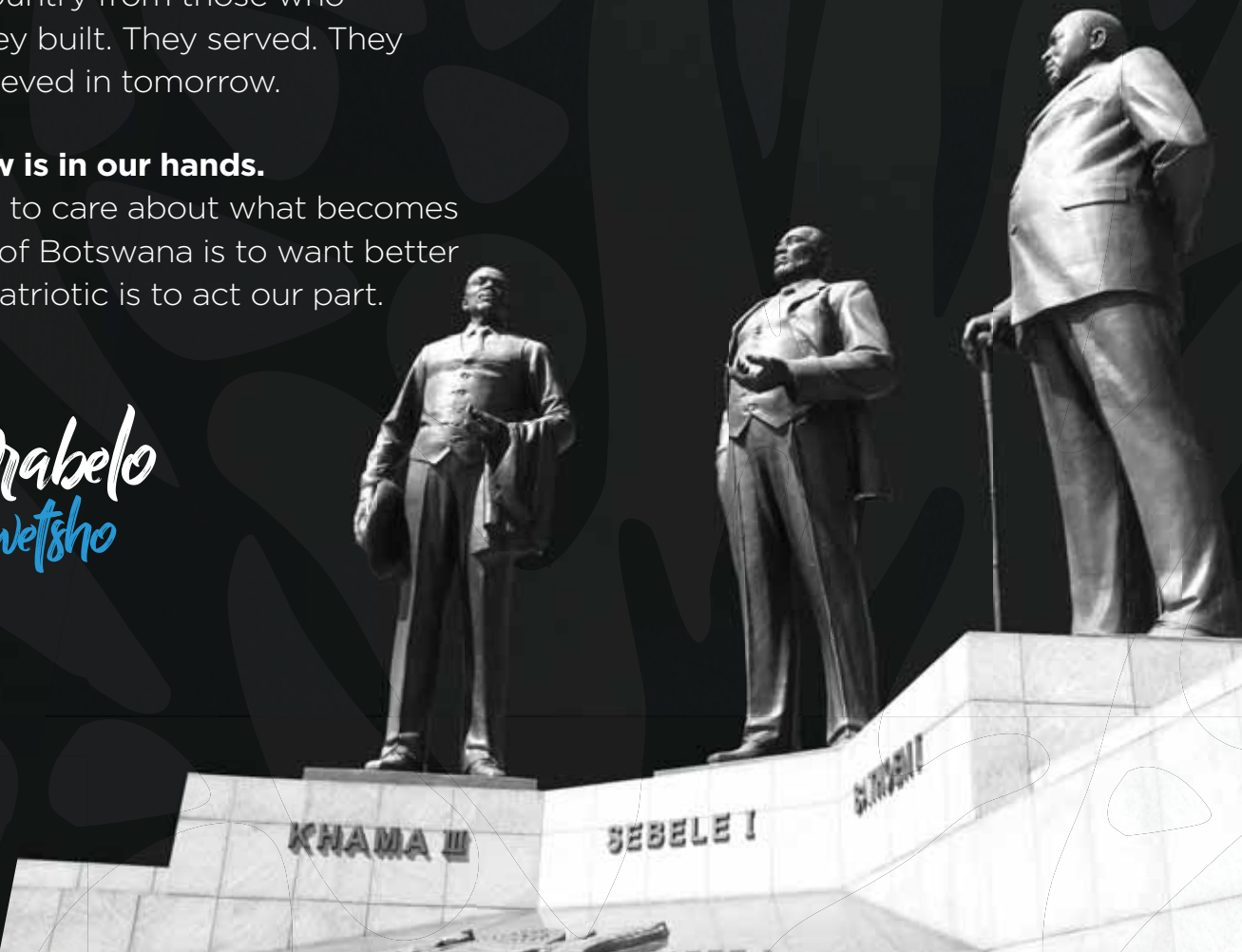
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Ntsima implores businesses to expand into export market

Portia Rapitsenyane
PALAPYE

The Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima, has challenged local businesses to utilise domestic market as a testing ground to refine their products before venturing into the highly competitive global arena.

Speaking at the inaugural Made in BW – Sold to the World Expo 2026 which was held at the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) in Palapye on Thursday, Minister Ntsima emphasised that becoming an exporting nation required practical business structures that delivered trusted products, rather than mere declarations.

The expo, co-organised by AlignSure Solution and BIUST, brought together local producers, innovators, financiers, buyers, and international partners to explore commercial pathways for local goods.

“Our domestic market must be the foundation of our export economy. Before a product is sold to the world, it should have the opportunity to be sold, tested, and improved in Botswana. Local customers help producers understand whether a product meets real needs, whether its quality is consistent, whether its packaging works, and whether it offers value for money,” he said.

Mr Ntsima explained that this approach did not mean local enterprises should delay exporting indefinitely, but rather treat domestic demand as a deliberate mechanism to build experience, scale, and a track record necessary to fulfill larger international orders. Mr Ntsima however committed that the government would lead by example by leveraging its immense purchasing power through existing frameworks like preferential procurement and the Economic Diversification Drive (EDD). He noted that public sector needed goods ranging from school furniture, uniforms, and food to health supplies and construction materials, saying they should consistently prioritise capable local producers.

However, he issued a stern warning against complacency, asserting that buying local should never be an excuse for substandard quality or unreliable supply lines. “Government purchasing should be accompanied by clear specifications, fair competition, timely payment, and firm performance expectations. Producers must use the opportunity to improve quality, increase productivity, and become competitive without relying permanently on preference. Public procurement should create industries, not dependency,” he cautioned.

Extending the call to the private sector, the minister urged retailers, mining houses, hotels, and construction firms to intentionally integrate local enterprises into their supply chains. He further noted that structural support for these enterprises must operate as a unified ecosystem.

He highlighted that agencies such as the Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) and research bodies must assist with product development, while institutions like CEDA, NDB, and commercial banks provide capital.

The Minister identified manufacturing and agro-processing specifically food products, textiles, furniture, packaging, and renewable energy technologies as high-potential areas where Botswana must retain value, drive citizen ownership, and create jobs.

He added that the same

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principles of quality and reliability applied to knowledge-based services, technology, and tourism.

Highlighting regional trade agreements such as SACU, SADC, and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), Mr Ntsima noted that while these frameworks opened massive trade corridors, market access was only beneficial if local enterprises were equipped to supply them.

He urged exhibitors not to treat the expo as a mere display event, but to secure concrete commitments regarding supplier agreements, financing, and certification plans.

He also challenged BIUST and other academic institutions to ensure that ongoing research and innovation successfully transitioned into commercially viable products. Member of Parliament for Palapye and Minister of Water and Human Settlements, Mr Onneetse Ramogapi highlighted Palapye’s transformation from a transit village into a major regional economic and energy hub.

He said that the development of the Greater Palapye Special Economic Zone which was focused on renewable energy and manufacturing coupled with strategic public infrastructure investments in water, housing and (BIUST), positioned the region to transition from a consumer market into a value-creating center. **BOPA**



Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima (third left) and other dignitaries touring stalls during the inaugural Made in BW - Sold to the World Expo 2026 at Botswana International University of Science and Technology in Palapye recently. He challenged local businesses to utilise the domestic market as a testing ground to refine their products before venturing into the highly competitive global arena. Photo: Portia Rapitsenyane

Botswana economic outlook moves to stable

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Moody’s Ratings has upgraded Botswana’s economic outlook from negative to stable to affirm confidence in the country’s strong credit fundamentals and ensure that Botswana maintains its investment-grade status.

The shift reflects confidence in Botswana’s strong institutional framework, prudent policymaking and sound economic governance. The outlook upgrade also reinforces durable confidence in the nation’s creditworthiness and long-term resilience.

A statement from the Bank of Botswana (BoB) says the revised rating highlights opportunities arising from a recovery in diamond production, growth in non-diamond mining activities and ongoing economic diversification efforts. The statement says to maintain and strengthen the country’s investment-grade standing, the central bank has advised that it is critical to sustain fiscal consolidation and manage public finances prudently.

Such efforts, it says, will help

rebuild fiscal buffers, strengthen long-term economic sustainability and support inclusive and resilient growth. It also says the reserve bank also indicates that risks remain balanced, with prospects for both strong fiscal policy implementation and sustained recovery in mining activity offsetting potential revenue and financing pressures.

“Botswana’s strong credit fundamentals are underpinned by effective institutions, sound macroeconomics, manageable public debt, a resilient external position, as well as access to affordable financing,” reads the statement.

It further says recent revenue and expenditure measures are reported to be yielding results, helping to moderate fiscal pressures while preserving long-term sustainability. Government, it says, has taken targeted steps to manage public finances, including adjustments to personal and corporate tax rates, as well as broader income tax reforms.

The BoB statement further states that other prudent fiscal

measures include improved expenditure controls such as centralised procurement and greater efficiency in public resource management.

Meanwhile, Botswana continues to invest in social services, infrastructure and other public goods while safeguarding fiscal and long-term debt sustainability.

Additionally, Moody’s latest assessment aligns with Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe’s declaration at the recent Finance and Investment Pitso, that Botswana remained well-positioned to rebound from the current economic slump due to its strong and stable financial institutions.

The Vice President highlighted that Botswana’s financial system remained solid despite prolonged geopolitical tensions, evolving trade arrangements and persistent uncertainty in the global economy. Mr Gaolathe stated that government was steadily moving forward with fiscal consolidation, domestic revenue mobilisation, and disciplined expenditure restraint. **BOPA**

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Ethiopia inaugurates first national precious metals refinery

ADDIS ABABA - Ethiopia on Saturday launched its first national refining facility for gold and other precious metals, aiming to advance domestic value addition and industrial processing capacity. Inaugurating the National Precious Metals Refinery at the Bole Lemi Special Economic Zone on the outskirts Addis Ababa, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said the refinery would increase export earnings, create skilled jobs, support the jewellery industry, and foster a more transparent and competitive gold value chain. “With a capacity to process over 600 tonnes of precious metals annually, the refinery marks a major milestone in advancing domestic value addition, strengthening Ethiopia’s mining sector, and positioning our country as a regional hub for precious metals refining,” Ahmed said. **Xinhua**

Tanzania food self-sufficiency rises to 133 per cent

DARESSALAAM - Tanzania’s food self-sufficiency level has increased from 130 per cent in the 2024/2025 agricultural season to 133 percent in the 2026/2027 season, reflecting continued improvement in domestic food production, an official said on Saturday. Tanga Regional Commissioner Batilda Buriani announced the figures while briefing journalists ahead of national World Food Day celebrations scheduled for Oct. 16 in the northern coastal region of Tanga. Buriani said that despite improved food availability, Tanzania continued to face nutritional challenges, including malnutrition and stunting among young children, prompting the government to pursue targeted interventions to improve dietary outcomes. **Xinhua**

Scientists develop climate-resilient crops to bolster food security

NAIROBI - Inside a laboratory at the University of Eldoret, about 300 km northwest of Nairobi, Kenya tiny plantlets thrive in dozens of glass containers. Each vessel holds about 10 delicate, centimeter-tall shoots, their fragile stems belying a remarkable resilience. These plants form part of a broader national push to equip Kenyan farmers with climate-smart crops capable of withstanding shifting weather patterns. Miriam Kinyua, a professor of plant breeding and biotechnology at the university, said the work used tissue culture technology to produce clean, improved and more resilient planting materials. “Many farmers are grappling with erratic weather, drought and rising crop diseases because of climate change. As scientists, we must ensure that we deliver planting materials that can overcome all these,” she told Xinhua in a recent interview. For Kinyua, the task is urgent. Climate change has fundamentally altered growing conditions, threatening both food security and livelihoods. **Xinhua**

Partnership to boost vehicles maintenance

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

The Botswana Police Service (BPS) is set to strengthen the availability and maintenance of its vehicle fleet through a new partnership with the Ministry of Higher Education.

The initiative will also provide Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) students with practical and industry-relevant experience.

The partnership was formalised last Thursday in Gaborone through a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signed between the BPS, which falls under the Ministry for State President, Defence and Security and the Ministry of Higher Education.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, said the agreement demonstrated government's commitment to finding practical solutions to challenges facing public institutions through collaboration and resource sharing.

Mr Mohwasa noted that the partnership would enable government to make better use of existing facilities, technical expertise and resources as well as address challenges affecting police vehicle availability.

He was happy that the MoA represented a practical approach to improving public services while developing young people's skills.

"The Ministry of Higher Education has facilities, equipment, technical expertise and students requiring professional exposure, while BPS has vehicles requiring maintenance and servicing. By servicing those together, we can address an operational challenge and create a meaningful learning opportunity," he said.

He added that students would gain hands-on experience by working on real vehicles within appropriate standards and prepare them for the world of work.

He highlighted that the partnership came at a crucial time when the country was confronting a difficult economic environment, hence the need for careful management of public funds.

"Fiscal prudence should not simply mean spending less, but should also involve finding better ways of using existing resources and getting value from every public expense," he added. Furthermore, he emphasised that government institutions must constantly evaluate whether available facilities and expertise could be used more effectively.

He noted that the initiative aligned with other ongoing government interventions to improve efficiency, including a 12-month vehicle leasing pilot project introduced earlier this year to test alternative methods for ensuring reliable police transport based on evidence.

Minister of Higher Education,

Mr Prince Maele, described the deal as the first inter-ministerial MoA, which was a shift from working in isolation towards collaboration, shared purpose and collective responsibility. Mr Maele added that the agreement formed part of the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) and arrived at a time when resources were constrained and citizen expectations were rising.

He noted that BPS continued to face significant resource constraints with its vehicle fleet, compounded by servicing and maintenance difficulties. Under the new arrangement, technically competent police officers will work alongside TVET students and lecturers to share expertise and transfer knowledge as students acquired practical skills. He emphasised that the partnership would not only maintain vehicles, but would also build skills, confidence and human capital, while contributing to the revitalisation of TVET workshops.

As a successful example, he said

the Kweneng Rural Development Association (KRDA) in Molepolole, serviced approximately 64 Central Transport Organisation (CTO) vehicles free of charge last year. He added that since April this year, KRDA had also serviced vehicles for Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP), Molepolole College of Education (MCE), Department of Veterinary Services, BPS and the Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training.

Meanwhile, the initiative would initially be piloted through the Botswana College of Engineering and Technology, Madirelo Training Centre, Kang Brigade Centre, KRDA, Palapye Technical College and Maun Technical College, with plans to expand to institutions across the country. Additionally, Minister Maele noted that the partnership would offer police officers access to specialised training, research opportunities and advanced technical skills to respond to

increasingly sophisticated policing challenges. BPS Commissioner, Ms Dinah Marathe said the agreement extended beyond workshops and vehicles, describing it as a partnership centered on capability, efficiency and public service. "Transport is a key resource required by BPS to provide effective and efficient services and the initiative supports our Corporate Development Strategy V commitment to becoming a modern, proactive and innovative law enforcement agency," Ms Marathe said. She indicated that the signing was only the beginning, emphasising that the true value of the MoA lied in its execution.

"The measure of today's success will not be the signatures we have witnessed, but the results those signatures produce," she added. Ms Marathe emphasised that the ultimate beneficiary must be the citizen, particularly the Motswana who expected a police vehicle to arrive promptly when assistance was needed. **BOPA**



Botswana Police Service Commissioner, Ms Dinah Marathe (left) and Ministry of Higher Education permanent secretary, Professor Richard Tabulawa after signing a Memorandum of Agreement in Gaborone on Thursday. Ms Marathe said the agreement would enable the Police Service to use Technical and Vocational Education and Training workshop facilities to maintain and service its vehicles, while providing students with practical, industry-relevant experience. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Dikoloti applauds farmers resilience

Aobakwe Molefhi
MOKATAKO

The minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti has commended farmers for their resilience and determination in the face of challenges. Speaking during the Mokatako Harvest Day and Award ceremony on Friday, Dr Dikoloti said the Mokatako/Molete farmers had performed exceptionally well in the Lemang Dijo Programme, with some bringing in more than 90 bags.

He said this was worthy of praise and that other farmers across the country would look to the Mokatako/Molete farmers to learn how they had succeeded in the Lemang Dijo Programme.

Dr Dikoloti said government was committed to helping farmers get the most out of Lemang Dijo Programme, saying they would not encourage failure but would assist farmers who were dedicated.

He urged farmers to take the programme seriously, noting that those who had harvested more than two tonnes per hectare would be given an extra hectare in the 2026/2027 planting season as they had shown commitment.

The top achievers included Mr Tiroyaone Moseki who harvested 92 bags and Mr Tiroyaone Tobosi, who harvested 90 bags out of the Lemang Dijo programme.

Amongst the tokens of appreciations awarded to the top archivers were knap sack sprayers,

cellphones, while consolation prizes awarded to several farmers included bags of maize seeds.

Earlier on his opening remarks, Kgosi Lotlamoreng II of Barolong praised Mokatako/Molete farmers for achieving greater harvests under the one-hectare Lemang Dijo programme.

He expressed appreciation to the farmers, praising them for producing bumper harvests, saying their efforts could turn the Goodhope District into an agricultural hub.

He said the region was once known for its bumper harvests and urged farmers to make full use of the same land their predecessors used to achieve even better results.

Kgosi Lotlaamoreng II also appealed to government to consider granting top-performing farmers in the Lemang Dijo Programme an additional hectare to motivate them to produce more.

For his part the acting deputy director of Crop Production, Mr William Kapela said the aim of the day was to celebrate farmers who had excelled in the Lemang Dijo Programme, adding that they had shown the programme could produce positive results.

He also praised them for producing a variety of crops, not only maize, and said it was good to see legumes and other produce among their harvests. Mokatako Harvest Day was held under the theme: Celebrating Excellence in Agricultural Production: Mokatako Farmers Leading the Way to High Yields. **BOPA**

Treat agriculture as business - official

Tumisang Moilwa
GABORONE

Farmers have been urged to move beyond subsistence production and treat agriculture as a business capable of contributing positively to Botswana's economy and food security.

Speaking at a recent media briefing on the upcoming Farmers Conference and Farmers Market, conference director, Mr Mpho Mutaaurirwa said the initiative was established to address challenges facing farmers, particularly profitability.

Mr Mutaaurirwa said agriculture's contribution to Botswana's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) had declined over the years, despite the sector continuing to provide employment and the country remaining heavily dependent on food imports.

He said the conference would provide a platform for farmers to learn, share experiences and explore ways of making their businesses more profitable.

"Commercialise it. Make farming the commanding right of our

economy," he said. He said Botswana's population of just over 2.5 million presented an opportunity for local farmers to increase production for the domestic market while exploring export opportunities.

The first farmers conference, held in April 2024, attracted 78 farmers and four speakers, while the second edition in December that year drew 123 farmers. Last year's edition attracted 307 farmers.

Organisers are targeting 500 farmers for this year's conference.

Mr Mutaaurirwa said the initiative was part of a broader effort to improve food security and increase local production, calling for greater collaboration among farmers and other stakeholders.

"This is not a farmer's conference thing or a farmer's market thing. It is a Botswana thing," he said.

Meanwhile, Baisago events and marketing director, Ms Meisie Mohwasa said the partnership between the Farmers Conference and Farmers Market would create opportunities for farmers to showcase and sell their produce.

The three-day event will run from October 15 to 17 at Baisago, with the farmers conference taking place during the first two days and the farmers market on the final day.

Ms Mohwasa said the market would allow farmers to display their products, connect with potential customers and establish business contacts. She said the initiative would also support efforts to diversify the economy by promoting agriculture as a viable business.

The organisers said they hoped the initiative would continue growing and create more opportunities for farmers while contributing to the development of the country's agricultural sector.

Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr Tiroyaone Ntsima (third left) and other dignitaries touring stalls during the inaugural Made in BW – Sold to the World Expo 2026 at Botswana International University of Science and Technology in Palapye recently. He challenged local businesses to utilise the domestic market as a testing ground to refine their products before venturing into the highly competitive global arena. **BOPA**



TSHWARAGANO

FOR ELECTION INTO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD, CREDIT, NOMINATIONS AND SUPERVISORY COMMITTEES

The Motswedi SACCOS Nominations Committee invites expressions of interest from suitable and interested members to fill vacant positions on the Management Board and other Committees. There are eight (8) positions to be filled and are as follows:

	Management Board	Credit Committee	Supervisory Committee	Nominations Committee
Number of vacancies	4	2	1	1

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – 2026/27



Requirements

- 1. Be a member of Motswedi SACCOS in good standing.
- 2. Not a member of another SACCOS.
- 3. Be above 21 years old.
- 4. Not be an employee of Motswedi SACCOS.
- 5. Duty of Care-Ability to make informed and prudent decisions
- 6. Duty of Loyalty- Prioritize organization's mission and interests ahead of personal and/or professional gain.
- 7. Duty of Obedience-Foster adherences to laws and remaining faithful to the Society.
- 8. Must not be a regulator and/or directly working hand in hand with any SACCOS.
- 9. Must not be engaged in a business as a money lender.
- 10. Not have been convicted of any offence.
- 11. Not be a rehabilitated insolvent
- 12. Be able to effectively communicate in both Setswana and English.
- 13. Be able to take control, exercise leadership and take responsibility.
- 14. Must have Personal integrity (honesty, sound moral beliefs and ethical practices).

Key Competencies.

- I. Entrepreneurial
- II. Strategic thinking and decisiveness
- III. Finance and Accounting
- IV. Risk Management
- V. Ethical.

Application procedure

- 1.Submit nomination form filled by two nominators and signed by the nominee.
- 2. Attach candidate curriculum vitae (CV) and supporting documentation.
- 3. Strictly submit an Information Transunion Proprietary Limited (formerly ITC) or Micro Finance Credit Bureau Proprietary Limited or Credbase Credit Bureau report (At the member's expense).
- 4. Certified Omang copy to the Nomination form.
- 5. The candidate should attach a letter of motivation as indicated on page 2, of the nomination form under candidate's position statement.

The Nominations Committee will vet applications and recommend suitable candidates. The recommended candidates will be presented to the membership at the upcoming Annual General Meeting for elections. Nomination forms can be collected at Motswedi office, Ministry of Lands & Agriculture (HQ) and Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship (HQ) receptions. The forms can also be downloaded from Motswedi SACCOS website <http://www.motswedisaccos.co.bw>.

All Expressions of interests applications must be posted to: Motswedi SACCOS, P.O. Box 81027, Gaborone, hand delivered to Motswedi SACCOS Office at Plot 54352 Zambezi Towers (CBD) Floor 5, and/or emailed to recruitment@motswedisaccos.co.bw; cmolalapata@motswedisaccos.co.bw;

Faxed applications will not be accepted.

For further information/clarification contact:

Mr Chilume Molalapata - Operations Manager at: 390 8227 / 350 0973 or 71383047
Mr Moreri Modipe - Nominations Committee Chairperson at: 3689033, 71730547 or 75142975
OR Mr. Innocent Kelatlhegile - Risk & Compliance Officer at 75 403 756

The closing date for submission is 19th October 2026 at 1530hrs.

Please note that by virtue of submitting this application, you irrevocably express consent that Motswedi SACCOS may process, share your data in line with the recruitment process and/or add it to the SACCOS talent pool mainly for consideration in an event of arising opportunities.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- 2026

NOTICE

SATURDAYNOVEMBER 7TH 2026
UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA INDOOR SPORTS ARENA
0800 HRS

Motswedi SACCOS invites all its esteemed members to the 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM).The meeting seek to update the members about their Society Performance and consideration of audited financial statements. Therefore, members are encouraged to grace the momentous event.

NB:

- 1. Registration / Online Activation starts at 0700 am.
- 2. Official opening starts at 0800 am.
- 3. Members arriving after 1000 am will not be eligible for P250.00 AGM allowance.

Mr. Ofentse Joseph Modise
Board Chairperson

THE AGENDA

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda
- 2. Minutes review of the 2025 AGM and 2025 SGM
- 3. Board of Directors Report
- 4. Supervisory Committee Report
- 5. Auditors Reports
- 6. Surplus Appropriation
- 7. Capital Budget Consideration
- 8. Motions / Appeals from members
- 9. Elections for Vacant Committee Positions (Board of Directors, Supervisory and Credit Committees).

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Chief of Staff and chairperson of Social Protection Reforms Task Team, Dr Oupa Tsheko (second left) and other officials during a tour of projects under social protection safety nets in Mochudi recently. Dr Tsheko called on district authorities to come up with targeted programmes to ensure that beneficiaries were able to graduate from government dependency. Photo: Mmoniemang Motsamai

Govt aims for transformed social protection strategy

Mmoniemang Motsamai
MOCHUDI

The vision for a transformed social protection landscape dominated discussions during a recent consultative meeting with Kgatleng District authorities.

Speaking at the meeting, Chief of Staff and chairperson of Social Protection Reforms Task Team chairperson, Dr Oupa Tsheko, described the upcoming reforms as a game changer for rural communities.

“Sustainable livelihoods are an essential pinnacle to building resilient communities,” Dr Tsheko said, urging local leaders to craft initiatives leveraging resources already present in their regions. “We have resource-endowed districts that should be used to assist our communities. Because each district faces unique challenges, solutions cannot be fashioned in the exact same manner,” he added.

He highlighted that Botswana currently spent 4.4 per cent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) annually on social protection and safety net programs, the highest rate in the region. He warned that the prevailing ‘dependency syndrome’ on government aid was unsustainable, pointing out that significant public funds were being consumed by hand-to-mouth support rather than long-term economic growth. He emphasised that while high unemployment remained a major hurdle, even the working class was struggling under economic hardships.

“Social protection should go beyond providing immediate relief by creating sustainable pathways through which beneficiaries can acquire skills, access economic opportunities and eventually graduate to self-reliance,” Dr Tsheko stated.

Department of Social Development and representative of the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) secretariat, Ms Gomolemo Tselakgopo, noted that critical gaps persisted in programme targeting and coverage.

Ms Tselakgopo said preliminary studies revealed that despite high government spending, social welfare initiatives yielded low graduation rates and fostered continued dependency.

She said the upcoming reforms would evaluate whether the

nation was getting value for its money, measuring success by how effectively beneficiaries transition off government aid. To fix such inefficiencies, she said government was establishing a Single Social Registry to identify and target the most vulnerable citizens.

She described the registry as a core enabler of reform, designed to capture socio-economic data, assess community needs, determine eligibility and coordinate targeted

enrolment.

Social Protection deputy director, Ms Gomotsang Manne explained that consolidating beneficiary data across all welfare programmes would streamline service delivery and prevent benefit overlaps.

“This initiative is meant to guard against double dipping and provide support for evidence-based decisions on coverage, duplication and resource allocation,” Ms Manne noted.

Kgatleg District Commissioner, Mr Innocent Maotwe, welcomed the new direction, stressing the necessity of aligning local social protection efforts with the BETP and National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) to drive inclusive growth.

Providing local context, Kgatleng District Council deputy council secretary, Ms Emeldah Matlhogojane, revealed that the district currently supported about 5 390 beneficiaries, including

destitute persons, orphans, needy students and children in need of protection.

However, Ms Matlhogojane acknowledged that delivering social welfare services locally was faced with operational hurdles, including outdated policy and legal frameworks, legislative misalignments, benefit duplication and severe staff shortages coupled with lack of specialised training.

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Kgosi Letshikhoana installation reunites Basotho communities

Aobakwe Molefhi
TLHARESELEELE

Prince Seeiso Bereng Seeiso of Lesotho has encouraged Kgosi Paul Letshikhoana of Tlhareseleele in the Good Hope District to remain humble and carry out his duties diligently.

Giving remarks during the inauguration of Kgosi Letshikhoana in Tlhareseleele on Saturday, Prince Seeiso said a leader must have ethical and moral values. Prince Seeiso was speaking on behalf of King Letsie III.

He said that being inaugurated as Kgosi was a big responsibility which required one to seek wisdom from God at all times.

For his part Kgosi Kgari Sechele III of Bakwena encouraged the newly installed Kgosi Letshikhoana to uphold the values of Bogosi and lead his people with integrity.

Kgosi Kgari III urged him not to lead his people with temper, but to humble himself so that residents could respect and support him in his duties.

He encouraged residents of Tlhareseleele to be united, work with Kgosi Letshikhoana and volunteer their resources to ensure that he carried out his duties smoothly.

He said it was through unity that challenges facing villages could be overcome.

Kgosi Kgari III also encouraged Kgosi Letshikhoana to work with other chiefs in the area and cautioned him not to engage in politics.

Earlier in his welcome remarks,



Prince Seeiso Bereng Seeiso of Lesotho (third left) drapping Kgosi Paul Letshikhoana of Tlhareseleele (second left) with traditional Sotho blanket during the installation ceremony on Saturday. Prince Seeiso urged him to carry out his duties diligently. Photo: Aobakwe Molefhi

Kgosi Lotlaamoreng II of Barolong said they welcomed Kgosi Paul Letshikhoana into the Barolong community chieftainship.

He encouraged him to love all his subjects and always seek God’s help and wisdom to lead his people.

In his acceptance speech, Kgosi

Paul Letshikhoana promised to carry out his duties diligently.

He thanked all those who made the inauguration possible, saying their collaboration was a clear sign of respect.

Kgosi Letshikhoana added that it was the first time Basotho from

Lesotho and those from Botswana had collaborated on such an event.

He also expressed gratitude to the Barolong community for their support over the years, and thanked the Government of Botswana for allowing them to practise their culture freely.

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Khansele e rolela Manyaka ntlo ya Bonno

Relief Lephutshi

LOBATSE

Khansele ya toropo ya Lobatse e roletse Rre Paul Manyaka wa kgotla ya Pitikwe ntlo ka fa tlase ga lenaneo la Bonno Housing Scheme bosheng.

Fa bua kwa moletlong wa go ribolola ntlo ya ntlha ka fa tlase ga lenaneo la Bonno kwa Lobatse, Ratoropo, yo gape e leng mokhanselara wa Pitikwe, Rre Aron Ganakgomo, a re ke maikaelolo a puso gore batho ba nne le bonno jo bo siameng e bile bo ka kgona go duelelwa ke Batswana ka bontsi.

A re mo matlong a le mane, e le nngwe kago ya yone e santse e tswetse fa a mararo a fedile mme e bile nngwe ya a one e le yone e rolelwang moikopedi Rre Manyaka. A re maikaelelo ke go dira go menagane go aga matlo a mantsi go tlamela Batswana ka bonno.

Mogolwane gotswa kwa khanseleng ya Lobatse Mme Malebogo Magano o boletse fa lenaneo la Bonno le thusa ba ba lebanyeng ka dikarolwana tse di farologanyeng di tshwana jaaka turnkey e a tlhalositseng fa moikopedi a ka e fitlhelela ka madi a P90, 000.00, e le tiro e e dirwang



Rre Paul Manyaka o akgoletse puso lenaneo la Bonno Housing Scheme a re le tlaa thusa Batswana go nna le bonno jo bo siameng.
Senepe: Relief Lephutshi

mo sebakeng sa kgwedi tse nne.

A re lenaneo la go tokafatsa bonno jo bo leng teng le fitlhelelwa ka madi a selekanyo sa P60, 000.00 mme go fela ga tiro ya teng go laolwa ke moikopedi.

A re ka lenaneo le go ikaelelwa go tokafatsa selebego le tlhabololo ya bonno. Modulasetilo wa komiti ya



Khansele ya toropo ya Lobatse e roletse Rre Paul Manyaka ntlo e e agilweng ka lenaneo la Bonno Housing Scheme ka Labone.

Bonno, kwa khanseleng ya toropo ya Lobatse Rre Kago Malele o rotloeditse Batswana ba ba santseng ba na le ditsha tse di iseng di tlhabololwe go iketleletsa kwa khanseleng go kopa go thusiwa ka lenaneo la Bonno, le a tlhalositseng fa go dira dituelo tsa lone go le motlhofo ka go simolola ka dielo tse di kwa tlase kgwedi le kgwedi go tswa ka bokgoni jwa moikopedi.

Fa ntsha la gagwe mogolwane

wa Lephata Quality Assurance mo koporaseng ya Botswana Housing Corporation a re kago ya ntlo eo, e simolotse ka Seetebosigo, e le e e tsayang kgwedi tse nne go agiwa le go neelwa moikopedi.

O tlhalositse fa Kago e dirwa go setse morago therisanyo le moikopedi mo legatong lengwe le lengwe go netefatsa gore dikeletso tse di supilweng ke moikopedi di a diragadiwa.

O tlhalositse fa ntlo e fiwa sebaka sa kgwedi tse tharo gore mong wa yone a e tlathlobe diphoso tse di ka bonalang. A re morago ga se, diphoso dipe tse di tlaa nnang teng e tlaa nna boikarabelo jwa mong wa ntlo. Fa a amogela ntlo ya gagwe Rre Manyaka o akgotse puso ka lenaneo la go fa Batswana bonno a ba a lebogela bana ba gagwe go bo ba tsere boikarabelo jwa go duelela bonno jwa gagwe. **BOPA**

Kgosi Segotsi o bolokilwe

Kefilwe Selotlegeng

MAHALAPYE

Kgosi wa pele wa Mahalapye Kgosi Duncan Tsoebebe Segotsi o bolokilwe ka Matlhatso mo Mahalapye.

Kgosi Segotsi o tlhokafetse ka letsatsi la boipuso a le dingwaga di le masome a robabobedi le bobedi.

O tshotswe kgwedi ya Moranang e tlhola gane ka ngwaga wa 1944 (kwa Serowe mo kgotleng ya Konyana).

Kgosi Segotsi o tsene mo bogosing ka ngwaga wa 2000 e le Kgosi ya kgotla ya Konyana. Ka a ne a dira tiro ya gagwe ka botswerere le boineelo one a tlhatlosiwa maemo go ya kwa kgotleng e tona ya Mahalapye ka 2001, maemo a a tshwereng ka botswapelo mo lebakeng la dingwaga tse di masome a mabedi.

Tona wa ditlhaeletsano le ditlhamo yo gape e leng mopalamente wa Mahalapye Bophrima Rre David Tshere o kaile fa Kgosi Segotsi e ne e le motho yoo bonolo. Rre Tshere a re o ithutile go le gontsi mo go ene nako e a neng a bereka le ene e le mopalamente. O tlhalositse fa ba latlhegetswe ke pilara.

Moemedi wa bana Rre Kabelo Segotsi o boletse fa rraagwe e ne e le motho yoo lerato mme e bile a re ba ithutile gole gontsi mo go ene. Rre Segotsi a re moswi o tlogela motlhalo le motheo yo o nonofileng mo matshelong a bone, a tlhalosa fa a tlaa sala a tswaledisa fa rraagwe a tlogetseng teng.

Moemedi wa ditlogolo Mme Wame Mopedi a re Kgosi Segotsi e ne e le motho yo o boineelo, botho e bile a le mamu. A re ba akotse lerato la gagwe e le malome, a thiba diphatsa fa goneng go bulegile teng, a tlatsa ka gore Kgosi Segotsi o dirile karolo ya gagwe ya botsadi ka botswapelo. Kgosi o mogolwane wa Mahalapye Kgosi Tshipe Tshipe a re ba berekile mmogo le Kgosi Segotsi ka lerato ba tshwaragane go tsamaisa motse wa Mahalapye. A re Kgosi Segotsi one a le bonolo a rata batho.

Kgosi Segotsi o ne gape e le mogwebi e bile e le molemi morui. O ne a tsena no nyalong e e boitshepo le Mme Olebile



Kgosi wa pele wa Mahalapye, Kgosi Duncan Segotsi o bolokilwe ka Matlhatso kwa Mahalapye. Dibui di mo kaile fa a ne a le bonolo e bile a rata batho.

Bogato jwa mogoma ga bo tlhobogwe

Relief Lephutshi

KANYE

E rile ka Laboraro morafe wa GaNgwaketse wa bo o tshologetse kwa kgotleng kgolo ya Kanye jaaka Kgosi Malope II wa Bangwaketse a ne a bolotsa letsema la ngwaga ono.

Kgosi Malope II a re le fa ba tepo loapi ba kaile fa pula e tlaa nna boutsana ka ntlha ya seemo sa el nino, o ba kgothatsa go ya go lema ba na le tshapho.

Kgosi o tlhalositse fa tiro ya go tshereganya di kgotlhang tsa selegae le tsa manyalo e tlaa ema Sedimonthole a tlhola ga raro, go fa balemi sebaka sa go bereka masimo. Fa a ntsha la gagwe mogolwane kwa lephateng la temo thuo mo kgaolong ya Kanye, Mme Kelebonye Bareeleng o tlhalositse fa lenaneo la Lemang Dijo le tlaa tswelela ka go abela balemi dithuso tse di lekaneng go lema selekanyo sa ekere e le nngwe.

Mogolwane o ne a tlhalosa fa lenaneo la Lemang Dijo le na le dikarolwana tsa go kabela, e leng go epa mahuti fa thoko ga dijjwalo go thusa go tshhegetsatsa metsi mo nakong ya tlhalelo ya pula.

O ne a gakolola le go rotloedisa balemi ka mokgwa wa bogologolo

wa go upa, a re ke mokgwa wa go sireletsa diji. E ne ya re go le pele mo potsolotsong le BOPA Mme Bareeleng a tlhalosa fa thobo ya ngwaga wa 2024 /2025 e ne ya nna ditone di le 4 214.10 gotswa mo selekanyong sa diekere di le 286.6, fa ka ngwaga wa 2025/2026 kgaolo ya Kanye e bonye ditone di le 1033.68 go tswa mo diekereng tse 2575.95. O supile fa bokete ja mmidi e nnile selekanyo sa ditone tse 823.40.

Rre Khumotsile Nkhumisang wa kgotla ya Taukobong mo Kanye, a lema kwa Masimong a kgaolo ya Dilokwana a re e re le tswa go kuetswe seemo sa elnino, pula e komakomile ka jalo ba solofela fa pula e tlaa nna balemi.

A re seemo sa bosa se dikile se amile temo a ba a tlatsa ka gore, balemi ba ba neng ba phakelela go baya tema ka kgwedi ya Phalane, dijjwalo tsa teng di ne tsa kopana le mogote ka Hirikgong.

A re go boammaaruri Bangwaketse ba lema mmidi mme e bile o bona kgakololo ya mogolwane kwa lephateng la dijjwalo e lebanye gore go lemiwe mabele. A re ba ba neng ba beile tema kgwedi ya Hirikgong, ba ne ba tswa ka sengwe.

“Mmidi ga o kgone go itshwarelela mo mogoteng. Mabele a kgona go itshwarelela mo letsatsing, a latelwa ke dinawa,” ga gakolola rre Nkhumisang.

A re le fa seemo sa elnino se kuetswe, o bona fa seemo sa loapi se le botoka ka jaana pula e sa tswa go koma koma ka Phatwe.

Mme Agness Morekisi wa Masimo a Malau kwa Pelotshetlha o kopile gore go boelwe mo go epiweng disana le go teratela masimo go thusa ba ba dikobo di magetleng. A re sekgoreletsi sengwe ke go bo lephata la kaboditsha le le maoto a tshupa go thusa balemi ka ditlankana tsa masimo. Mme Morekisi o kopile lephata la kabo ditsha go fefosa ditirelo a re go tlhokega ga ditlankana go kgoreletsa tswelolepele segolo jang fa go kopiwa dithuso tsa temo thuo.

O tlhalositse fa a sa itumediwe ke gore go bo go lengwa tema e le nngwefela segolo jang mo thotloetsong ya temo ya mabele.

A re mabele a tshabelelwa ke dinonyane mme poifo ke gore fa tema e le nngwe molemi a ka se saelwe ke sepe. A re tema tse tlhano di ne di le botoka mo go e nngwe. **BOPA**

Political parties step up by-election campaigns

Chendzimu Manyepedza
SEFHOPHE

Political momentum is building in Sefhophe as political parties launch their candidates ahead of Sefhophe Ward council by-election scheduled for Saturday, October 17.

The by-election follows the passing of former Sefhophe Ward councillor, Mr Christopher Motsholapheko, in July.

With the election date fast approaching, party leaders have taken to the ground to urge residents to exercise their democratic right and elect effective leadership for the ward.

Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) has called on voters to maintain trust in proven track record.

Speaking at the launch of the BDP candidate, party chairperson, Mr Karabo Gare, encouraged residents to give the party another mandate to serve the community's interests by backing Ms Same Sekanang-Ditshoto.

"Allow the BDP to take the lead. This political party continues to prioritise the welfare of the people it serves. Throughout its history, BDP has committed to listening to the voices of the community and welcomes constructive advice," Mr Gare said.

He highlighted the party's long-standing history of fostering sustainable and inclusive development aimed at improving the quality of life for all citizens.

Commending Ms Sekanang-Ditshoto's experience, dedication and steadfast commitment to addressing local issues, Mr Gare reassured voters that backing her leadership would help shape a brighter future for the ward.

For her part, Ms Sekanang-

Ditshoto placed public health, safety and environmental protection at the forefront of her agenda.

She expressed concern over improper domestic waste disposal, thus warned that poor waste management threatened human livelihoods, livestock health and environmental safety.

She advocated for improved waste management infrastructure combined with targeted community awareness campaigns.

Ms Sekanang-Ditshoto underscored the need for youth empowerment to combat local unemployment.

"Empowering the youth through skills development and talent recognition is a vital step towards fostering economic growth and resilience within the community," she stated.

On one hand, Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF) positioned Mr Leoto Porati as champion for local government and development.

During the campaign, Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse, launched Mr Porati as the candidate for the BPF.

Mr Ookeditse emphasised that Mr Porati's extensive work experience and familiarity with local governance set him apart as the candidate best equipped to represent Sefhophe residents effectively. He noted that strong representation required clear understanding of local governance structures and the capability to articulate community needs through proper policy platforms.

Addressing party members Lieutenant General Gaolatlhe Galebotswe, focused on internal cohesion, urging members to maintain constructive dialogue and resolve internal disputes amicably.



Botswana Patriotic Front's council candidate for Sefhophe ward by-election, Mr Leoto Porati. Launching the candidate, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse said Mr Porati's extensive work experience and familiarity with local governance set him apart as the candidate best equipped to represent the community.



Botswana Democratic Party chairperson, Mr Karabo Gare (left) and council candidate for Sefhophe ward by-election, Ms Same Sekanang-Ditshoto at her launch on Saturday. Mr Gare encouraged residents to give the party another mandate to serve the community. Photos: Chendzimu Manyepedza

"Differences in opinions are inevitable within a political organisation, but how members handle them is critical to maintain cohesion and strengthen the party.

There should always be constructive engagement rather

than actions that could alienate members and undermine party growth," he said.

Mr Porati pledged to deliver inclusive, non-partisan representation for all Sefhophe residents.

He outlined plans to prioritise tailored community development projects and committed to continuous stakeholder engagement to ensure that projects were implemented effectively and in line with local priorities. **BOPA**

Jwaneng Mine dominates inter-mine first aid competitions

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe
MAUN

Jwaneng Mine demonstrated its first aid prowess by claiming the top two positions at the 2026 Botswana Chamber of Mines (BCM) Inter-Mine First Aid Competitions held in Maun on Saturday, with Team B emerging overall winner ahead of Team A, while Lucara Botswana secured third place.

The closely contested competition, hosted by MMG Khoemacau, brought together mining industry teams to demonstrate their practical first aid skills, teamwork and ability to respond effectively to workplace emergencies under the theme, "First Aid in Migration Contexts."

The results underscored Jwaneng Mine's investment in first aid training and preparedness, with its general manager, Mr Goitseone Gadifele, saying the outcome was consistent with the mine's rigorous safety standards and established procedures.

Mr Gadifele said the standard of

first aid in Botswana had improved significantly, attributing the progress to continued efforts to equip workers with the skills needed to respond to medical emergencies.

He said Jwaneng Mine took first aid seriously and extensively trained its employees, adding that every mine should adequately train personnel because of the hazardous nature of mining operations.

"Our victory did not come as a surprise, given the high standards and processes we have put in place to prepare the teams," he said.

Botswana Chamber of Mines chief executive officer, Mr Charles Siwawa said the annual inter-mine competitions were intended to promote first aid as an essential skill, not only in the workplace but also in households and communities.

He said the competitions, which had been held at different locations over the past five years, provided an opportunity for participating entities to assess their capabilities, exchange knowledge and strengthen emergency response.

Mr Siwawa noted that the initiative evolved around the mining sector, with the ultimate objective being to ensure that more people could provide immediate assistance when emergencies occurred.

For his part, MMG Khoemacau general manager, Mr Logic Sebope emphasised the importance of first aid in the mining environment, where workers could sustain injuries or experience medical emergencies requiring immediate attention.

He said trained employees played a critical role in providing initial medical assistance before casualties could be transported to hospital, making first aid preparedness an essential component of workplace safety.

Mr Sebope applauded participating teams and attendees for their contribution to the competition and commitment to continually sharpening their skills in preparation for emergencies.

Delivering keynote address, Pula Med principal officer, Dr Khumoetsile Mapitse said the competition provided a platform

for strengthening teamwork, exchanging skills and sharing solutions to challenges encountered during first aid response.

He said the first few minutes of an emergency could determine whether a casualty survived, as professional medical responders might not arrive immediately.

Dr Mapitse said first aiders were often the first link in the chain of care, with the responsibility to recognise an emergency, make the scene safe and help keep casualties alive until further medical assistance became available.

He cautioned, however, that effective first aid was only part of the response, noting that casualties also needed to reach the appropriate medical care.

"The best of first aid in the world loses much of its value if the patient cannot reach the care they need," he said, stressing the importance of an effective chain of response from the initial intervention to professional treatment.

On the competition's theme, Dr Mapitse highlighted the need for emergency response systems to

accommodate workers from diverse backgrounds, including those who had migrated from different communities and countries.

He said first aid preparedness should be inclusive and ensured that workers could receive timely assistance regardless of their backgrounds.

The competition attracted local leadership, including Batawana's Kgosi Tawana II, North West district commissioner Mr Thabang Waloka and North West District Council Chairperson, Mr Itumeleng Kelebenseng.

The annual event reinforced the mining industry's focus on emergency preparedness, practical skills development and workplace safety, while encouraging participating companies to maintain a high standard of first aid readiness.

Through the competition, the chamber seeks to strengthen a culture where first aid was recognised as a shared responsibility and a potentially life-saving skill in workplaces, homes and communities. **BOPA**



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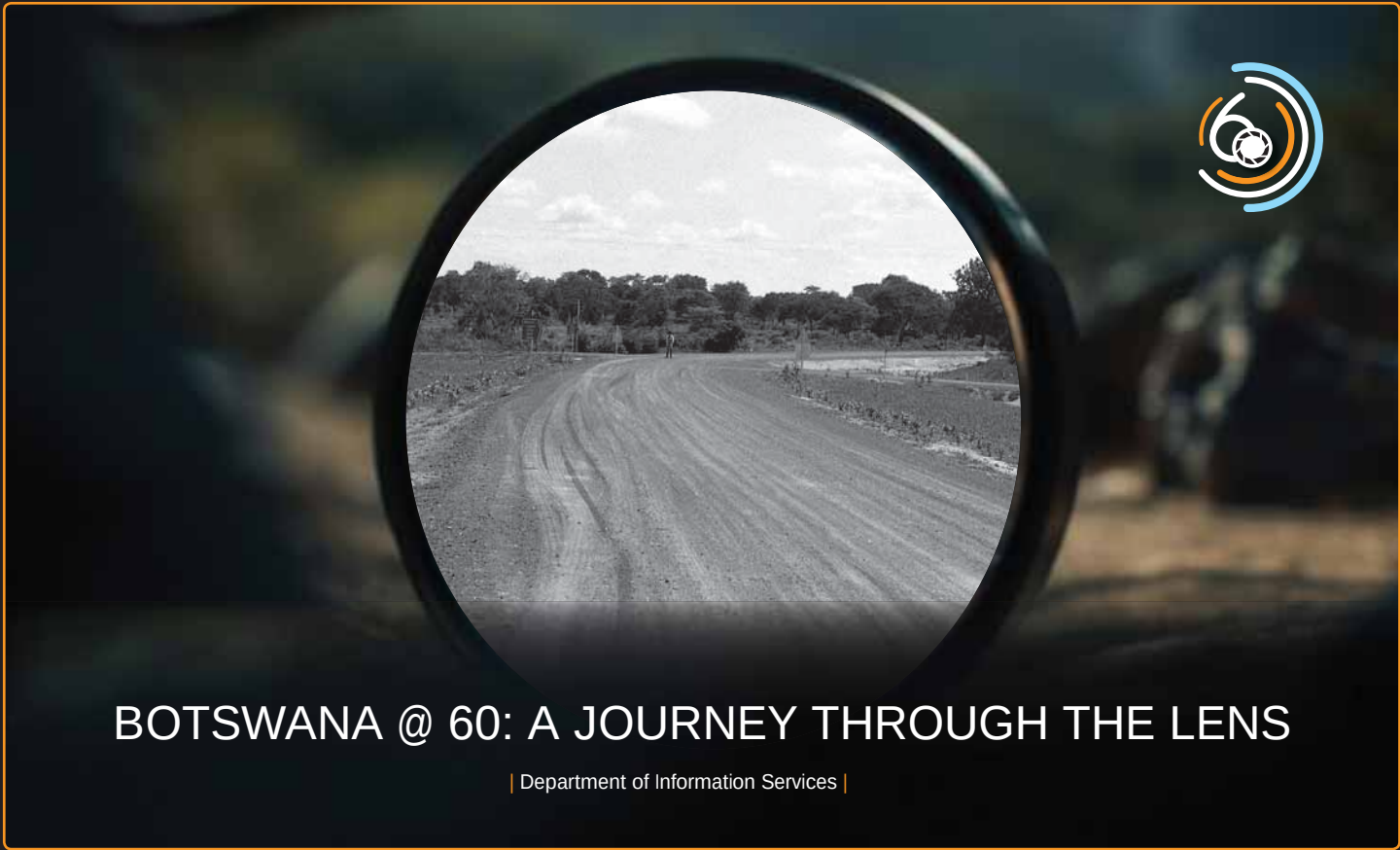


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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

EDDIEFAX HORIZON HOLDINGS (Pty) Ltd would like to apply for wholesale liquor license at Kasane in the Chobe District. The liquor control authority board meeting will be held on the 12th November 2026. Any objections can be submitted in writing to: Council Secretary Chobe District Council Private Bag K30 Kasane.

OWNER OF PLOT 16983 at Ramotswa wish to erect a boundary wall. Any objection may be registered with Ramotswa Building Control within 14 working days.

THE OWNER OF PLOT 311, extension 5 Gaborone wishes to build a boundary wall. For any inquiries or objections contact or visit Gaborone City Council Building Control Offices. Contact 365 7494 or 71 562 468

GALENYADIWE ODIGETSE WISHES to inform neighbouring landowners at Moiyabana, that he would like to change land use from industrial plot to multi-family. Any objections should be forwarded to Serowe District Council, Physical Planning Department, telephone No; 463 1138 within (14) days of publication

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THE OWNER OF TRIBAL GRANT 196-MP wishes to inform neighbouring landowners at Dithojane lands/Serowe, that he would like to subdivide his plot (horticulture) and change land use for other portions from agriculture to mixed land use. Any objections should be forwarded to Serowe District Council, Physical Planning Department, telephone no; 463 1138 within (14) days of publication.

THE OWNER OF PLOT 187 wishes to inform neighbours of plot 183, 184, 186, 169, 170 and 188 in Serowe of the intent to regularize and build a fuel depot. Any queries should be directed to city council in Serowe

I MUSHANANANA L NCHUNGA owner of plot 15378 Phiring Broadhurst, Gaborone, wishes to change from residential to civic and community land use. Any objections contact Gaborone city council at 3657400 within 14 days (fourteen days) of publication of this notice

OWNER OF PLOT 15813 Tlokweng, is informing plot 15812, 15814, 15810 of his intentions to erect a wall. Any objections should be forwarded to Tlokweng district council

VZ INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD, owner of plot No 81865 Gaborone North wishes to inform their neighbours of their intention to rezone their plot from civic & community to residential. Any objections should be addressed to Gaborone city council physical planning department on Tel: 365 7591 within 14 days of this publication

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NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference:
ESHGB 000805/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MARTHA MMUSI** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on **26th March 2014**.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

Executor Dative | Andy Thebe Mmusi
P O Box 227, BOKAA | **CELL: 71796619**

INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of Section 8 (1) of Married Persons Property Act, 2014)

- TEBOGO MARODI (NEE MOITHOKI) and RAMATLAKANE GOODLET MARODI** married in community of property on the 28th day of June 2019 , in Sefhare , intend to make an application to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change their marital property regime from “in community of property” to “out of community of property”.
- The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the three (3) weeks statutory notice from the date of first publication hereof.
- Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform Tebogo Marodi, Ramatlakane Goodlet Marodi and/or Dow & Associates , before the expiration of the said 3 weeks period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

The Applicants, Tebogo Marodi & Ramatlakane Goodlet Marodi, c/o DOW & ASSOCIATES, P.O. Box 45992, Gaborone, Plot 16527, Phase 1, Gaborone West, Gaborone, Tel 3500108/73558334

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000419-24**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ANASTACIA LESEGO AND TOKO LESEGO ESHGB 000419-24** Who died on the **17th May 2024** at **Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana** and **28th day of May 2020** at **Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana**.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

The Executor Lesang Lesego
P O BOX 503753 GABORONE
CEL: 72879407/71604355

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB-000111/24

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE BOITSHEPO MOGOTSI who died at Lekgwapheng Ward, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 2nd day of February 2024.

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

DATED AT.....ON THE.....DAY OF.....2026

The Executrix
BONE MOGOTSI
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MOLEPOLOLE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer **No. 355/2004** dated the 1st day of **March 2004** made in favour of **KAONE PHANA NTSHINGANE**, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 12262, Gaborone;
SITUATE: in Gaborone Extension 38;
MEASURING: 575 m² (Five Hundred and Seventy-Five Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Transfer **No. 355/2004** dated the 1st day of **March 2004** made in favour of **Kaone Phana Ntshingane**;

SUBJECT TO: all such conditions as the aforesaid Deed will more fully point out;

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

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Associates Mary Maeda | Jawairiyah Maher | Anne Rindo

Notice of Intention to Change Marriage Property Regime

(in Terms of Section 8 (1) (f) of Married Persons Property Act, 2014)

- ABEL NALEDI MOTSWASELE and FLORENCE POLLY**, married in community of property on the 31st day of October 2025, at Maitengwe, wish to change their property regime to out of community of property.
- The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after three (3) consecutive publications of this statutory notice.
- Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties' estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties' Attorneys, Wilson Attorneys, before the expiration of the said three consecutive publications, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED at Francistown this 16th day of September, 2026.

WILSON ATTORNEYS, Plot No. 3973, Tlhangwe Drive, Minestone, P.O Box 301445 Metsef, Francistown.

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

CASENO:CVHGB-002963/25

In the matter between;

LUCAS HAMA MAUHAZA
And
KETSHABILE ZERO BAPENE

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE OF EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT that pursuant to the Writ of Execution of this Honourable Court, the movable property of the above-named plaintiffs will be sold in execution to the highest bidder by the Deputy Sheriff Kebonyekgosi Ndebele in the manner hereinafter set out.

DATE OF SALE : 6th day of November 2026
TIME : 10am
PLACE : Broadhurst Magistrate Court

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD : L shape Couch, TV, Tv stand, JBL speaker, Wall Watch, Samsung Double Door Fridge, LG Washing Machine, Boss Oven & Warmer, Queen Bed & Headboard, Iron, Air Fryer, Queen Bed, TV, Bar Fridge, Table (Black), Gym Equipments, Suit Chair Couch(c), Hisense Fridge, Deep Freezer, Five Piece sofas, Coffee Table, TV, Wall mirror, Tables x 7, Chairs x 4, Mirrors x3, Queen Bed & Headboard, Kist x 3, Hilux Surf reg: B144 BGI, VW-GTI reg: B795 BTT, Viano reg: B406 BSM, Quad Bikes x 2, Cooler Box x 3, Outdoor Chairs x3

TERMS OF SALE : Cash or EFT

CONDITIONS OF SALE : the conditions of sale may be inspected at the Offices of Makgane Attorneys at the address below

DEPUTY SHERRIFF KEBONYEKGOSI NTEBELE, TELEPHONE NO. 71 694 303 C/O MAKGANE ATTORNEYS PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEYS, P.O.BOX 3035 GABORONE, PLOT 14416 GABORONE WEST INDUSTRIAL

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

TSHEPANG BEAUTY WELLIO of plot number 48908 Maun intends to change the land use from single to multi residential units. Any objections to the development should be directed to the physical planning office, Maun district at 686 0241 within 14 days of the publication of this notice

NEIGHBOURS OF PLOT 9354, Letlapeng, Tlokweng, owner wishes to change landuse from single residential to multi-family residential, contact Tlokweng District Council on 369 5018 for any objection.

MOGOTSINYANA MAPHARING OF Plot 6522 Mogoditshane Block 5, would like to change land use from residential to multi family residential. For any objection please contact Mogoditshane Physical Planning office within 14 days of publication.

PLOT 1481, SESE/BORAKALALO is applying for change of land-use from single-residential to commercial. Any objections phone Issac Tswetla 71 348 591.

WINEC PTY LTD OWNER of Plot No. 3424 extension 12 Gaborone, would like to change land use from single-family residential to commercial (spa/ salon). For any objection please contact Gaborone city council or call on tel 365 7400, within fourteen days (14) days of this publication.

WINEC PTY LTD OWNER of Plot No. 3425 extension 12 Gaborone, would like to change land use from single-family to commercial (spa/ salon). For any objection please contact Gaborone city council or call on tel 365 7400, within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

THE OWNER OF PLOT 3267 at Mannathoko Ward, Seroe, wishes to change landuse from single-family residential use to multi-family residential use. Any objection may be forwarded to Serowe Physical Planning Office or call 463 8470.

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000054/24**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **TIDIMALO MOTLOGELWA** who died at Kgale, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on 1st October 2023

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

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

DATED at Mass Media Daily news on this 8th Day of October 2026.

Executrix Dative
Agang Motlogelwa
P O Box 47155 **GABORONE**
CELL: 74409691/73000217

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of **Deed No FT TL 604/ 2021** dated **3 August 2021** made in favour of **WORTH A MILLION (PTY) LTD** in respect of;

CERTAIN: PIECE OF LAND BEING LOT 1202 MEASURING: 25942 m²
SITUATE: RAMOKGWEBANA
HELD UNDER: TATI LAND BOARD FT TL 604/2021

All Persons having objection to the issue of such copy are required to lodge the same in writing to the Registrar of Deeds, Francistown **within three (3) weeks** from the last publication notice.

Dated: 16/09/2026
ADDRESS:
P O BOX 401805 GABORONE

I KEIKUTLWETSE SEKGOMA, owner of Plot 5087 Gaborone Extension 10 would like to notify my neighbours and the public of my intention to demolish the existing structure and develop a shingle story residential duplex. For any objections contact Gaborone City Council, on 365 7400 within 14 days of this publication

BATLHARO-TOKWANA (PTY) LTD, on behalf of Gaborone City Council and Peolane Ward Development Committee, would like to change land use from Open Space to Mixed Use-Commercial Development and undertake development on Lot 60773, Block 7, Gaborone, situated along Ban Gwalo Drive. For any objections or comments, please contact Gaborone City Council Physical Planning Office, Telephone No. 365 7400, within 14 days of this publication.

HILDAH BAIPOLEDI HEREBY gives notice of the proposed change of land use of Plot No. 13142, Mhiko Ward, Kanye, from single family residential to multi-family residential, to allow for multi-family residential development. Any person wishing to object to the proposal should coactant the Kanye District Council Physical Planning Office on 544 0217 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

ONTLAMETSE MATSHABA HEREBY gives notice of the proposed change of land use of the resultant portion in Moshupa Lands Area from agriculture to mixed use (Industrial and Agriculture). Any person wishing to object to the proposed change should contact the Moshupa District Council Physical Planning Office On 544 9950 within 14 days of publication of this notice.



VACANCY: DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (ADMINISTRATION-SECONDARY SCHOOL)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced candidates for the position of Deputy Principal (Administration-Secondary School) at Botlhale Cambridge International School

Minimum Requirements:

- Relevant teaching qualification/Degree in education.
- Valid registration with the appropriate professional body.
- At least 10 years' teaching experience, preferably 3 years with administrative or management experience.
- Strong leadership, organisational, communication, and mandatory ICT skills.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist the Principal in the effective administration and management of the secondary school.
- Coordinate school records, timetables, examinations, admissions, and other administrative activities.
- Supervise staff and promote discipline among learners.
- Ensure implementation of school policies and procedures.
- Act as Principal when required.

Application: Interested candidates should submit an application letter, detailed CV, certified copies of qualifications, and relevant supporting documents.
Preference will be given to Botswana citizens

ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED FOR AN INTERVIEW

CLOSING DATE: 28 OCTOBER 2026

Please address all correspondence to:
The Principal , P O Box 3076, Gaborone, Botswana, **Tel 3162307/8, Fax 3162309, Email : n.bhatnagar@botlhale.ac.bw / hr@botlhale.ac.bw Website: https://botlhale.ac.bw**



STAR RAYS DIAMONDS BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD

Plot 61128 - 30, Unit C1 -2, BITC Factory Shells, Block 8, Gaborone, Botswana
Tel.: +267 3101196 | Email: info@starraysbw.com

VACANCIES

Star Rays Diamonds Botswana is a Diamond Cutting, and Polishing Factory seeking experienced, passionate and dedicated candidates to apply for the following vacant position:

- 2x Full Stone (All Shapes) Fancy Diamond Polish Trainer
- 2x Full Stone Diamond Polish Trainer (All shapes)
- 1x Diamond Planning manager

Applicants must possess strong expertise in the art of Diamond Polishing and Grading as mentioned above, have at least 10 – 15 years' experience polishing and Grading diamonds as per GIA standards in the Diamond cutting & polishing industry.

Requirements:

- Minimum of 10 - 15 years' work experience in full stone polish (all shapes fancy and round shape) and training
- Minimum of 10 - 15 years' work experience in full Diamond Grading Process until GIA standards and Training
- Fluent in both spoken and written English
- Ability to supervise and train different candidates
- Excellent interpersonal skills

Interested candidates should send a comprehensive CV, References & certified ID or Omang with a cover letter to: hr@starraysbw.com

Star Rays Diamonds Botswana (PTY) Ltd
Plot 61128/30, Unit C1/C2, BITC Factory Shells, Block 8 Industrial, Gaborone Botswana

Closing Date: 19th October 2026

STAR RAYS WILL ONLY GET INTO CORRESPONDENCE WITH SHORT LISTED CANDIDATES

INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME
(In terms of Section 8 (1)(l) of the Married Persons Act, 2014)

(FIRST PUBLICATION)

1. **NLEBELEKI ELPHAS** and **ONALENNA ELPHAS** married in community of property on the **27th of October 2023** in Tutume, wish to change their property regime to out of community of property.
2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of three (3) weeks' statutory notice from the date of the first publication thereof.
3. Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties' estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their marriage regime, are to inform the parties' Attorneys, **MAKGANE ATTORNEYS**, before the expiration of the said **three (3) week period**, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

MAKGANE ATTORNEYS | APPLICANT'S ATTORNEYS
PLOT 14416, GABORONE WEST INDUSTRIAL
FIRST FLOOR, UNIT 3, SABLE HOUSE | P O BOX 3035, GABORONE
TEL: 318 5500 | FAX: 318 5564 | EMAIL: lethogonolomakgane@yahoo.com.au



SHEETAL

SHEETAL CUTTING WORKS (PTY) LTD

VACANCY

Sheetal Cutting Works (Pty) Ltd is a modern Diamond Cutting and Polishing Company situated at UNIT BI, BITC Factory Shells, Block 8. Plot 61128-61130, P.O. Box 2398 ABG Sebele Mall, GABORONE. The company requires suitable candidates who aspire for excellence in Diamond polishing and Information Technology to fill the below listed

Position of Director/General Manager

Key Responsibilities

- Production & Operations: Drive output and ensure quality standards, shipment deadlines, and production targets are met. Optimize workflow, capacity, and scheduling.
- Compliance & Security: Enforce strict factory security, risk management, and environmental safety policies. Handle rough and polished diamond import/export compliance and inventory tracking.
- Team Leadership: Lead department heads, supervisors, and workers. Coordinate training, upskilling, and performance bonus systems.
- Resource & Cost Management: Champion cost control, continuous improvement, and efficient allocation of tools and equipment.

Requirements & Qualifications

- **Experience :** Typically, 10 to 20+ years of total experience in the diamond manufacturing sector, with 10 to 15+ years in a senior leadership or management role.
- **Core Skills:** Deep technical knowledge of diamond cutting and polishing processes, strong financial reporting, Information Technology Skills, familiarity with labour relations, and excellent problem-solving abilities.

Application letter, together with certified certificates copies of academic and professional qualifications, CV and at least 2 references should be addressed to:

The Human Resources Manager Or Emailed to: hr.bw@sheetals.net
reception.botswana@sheetals.net

NB : If you are NOT invited for an interview one (01) week after the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful.

Closing Date: 30th October 2026



Sharps Electrical (PTY) Ltd

Gaborone: Plot 1235 Halls Selesele Road, Botswana
P.O. Box 603 ☎ +267 395 2341 📠 +267 395 1416
📞 +267 75 506 080 📧 sales@sharps.co.bw

Francistown: Plot 1534 Mabusasehube Road, Botswana
P.O. Box 12061 ☎ +267 241 2349 📠 +267 241 4197
📞 +267 78 432 493 📧 sales@sharps.co.bw

Sharps Electrical (PTY) Ltd

Sharps Electrical (PTY) Ltd wishes to recruit a Mechanical Engineering Lift Technician to work within our contracts department. Candidates are expected to have a suitable technical qualification and must have a good contracting track record that can be substantiated if required.

Qualifications, Experience and Skills Requirements

The incumbent should have at least the following :

- At least a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering related discipline .
- At least 10 years' experience in a similar position and specialises in preventative, breakdown and proper installation of lifts & Escalators of all brands.
- In addition the candidates should be a certified in installer of latest Kone lifts and Escalators.

Behavioural Competencies

- Strategic orientation
- Assertiveness
- Ethical

The successful candidate must be prepared to relocate to any site within Botswana.

Remuneration will be market related and commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the candidate.

Applications should be made by no later than the 19th October 2026.

Applicants should send their curriculum vitae to, referenced "Mechanical Engineering Lift Technician":

The Human Resources Manager
P.O. Box 603**Gaborone**
Tel: 00267 3952341
Email: veronica@sharps.co.bw

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

ESHFT-001501-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOTLHAPING NENGU**, ESHFT-001501-25 who died at Rakops Primary Hospital, Rakops, Central -Boteti District on the 12th day of November 2025

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

DATED at FRANCISTOWN this 10th day of October 2026

GABAEME NENGU
The Executor Dative
P. O BOX 4, **RAKOPS**

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

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

ESHFT 000311-2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ARABANG MALIKONGWA**, ESHFT 000311-2026 who died at PABALELONG HOSPICE, METSEMOTLHABE, KWENENG DISTRICT on the 30TH day of MARCH 2026.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 07TH DAY OF MARCH 2026.

PIUS MMILIDZI MALIKONGWA
73560200/72140612
Executor Dative
P. O Box 10135, TATITOWN

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

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTIBUTION ACCOUNT

MASTER'S REF: ESHMY-000014-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **KEITSHEKILE JAKOBA** who died at Mahalapye Hospital, Mahalapye, Central- Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 27th February 2020.

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

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

DATED at on the day of 2026

The Executor Dative | Bob Merafhe Mphoyakgosi
P O Box 156, SHOSHONG | Cell:77163893

H/W CHOKWE

IN THE SURBODINATE COURT OF THE FIRST CLASS FOR
THE CHOBE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT HELD AT KASANE

Case No. CCMKS -000 071-26

In the matter between:

BWK PTY LTD t/a BUILDERS WORLD KASANE PLAINTIFF

And

THATAYAONE TSAPO DEFENDANT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO:THATAYAONE TSAPO (Defendant Herein), an adult male of full legal capacity ordinarily resident at Kgaphamadi Ward, Kasane whose address for purposes hereof is P.O. Box 1147, Kasane and whose further particulars are to the Plaintiff unknown.

TAKE NOTICE THAT by Summons issued out of this Court you have been called upon to give notice within Twenty-One (21) days after publication hereof, to the Clerk of the Magistrates' Court and to Plaintiff's Attorneys of your intension to defend (if any) an action wherein the Plaintiff claim:

1. Payment of the sum of BWP32, 004.38 (Thirty-Two Thousand and Four Pula Thirty-Eight Thebe);

2. Interest thereon at the rate of 2.00% per month of overdue account from date of judgment to date of full payment;

3. 10% collection commission of any payment made in instalment;

4. Costs of suit on Attorney and own client scale; and

5. Any further and or alternative relief.

TAKE NOTICE THAT if you fail to give notice, judgment may be granted against you without further recourse to you.

DATED AT KAZUNGULA ON THIS THE 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.

ISAAC & ASSOCIATES
Plaintiff's Attorneys
Unit D12 Duncan Plaza Mall Kazungula
P.O. Box 15, KAZUNGULA
Our Ref: JSI/oi/D coll K017/26
Tel: 6251378 Fax: 6251376
Email: info@isaacandassociates.co.bw

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 6580 in Semane Ward/Serowe would like to inform his neighbours about change of land-use from residential to multi-family residential. For any objection contact 71 124 197 or Serowe Physical Planning Office within working hours.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING permission for change of land use from single family residential to multifamily residential on Plot 3774 situated at Sefoke Ward, Tlokweng.

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

SHFT 000270-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Skhosana Letsholathebe**- ESHFT 000270-26, who died Bokamoso Private Hospital at Mmopane, Kweneng District on the 20th November 2025

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

Nnyaladzani Quiet Letsholathebe
Executor Dative
P/Bag SOW 1, **SowaTown**

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

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT NO. FT 1275 / 2014** dated the 11th day of December 2014 made in favour of **PHOKOJE KEAKOPA**, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 27441, Francistown;

SITUATE: in Francistown Extension 48;

MEASURING: 360 m² (Three Hundred and Sixty Square Metres);

All persons objecting to the issue of such copy are hereby requested to lodge such objection in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag F72, Francistown within 3 (Three) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

Peto & Co. Attorneys, Conveyancers & Notaries P O Box 20747, Francistown
Plot 1363, Guy Street, Minestone Francistown, Botswana

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000226-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KOOREE MAOTO** who died at Dire ward, Moiyabana, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **14th June 2017**.

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 Serowe on this 7th Day of October 2026.

THE EXECUTRIX DATIVE
P O Box 114, Moiyabana

Ogadimile Maoto
CELL: 71 750 041

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

ESHFT-000908-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Amos Makgetho**- ESHFT-000908-25 who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital-District, Republic of Botswana on the 16th day of July 2025.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 09th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

GODFREY MAKGETHO
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 11559
FRANCISTOWN

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

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

MASTER'S REF: ESHMY-000160-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **GABATLHOKIWE MABENYANE** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 7th April 2024.

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

DATED at on the day of 2026.

The Executrix Dative | Bonno Gabatthokiwe
P O Box 44, MOGOROSI | CELL: 77035862

VACANCY:

FINANCE CONTROLLER

AWMJJ Enterprises (Pty) Ltd, Gaborone, Botswana

AWMJJ Enterprises (Pty) Ltd, a diversified Botswana retail group with operations in supermarkets, liquor retail, fuel and restaurants, invites applications for the position of Finance Controller.The successful candidate will oversee financial control, reporting and compliance across the group's entities.

Key Responsibilities:

- Oversee financial reporting, budgeting and management accounts across multiple retail and service entities
- Manage cash flow, stock and GP reporting, and internal controls across store operations
- Lead audit readiness, compliance and financial governance
- Design and implement systems and procedures for smooth operational flow
- Establish internal controls to mitigate the key risks in the retail industry
- Support store-level financial performance improvement initiatives
- Liaise with senior management and directors on financial strategy and reporting

Requirements:

- Chartered Accountant (CA) qualification or equivalent professional accounting qualification
- Minimum 8 years' post-qualification experience in financial control, FP&A or audit
- Experience in a multi-entity or retail environment is advantageous
- Strong working knowledge of Excel; exposure to Power BI/SQL is an advantage
- Excellent analytical, communication and leadership skills

How to Apply:

Qualified candidates should email a CV and certified copies of qualifications to hr@wentzel.co.bw

Only Vac shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

OWNER OF PLOT 6580 in Semane Ward/Serowe would like to unform hs neighbours about boundary wall development in plot 6580 in Semane Ward/Serowe. For any objection contact 71 124 197 or Serowe Physical Planning Office.

VACANCIES

WANTED: ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEER. a degree holder with 3+ yrs experience as overseer in manufacturing of electrical products. Email to: hr@powacomgroup.com

EXTRA HEAVY DUTY DRIVER (cross border) wanted, 6 years experience and above. Apply Ellied Investment (Pty) Ltd P.O Box 402943 Gaborone plot no. 42983 Phakalane, closing date 26/10/2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000999/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MODISAOTSILE BALOTLEGI AND KEBALOPE BALOTLEGI** who died at Morawa Ward, Molepolole, Kweneng Distract, Botswana on the **5th day of April 2024** and Scottish Living stone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on the **3rd June 2025** respectively.

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

DATED at _ on this _ Day of _ 2026

The Executor Mosimanegape Balotlegi
P O Box 773 MOGODITSHANE
Cell: 72 210 486

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's reference: ESHMY-000351-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **KGOPISO RAMMUTANA** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **17th December 2023**.

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

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

DATED at Mahalapye on the 05 day of October 2026.

The Executrix Lydia Rammutlane
P.O Box 31632 Serowe

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 001004/24

IN THE ESTATE of late **MASEGO MAPANJE** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **31st day of October 2024**.

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

DATED at _on this _ Day of _ 2026

The Executor Jeffrey Mapanje
P.O Box 81866 GABORONE
CONTACT: 74 149 220

VACANCIES

GENERAL PRACTITIONER MEDICAL NEEDED at Medicon clinic Kanye. He/she should be registered with BHPC , minimum clinical experience of five years. Tel: 544 1884, Email: mediconclinic@gmail.com. Closing date 14 days from the date of advertisement

WANTED: ENTERPRISE & ADMINISTRATION OFFICER: Applicant should be MBA holders with 2-3 years experience in enterprise system management and admin functions. Email to: hr@powacomgroup.com

WANTED: SALES MANAGER: A degree holder in depth knowledge of electrical materials, 5+ years in leading and managing sales team and inventory management. Email to: hr@powacomgroup.com

THE MAKEOVER PLACE BEAUTY SALON. Vacancy: Specialist hairdresser. Seeking an experienced specialist hairdresser with more than 5 years experience, specializing in caucasian hair and sculp restoration treatments. Call: 71 384 131.

FASHION DESIGNERS (2) WANTED with diploma in fashion designing and five years experience in unisex wear cutting patterns and designing. Apply to Pesulay Fashion Designers Plot 1004 African mall Gaborone P.O Box 220 AAH Masa Gaborone contact 72 912 777, closing date 22/10/2026

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

Master’s reference: ESHMN- 000054-2

NOTICE TO DEBTORS
AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Mariam Mobeana** ESHFT: 000054-25 who died at **BOSEJA WARD, MAUN** in the Republic of Botswana on the **06th** day of **APRIL 2025**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 09TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

Kelebogile Rachel Mobeana **Executrix**
P O BOX 20063 Maun
CELL: 75 280489

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13 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 High Court at Maun High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending the 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: Ngombe Samotshwee
Estate Number: ESHMN-00114A-26
Date of Meeting: 12-01-27
TIME: 1430hrs

DATED AT MAUN THIS 25 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS
AND CREDITORS

Master’s Reference: ESHGB-000826/26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MAVIS DUMBA** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, BOTSWANA on the **8th** day of November 2020.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after publication hereof.

DATED at GABORONE on this 5th Day of October 2026

THE EXECUTOR | **DIXON DUMBA**
C/O MINCHIN & KELLY (BOTSWANA)
PLOT 54349 CBD, BLOCK B, 3RD FLOOR
P O BOX 1339, GABORONE | TEL: 3912734
EXECUTOR’S REF. TCD/M047934

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Title Deed 431/76 dated **23rd day of July 1976** made in favour of Lawrence Sipho Nasha in respect of:

CERTIFICATE : Piece of Land Being lot 5603
SITUATED : In Gaborone Extension 18
HELD UNDER : Deed of fixed period State Grant NO.431/76 **DATED 23rd JULY 1976 IN FAVOUR OF Lawrence Sipho Nasha**

All persons having objections to the issuance of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing to the Registrar of Deeds,Private Bag 0020,Gaborone. **within three (3) weeks** of the last publication of this notice hereof.

Dated at Gaborone this 28th September 2026.
APPLICANT

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **DEED OF TRANSFER NO. FT 176 / 2003** dated the **15th day of April 2003** made in favour of GUGU’S BEVERAGES (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 3028, Francistown;
SITUATE: in the Francistown Administrative District;
MEASURING: 880 m² (Eight Hundred and Eighty Square Metres);

All persons objecting to the issue of such copy are hereby requested to lodge such objection in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, **Private Bag F72, Francistown within 3 (Three) weeks** from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

Peto & Co. Attorneys, Conveyancers & Notaries P O Box 20747, Francistown
Plot 1363, Guy Street, Minestone Francistown, Botswana

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master’s reference: ESHGB-000723/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ARONE MARUPING** who died at A1 Road Near Lion Park, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on 28th May 2021.

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

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

DATED AT GABORONE this day of.....2026

Executive Dative Itumeleng Maruping
P O Box 3546 **MOLEPOLOLE** CELL: 72160852

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master’s Reference: ESHGB-000063/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **NKAGISANG MOTHATEGO** who died at Bokakmoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Botswana on **9th December 2022.**

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

DATED AT GABORONE this _day_ 2026

Executor Dative Felix Modisaotsile Mothatego
P O Box 566 GABORONE
CELL: 75 286 457

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference:ESHGB 001117/26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **FLORRIE MAIZE BURTON ILAGAN AND JOAQUIN JR ILAGAN** who died at Mabodisa Ward. Mochudi, Kgatleng District, Botswana on the 30th day of November 2024 and Tsholofelo P//no 6828, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 5th November 2016 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 publication hereof

Dated at on this Day of 2026

The Executor | Angelo Donato Ilagan
P.O BOX 73083459, **Gaborone** | Contact : **73083459**

8th October 2026

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09th October 2026



ALL SPM SACCOS MEMBERS

NOTIFICATION OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Notification is hereby given that the Selebi-Phikwe Miners Savings and Credit Cooperative Society (SPM SACCOS) will hold a **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING** on **24th October 2026** at Selebi-Phikwe.

Time: 0900 hours to 1300 hours.
Venue: Ikageleng Hall, Newstance.
Thank you. By Chairperson

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB000629-24

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE **MHIEMANG MHIEMANG** WHO DIED AT **THAMAGA** IN THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA ON THE 09 th DAY JUNE OF 2012 And THE LATE **KEBOTSE MHIEMANG** WHO DIED AT GABORONE IN THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA ON THE 27th DAY JUNE OF 2023

The first and the 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 days(21) from the date of the publication hereof.

Dated at Gaborone on the 08th day of October 2026

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The Executor
Monnosi Mpedinyane
P O Box 1070 **Thamaga**
±267 71217039

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED OF TRANSFER

Notice is hereby given that we intended to apply for a certified copy of the Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No.TL 117/2014 dated **30th** day of **January 2014**, made in favour of **VIOLET SEKGETHELO CHIMELA.**

CERTAIN : Piece of land being being Lot 1154 Tlokweng.
SITUATE : At Tlokweng in the Batlokwa Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : 2161m² (Two Thousand One Hundred and Sixty One Square Meters);
HELD UNDER : Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. **TL 117/2014 dated 30th** day of January 2014, made in favour of **VIOLET SEKGETHELO CHIMELA.**

SUBJECT TO: the terms and conditions as are contained in the aforesaid deed.

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds,Private Bag 0020 Gaborone within three (3) weeks from last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS th DAY OF AUGUST 2026
SENAMELA SEKGA ATTORNEYS, APPLICANT’S ATTORNEY PLOT 2859 EXTENSION 10,CHURCH ROAD P.O.BOX 1551 GABORONE.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of
Estates Act (Cap. 31: 01)

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GAOLEBE MOTLHABANE	ESHMY 000330-26	16.11.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 6th OCTOBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master’s Reference: ESHGB 000737/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ALEXANDER MCLEAN** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on **2nd May 1991.**

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

Executrix Dative | Veronica Jane Mclean
P O Box 630, MOGODITSHANE | **CELL:** 72 945 880

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

Masters Reference: ESHFT- 000102-23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Leader Monamati** ESHFT– 000102-23 who died at Tati Siding Clinic, Tati Siding. North-East District on the **08th** day of **August 2021.**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Tsheko Monamati The Executor Dative P O Box 146 Tonota, Botswana CELL: 71 602 497	AND TO: Master of the High Court Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN
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Officer cadets extend community outreach to Sekokwe

Kelebogile Taolo
MATSHELAGABEDI

The Military College under the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) has donated P70,000 worth of school uniform, shoes and classroom furniture to Sekokwe settlement in the North East District.

The donation was made by Officer Cadets Course Class 47 of 2026 as part of a combined community outreach and wellness day held at Sekokwe recently.

As part of their corporate social responsibility, the officer cadets contributed school uniform hampers to school-going children and refurbished a classroom in the local community centre, aiming to restore motivation towards learning.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, the Commandant of the Military College, Brigadier George Bogatsu, emphasised that the initiative reflected a strong partnership between the BDF and the public.

He expressed gratitude to village leadership and residents for welcoming the BDF into their community, describing the event as a demonstration of cooperation and mutual support.

He stated that the Military College must not exist in isolation, but should continually seek opportunities to contribute positively to society, share knowledge, promote healthy living and support initiatives that improved quality of life.

He added that the institution's responsibility extended beyond preparing officers for military command to developing leaders who understood and valued service to society.

He stressed that no child should feel limited by their circumstances, thus called on parents, institutions and government to work together to remove barriers to education.

Reflecting on the event's theme, My Health, My Responsibility, Brig. Bogatsu noted that a healthy population was crucial to national development.

"Botswana is increasingly confronted by health challenges including hypertension, diabetes, heart disease and other lifestyle-related conditions, which have serious consequences on individuals, families, workplaces and the wider economy," he said.

He urged community members to cultivate healthy habits such as eating well, remaining physically active, attending regular health screenings and seeking medical attention early, as prevention was often better and less costly than treatment.

Addressing broader social issues, Brig. Bogatsu warned that alcohol and drug abuse, saying that it destroyed families, interfered with education and employment and contributed to crime and violence. He also highlighted the alarming issue of gender-based violence (GBV).

"Gender-based violence is not a private matter to be ignored or tolerated, but a serious social problem that undermines human dignity and destroys the foundation of healthy families," he said. Principal adult education officer at the Out-of-School Education and Training (OSET) Learning Centre thanked the Military College and local

leadership.

Established in 2022 with just 17 learners, the Sekokwe centre has grown to accommodate 42 learners comprising 22 girls and 20 boys.

The facility offers second chance for children outside the formal education system, building their confidence and ensuring access to learning.

However, the officer highlighted several critical challenges, including high dropout rates, child neglect, lack of basic furniture and shortage of teaching materials.

She urged stakeholders to assist with learning materials and classroom infrastructure, expressing the community's ultimate wish to see the centre transformed into a formal public school.

Kgosi Oganne Polson of Matshelagabedi thanked the military for bringing free health screenings and services directly to the community.

He noted that the outreach theme aligned with the medical and material support provided to Sekokwe residents. **BOPA**



BDF Military College commandant, Brigadier George Bogatsu (left) leading tour of a renovated porter cabin classroom during the Officer Cadets Course Class 47 of 2026 Wellness Day and Outreach Project hand over in Sekokwe on Friday. Class 47 of 2026 renovated the classroom by putting new alluminium windows and also donated school uniform. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Re Ba Maloba Society recognises SOS volunteer

Ms Tshepiso Seitshiro has been serving as a volunteer mother since 2009

Kelebogile Taolo
TONOTA

Tonota resident and volunteer, Ms Tshepiso Seitshiro, has been hailed as a hard working and dedicated member of society.

She has been serving as a volunteer mother at SOS Children's Villages since 2009, work that has not gone unnoticed by Re Ba Maloba Society who spoke highly about the love she has for volunteerism, during a day that was convened to reflect on the approaches to child

protection and care in accordance with Setswana traditions.

As much as the event was held to honour Ms Seitshiro, it was also an occasion to solicit participation of community members to care and protect vulnerable children.

Re Ba Maloba representative, Ms Kedi Senwamadi, said the society was a women-led, community-based organisation, legally registered and operating in Tonota since 2014.

It also recognises solidarity among women's associations

including Lentswe La Bomme, Lwapa La Ngwao and Gakololanang, all committed to strengthening the welfare, dignity and wellbeing of children, families and the wider community.

Ms Senwamadi acknowledged dikgosi in Tonota, for protecting the welfare of the people, describing them as the glue that connects women's organisations and community partners.

Tonota College of Education lecturer, Ms Thuso Malepa, applauded Ms Seitshiro, as a

woman moved by grace and love.

She emphasised the importance of raising children in a conducive environment, stating that it was important to raise well-mannered children who would become responsible citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

"A child belongs to all parents.

It is vital for all parents to play a vital role in shaping children's behaviour and teaching them right from wrong at a tender age," she said and encouraged all to familiarise themselves with the Children's Act.

She said children faced challenges as negligence, abuse, trafficking and sexual abuse.

For his part, Sub Inspector Kewagamang Keakile of the Botswana Police Service decried the high incidences of child-related offences in the area.

Sub Inspector Keakile said last year, Tonota recorded 40 cases of rape, 43 for defilement, 14 for child neglect and 10 cases of missing persons while this year, 26 cases of rape, 41 for defilement, 11 for child neglect and three cases of missing persons were recorded.

He said defilement remained a serious concern and that cases increased during school breaks.

Sub Inspector Keakile appealed to parents to always ensure the safety of their children.

Ms Seitshiro for her part, said she was overwhelmed with happiness and thanked Re Ba Maloba Society for recognising her.

She said it took love, patience and God's guidance to raise children. **BOPA**



Re Ba Maloba members donating food and sanitary items to SOS Children's Village in Tonota recently. SOS Community Integration parent, Ms Tshepiso Seitshiro appreciated the much needed donation and welcomed support of any kind in helping to raise and mould the children into responsible adults. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Radikolo challenges government to address teachers grievances

Portia Rapitsenyane
PALAPYE

Botswana Sectors of Educators Trade Union (BOSETU) president, Dr Winston Radikolo has called on government to address long-standing welfare grievances within the public teaching service.

Speaking at the 2026 BOSETU annual conference in Palapye on Friday, Dr Radikolo placed two principal demands before the government to address stagnation and disparity among educators.

Firstly, he called for implementation of the 26-day monthly payment structure for teachers and the introduction of the shelved ‘Fan-shaped’ salary structure.

Dr Radikolo said data from PEMANDU and ABC Consultants revealed that approximately 85 per cent of teachers were stuck at the top notch of the CI salary scale, with 65 per cent of them stagnating there for over a decade.

He argued that such stagnation damaged morale and professionalism across the public service.

Secondly, he urged government to address differential treatment concerning temporary teachers, saying their pay dates must be aligned with those on permanent contracts to eliminate the hardships caused by late disbursements.

Furthermore, he called for the reintroduction of critical benefits for educators, including leave travel concessions, salary advances, fair overtime compensation, and local per diem allocations for official travel.

Regarding co-curricular activities, he expressed disappointment over the government’s reintroduction of school sports and arts without proper consultation.

He acknowledged the importance of sports in student development and urged the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education to return to the negotiating table to establish a mutually acceptable framework that addressed the additional workload imposed on teachers and coaches.

He further called for restoration of the defunct sectoral bargaining forum to rebuild mutual trust.

Dr Radikolo decried lack of funding allocated to celebrate and recognise excelling teachers,

noting that investing in teacher recognition was a necessary booster for national morale.

Also, he urged government to comply with outstanding court judgments, saying the rule of law must be upheld uniformly to maintain confidence in public institutions.

He expressed hope that the new Employment and Labour Relations Act would serve as a practical instrument to deliver institutional justice and secure the future of education in Botswana.

BOPA



Vice President Ntsoeng (right) and Botswana Sectors of Educators Trade Union (BOSETU) president, Dr Winston Radikolo during the 2026 annual BOSETU Conference in Palapye on Friday. Dr Radikolo has called on government to address long-standing welfare grievances within the public teaching service. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

Indigenous knowledge vital to wildlife conservation

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe
MAUN

The integration of indigenous knowledge with modern technology can strengthen wildlife conservation by improving the understanding of animal movements, equipping communities with tracking skills and helping mitigate human-wildlife conflict.

This emerged during a Conservation on Tap panel discussion themed, Tracking, held in Maun recently, where conservation practitioners highlighted the value of traditional knowledge, scientific information and responsible environmental practices in protecting wildlife.

Speaking at the discussion, Leopard Ecology and Conservation research officer, Mr Pogiso Ithuteng emphasised the importance of indigenous knowledge in wildlife conservation, noting that combining it with technology could enhance the effectiveness of tracking.

Mr Ithuteng explained that tracking was beneficial to communities as it enabled people to interpret animal prints, establish the presence of wildlife and determine the direction in which animals had moved.

“Such knowledge could help community members become more aware of wildlife movements

in their surroundings, allowing them to make informed decisions when encountering signs of animals near their settlements or activities,” he said.

He highlighted the continued relevance of indigenous knowledge in conservation, citing the need to understand animal behaviour and movements as vital to communities.

He noted that integrating traditional tracking skills with technology could further improve monitoring of wildlife and contribute to conservation initiatives.

Furthermore, he said tracking was an important tool in wildlife monitoring because signs left by animals can provide information about their presence and movements.

When interpreted alongside scientific methods and other available information, he said such observations could support conservation practitioners in understanding wildlife distribution and making informed management decisions.

He added that the involvement of local communities was also important, as their knowledge of the surrounding environment could contribute to conservation efforts while strengthening their understanding of the need to protect wildlife.

Meanwhile, Cheetah Conservation Botswana research

coordinator, Mr Christopher Mbisana called on Batswana to adopt environmentally friendly practices to protect the environment from pollution and other forms of contamination.

Mr Mbisana said adopting responsible behaviours could help maintain a healthy environment, emphasising that environmental protection was essential to sustaining the natural systems upon which people and wildlife depended.

He further urged Batswana to recognise the important role that wildlife played in the ecosystem and appreciate the need to protect it.

“Wildlife contributes to the functioning of ecosystems, while healthy natural environments support biodiversity and provide habitats for different species so protecting these environments is important in ensuring that wildlife continues to thrive and natural resources remain available for future generations,” he said.

He further underscored the need for individuals and communities to take responsibility for their surroundings through everyday actions that minimise environmental harm.

He noted that practices contributing to environmental conservation included proper waste disposal, avoiding dumping of waste in natural habitats,

reducing pollution as well as keeping surroundings clean.

“Responsible use of natural resources and protection of habitats can help reduce pressure on ecosystems and support the long-term survival of different species,” he added.

For her part, Okavango Research Institute Associate Professor Dr Emily Bennett highlighted the importance of platforms that enabled conservation practitioners and researchers to exchange knowledge and share scientific information.

Dr Bennett said the Conservation on Tap panel discussions aimed to provide an opportunity for participants to present their knowledge on different subjects, with the broader objective of promoting conservation and facilitating sharing of information.

She added that the discussion on tracking created an opportunity to explore the relationship between indigenous knowledge, animal spoor, wildlife identification and conservation, while encouraging engagement and information-sharing among communities and conservation stakeholders.

She shared that bringing together traditional knowledge and scientific information can also help strengthen public awareness of conservation and practical measures needed to protect wildlife and its habitats. BOPA

Namibia detects FMD in the Zambezi Region

WINDHOEK

Namibia has detected foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in the Zambezi Region, marking the second region affected by the outbreak after cases were reported in the southern Karas Region, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform said Sunday.

The disease was detected at Kalala Island in Kabe Constituency, where veterinary officials observed 20 cattle showing clinical signs on Oct. 5.

All 12 samples collected from the animals tested positive for FMD virus on Oct. 7, according to a public notification from the ministry.

The ministry said emergency vaccination had commenced in the affected area, while intensive surveillance was underway to establish the full extent of the outbreak.

Movement of all cloven-hoofed animals and their raw products has been suspended throughout the Zambezi Region. Marketing and trade, including livestock auctions and other animal-gathering events, have also been halted, while slaughter at local abattoirs and informal markets has been suspended, it said.

The Directorate of Veterinary Services has activated the

national FMD contingency plan and established roadblocks to enforce movement restrictions, while allowing slaughter at export abattoirs under commodity-based trade for quarantined cattle with satisfactory traceability.

The latest detection comes as Namibia intensifies containment efforts in the southern Karasburg Veterinary District, where Agriculture Minister Inge Zaamwani recently inspected control operations and met affected farmers.

Construction of a veterinary cordon fence along farms bordering the Orange River has commenced and is expected to be completed within four months, the ministry said in a separate statement on Sunday.

Construction of another fence around the containment zone is expected to begin during the week of October 12, it added. Vaccination teams are also preparing to deploy to the Karasburg outbreak epicenter, with vaccination expected to begin once schedules are agreed upon by relevant stakeholders.

The ministry urged livestock owners to comply with animal movement restrictions, cooperate with veterinary officials, and report suspected cases to the nearest state veterinary office. Xinhua

South Africa seek court intervention in asylum applications

JOHANNESBURG

South African government will ask the courts to oversee the implementation of a Constitutional Court ruling on asylum applications, as anti-immigration protests continue in parts of the country, Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on Migration said Sunday.

The immediate trigger for the country's latest round of anti-immigration protests was a September 28, directive issued by the department of home affairs following the Constitutional Court's July 7 judgment in the Scalabrini Center of Cape Town case.

The directive outlined procedures for processing asylum applications, but anti-immigration groups viewed it as an attempt to regularise the status of undocumented migrants.

Protests in Durban and Soweto turned violent, with vehicles set alight. The department withdrew the directive on Friday. Briefing the media on Sunday, IMC chairperson and Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development Mmamoloko Kubayi said government decided to seek a supervisory order to clarify how the ruling should be implemented.

The order could include a suspension period to give the department of home affairs time



Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development Mmamoloko Kubayi

to strengthen its administrative capacity and improve its handling of asylum applications.

"The objective is not to delay compliance, but to ensure effective and sustainable compliance that serves both the administration of justice and the broader public interest," Kubayi said.

She stressed that the government remained legally bound to comply with the existing court order while seeking further guidance from the courts.

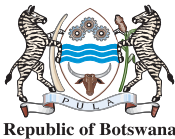
Meanwhile, the Department of Home Affairs plans to introduce a new registration and appointment system for asylum applications by Nov. 10.

The government is also moving

ahead with plans to relocate refugee reception centers to ports of entry, starting with Beitbridge by December.

The IMC said 30 people had been arrested since Thursday, including 25 in KwaZulu-Natal and five in Gauteng, on charges including public violence and illegal gathering, and called on the public to exercise restraint and resolve grievances through lawful channels.

"Matters relating to asylum, migration, and border management must be addressed through lawful processes and not through misinformation, intimidation, incitement, or acts of violence," Kubayi said. Xinhua



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Department of Broadcasting Services

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY

TENDERING PROCEDURES

T 1.1 TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

Tender Reference No. MSPDS/DBS/012/2026-2027

- Tender Title: **PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SPARE PARTS FOR MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTERS(TRAM 50-LCD, TRAM 25-LCD) FOR DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES**
- Sealed Tender offers are invited for **PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SPARE PARTS FOR MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTERS(TRAM 50-LCD, TRAM 25-LCD) FOR DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES**
- The Procuring Entity is **Department of Broadcasting Services**
- Procurement Method is: **OPEN DOMESTIC METHOD**
- The Tenderer shall furnish the following documentary evidence to demonstrate that it meets the compliance criteria:
 - (i) Local companies should be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority in the following categories:
Code: 203 Electrical, Electronic, Mechanical and ICT supplies
Sub codes: 02 –Broadcast Transmission equipment
- The tender is reserved for 100% citizens owned companies as stated under Section 76 (2) of the Public Procurement Act.
- Local Procurement Scheme Presidential Directive 19 (B)/2013 – which is in line with the Citizen Economic Empowerment Policy and Presidential Directive Cab no. 34 (B)/2014 & 11(A)/2010 on the "Economic Diversification Drive" will be applied in this tender.
- The physical address for collection of tender documents is:
Department of Broadcasting Services, Procurement Office no: 13, Transport Block, Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2, Gaborone, Botswana

- Documents may be collected during working hours between 0800hrs to 1230hrs and 1400hrs to 1530hrs effective from 14/10/2026.
- A non-refundable deposit of **P250.00** payable in cash must be made out in favour of the Government of Botswana or the entity stated in the tender document and must be paid on collection of the tender documents. Youth Companies shall purchase the ITT at 50% of the fee as per Presidential Directive CAB 14 (B) 2015 (**P125.00**) should be paid to: **Revenue office ,029, Administration Block (GROUND FLOOR), Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2 , Gaborone ,Botswana**
• (Cheques will not be accepted)
- Queries or clarifications relating to the issuance of these documents may be addressed in writing not later than three (3) working days before the tender closing date to Didibeng Modisenyane, 365 3020 Email: dmodisenyane@gov.bw
- The closing date and time for receipt of sealed tender offers is **1000hours on the 30/10/2026**
- Late tender offers will not be accepted.
- The Bid Submission Method is: a single envelope or package submission, in which a tender document containing the financial and technical officer of a bidder is submitted together in one sealed envelope or packaging;
The Evaluation Method is: *Least Cost Selection-Supplies Evaluation Method*
- Submit One (1) original tender document marked **"ORIGINAL"** and 2 duplicate copies of the original document marked **"COPY"** in one sealed envelope clearly marked.

- The Contractor/Supplier shall comply with all applicable data protection laws especially the Data Protection Act NO.18 of 2024 and implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal data in the control of and or data processed by Ministry for State President, Defence and Security.
- Tender Reference No. MSPDS/DBS/012/2026-2027**
PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SPARE PARTS FOR MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTERS(TRAM 50-LCD, TRAM 25-LCD) FOR DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES
- The Tender documents shall be delivered to:
The Government Buyer, Ministry for State President, Defence and Security
Finance House Building, Floor 4,
Office 401 Government Enclave, Gaborone
- The name and address of the bidder should be clearly marked on the envelope.
- The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Standardised Conditions of Tender for Supplies shall apply to this procurement, for which all the applicable Tender Data is contained in the tender documents.**
- (Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, the Government of Botswana is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender offer)
- Government Buyer**
Ministry for State President, Defence and Security



Toise redefines strength of women

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

While women naturally possess the ability to manage multiple responsibilities, their strength must be nurtured through external support.

This is the central theme of *Mosadi: Expected, Exhausted, Essential*, the new book by Naomi Toise. Published by Life Changing Publishers, the book gives fresh meaning to what a woman's strength looks like in the modern era. Toise made her debut with her memoir, *What Am*

I Bringing to 30?, a reflective and honest account of the lessons, missteps and defining moments that shaped her journey before turning 30. With *Mosadi*, her second release, she turns her voice towards the strength, complexity and everyday realities of

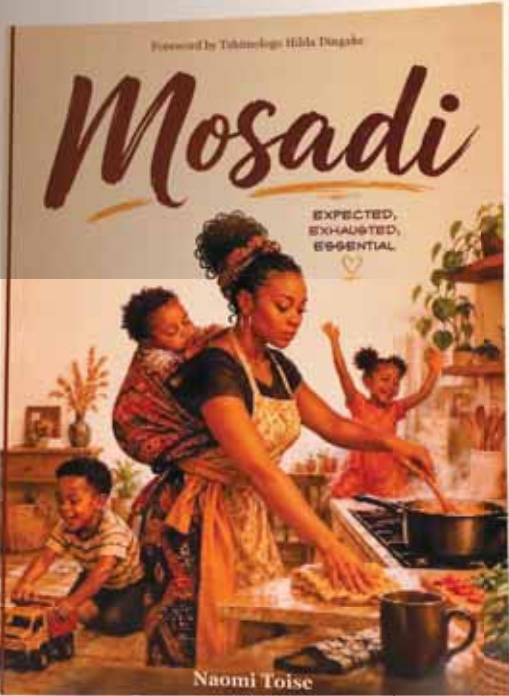
womanhood. Inspired by her experiences and the women around her, Toise's book addresses the significant yet often unrecognised role women play in society. It aims to celebrate their contributions while serving as a guide for others to acknowledge and appreciate their value. "It is an eye-opener to the people supporting her, a reminder that she is a treasure to society," Toise explains in an interview. Originally titled *Women: The Many Hats They Wear*, the book explores the barriers that demand resilience from women,

emphasising how societal norms frequently confine them to predetermined standards. The book argues that women often have to put in twice the effort for a fraction of the recognition given to men, particularly those balancing careers and family life. The book also addresses the heavy burden of societal expectations placed on female primary caregivers. "Women are the primary anchors of society and so many people depend on them. It is far more convenient for people to rely on a woman than a man when it comes to caregiving, making a home or things of that nature," Toise says, adding that such reality forces women to continually push through challenges. Drawing from her personal life as a professional and

Mosadi: Expected, Exhausted, Essential, the second book by Naomi Toise examines societal expectations placed on women, the challenges of balancing careers and family responsibilities and the need to recognise and value their contributions to society.

mother, she reflects on the constant struggle to balance these roles without an equitable distribution of responsibilities. Consequently, Toise emphasises the need for men to shift their perspectives and recognise women's vital capabilities for progress. She advocates for women's inclusion in leadership roles without forcing them to compromise their identity, calling for a cultural transformation in how society values women's contributions. Ultimately, Toise hopes *Mosadi: Expected, Exhausted, Essential* will ignite essential conversations among young women and girls, particularly surrounding taboo subjects and systemic inequities. Above all, she envisions the book empowering women to find confidence, amplify their voices and affirm their right to speak up in an evolving world. **BOPA**

Author, Naomi Toise during the launch of her second book, *Mosadi: Expected, Exhausted, Essential*, in Gaborone on Saturday.
Photos: Washa Bofelwang



Royal Dub Sessions to promote unity through music



Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE
Reggae music, poetry and Rastafari culture will take centre stage when the Royal Dub Sessions brings artists, cultural practitioners and members of the community together at

Bakwena Cultural Village in Molepolole. The event is set for October 31 from 1600hrs. Spearheaded by sound engineer, poet, singer and selector Joel Mosimanyana, popularly known as Spitz Phoenix, the session is aimed at promoting unity, peaceful coexistence, cultural expression and self-reliance. Mosimanyana said the gathering was intended to create a space where people from different backgrounds could meet, interact and share ideas through music and culture. "This is more than a music event. We want to create a space where people can come together, share knowledge and promote love, peace and unity," said Mosimanyana.



Chantty Natural is also on the lineup at the upcoming Rastafarian festival dubbed 'Royal Dub Sessions.'

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JJ Alcapone from Gugulethu, Cape Town is expected to dazzle at the Royal Dub Sessions.

Orange Music Talent opens door for next wave of artistes

Loago Thomas
GABORONE

Orange Botswana has launched Orange Music Talent, a nationwide search for emerging artistes.

The launch brought together members of the media, partners, industry players and young creatives, alongside representatives of the Ministry of Sport and Arts.

Orange Botswana’s acting CEO, Gobe Mbayi, stated that Botswana had no shortage of talent, but needed platforms, networks and pathways that allowed talent to become sustainable value.

“Orange Music Talent is not about coming to save Botswana talent,” said Mabyi, stressing that the aim instead, was to help it grow.

Orange, a point of connection between people, information and opportunity, is now extending that philosophy into the creative economy and the programme is deliberately national.

Auditions will be held in Maun, Francistown and Gaborone, reflecting the view that talent belongs to no single city or community. Artistes will progress through call-outs, auditions, quarter-final, semi-final and final, with development opportunities built in along the way.

Mbayi noted that a great voice needed development, a songwriter needed industry knowledge, and a performer needed confidence, stagecraft and exposure. Winners and prizes are part of the plan, but the real measure of success, organisers said, was what happened a f t e r



Orange Botswana acting CEO Gobe Mbayi

the applause: whether artistes emerged with stronger skills, wider networks and audiences who had discovered new voices.

Orange’s own team framed music as a space where culture, identity, youth expression and the wider creative economy meet. Entry and participation will run through the Orange Max it app, available on the Play Store and App Store, where aspiring artistes can register by filling in a form. Voting for contestants will also happen on the app and is expected soon, as the talent show rolls out.

Representing the Ministry of Sport and Arts, Films and National Events director, Moroka Moreri, welcomed the national approach and the emphasis on development alongside competition.

He encouraged development over competition and a spirit of teamwork, pointed to the potential of Botswana’s creatives, and praising young people for their originality, resilience and ambition.

The task before all stakeholders is to provide the structures that let potential flourish, Moreri said

Moreri invited artistes to read the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme and align it with the ministry’s own plans.

The ministry is beginning to understand the industry and will unveil further initiatives in about a month, complementing what Orange is doing, so that creatives can claim a bigger share of the national cake, Moreri said and challenged Batswana to re-imagine Botswana as a world stage, building on the attention drawn by the carnival and the independence celebrations. **BOPA**

Eldeh Ijahman States is lined up for the 2026 Royal Dub Sessions to be held at Suping farm on the outskirts of Molepolole.



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He said the event would also provide an opportunity for members of the public to learn more about Rastafari culture without relying on stereotypes.

“Rastafari is a culture and way of life with a long history in Botswana. Through music and dialogue, we want people to understand it better and appreciate the values of unity, peace and self-reliance,” he said.

He said Royal Dub Sessions is not solely a Rastafari gathering, as everyone was welcome, regardless of religious or cultural background, provided they respect the rules governing the event.

Mosimanyana said the programme would combine reggae, dub, dancehall, poetry, spoken word and sound-system culture.

Among the artists expected to feature are Chantty Natural of Ramotswa, IjahMan States of Otse, Ras Lista of Molepolole and Noxybuddy.

Also billed to ascent the stage is Paul CultyCul, originally from Lobatse and now based in Maun.

Poetry and spoken word will also form part of the programme, with University of Botswana lecturer and poet Moletlanyi Tshipa expected to participate.

The event will also have an international flavour through Alcapone JJ from Cape Town, South Africa, who was also part of

Royal Dub Sessions to promote unity through music

the inaugural session.

The organiser; Mosimanyana will perform as DJ Spitz Phoenix, will also serve as a selector and oversee the sound and production.

Mosimanyana said the gathering was also intended to encourage communities to explore ways of becoming more self-sufficient.

“We want to encourage people to think about how they can become self-reliant and contribute to building stronger communities,” he said.

The Royal Dub Sessions was first held in 2019, but subsequent editions were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic and financial challenges.

The upcoming event therefore marks a revival of the initiative.

Mosimanyana said the revival of the event was an opportunity to build on the foundation established in 2019.

“We are bringing back the vision with the hope of creating a sustainable platform for reggae, poetry, culture and community dialogue,” he said.

He said the gathering would ultimately be about bringing people together.

“The message is simple: come with love, brotherhood and sisterhood. Let us meet, listen, learn and celebrate together,” Mosimanyana said. **BOPA**



Gen Hood from Francistown will bring a dynamic dancehall that is home-grown.

Okavango Basket Society preserves cultural heritage

Kedirebofe Pelontle
ETSHA

Unified by a common goal of cultural heritage preservation and forging some livelihood, a group of skilful crafts women and men in Etsha 6 in the Okavango District have founded a society, the Okavango Basket Society (OBS).

Formed in 2022, OBS exists primarily to help ensure that the unique basket weaving and wood carving legacy peculiar to the Okavango District remains intact; safe from adulteration and extinction.

The society is home to 60 members who comprise men and women aged from 40 years.

On the right as one enters Etsha 6, a cultural home constructed using reeds beckons, and it is within its enclosures that all the magic happens. On a daily basis, members gather in this reed structured courtyard in one spirit, to hone their skills by making various basket weaving and wood carving products.

In an interview, a member of OBS, 46-year-old Yatushana Ruviro said the society was formed by a group of craftspeople to revive and uphold cultural heritage and to promote and increase

marketing avenues for their products for members to have optimal benefit.

It was officially registered in 2025 after a rather lengthy process.

“We initially worked by making products for some company. However, one day in 2022 we recollected that though we possess skills, the benefits we reap are minimal, hence the idea to group ourselves and be independent was birthed,” she said.

She said it is easier to directly market their products as a group and improve sales to be shared among members. It also affords them the space to refine their unique skills by assisting one another, t h e r e b y improving on



Members of Okavango Basket Society at work. The society is home to 60 members who comprise men and women aged from 40 years.

the quality and quantity of their artefacts.

“Basket weaving is not an easy process; we travel about 60 kilometres to get materials required like palm leaves from the river and some tree parts from trees like mothlakola, motsentsela and mokokoti used to dye the palm leaves to acquire brown, black and orange colours,” Ruviro said. “The basket designs are influenced

by our environment. Some are from existing objects while others are imaginary. For instance, a black and white colour combination can depict day and night or a zebra’s face,” she elaborated.

Ruviro said most of their customers are walk-ins, mainly locals, and that international tourists patronise them seasonally during peak tourism seasons.

Further, she highlighted that OBS currently has a partnership with Ruth and Jerry Company who operate Motswiri Camp. The partnership enjoins the camp to put aside a certain percentage from tourists’ payments for OBS.

In line with its core mandate of helping to preserve culture, the society allows school visits for students to learn the crafts and embrace culture as a whole.

Ruviro reminisced that she herself learnt the craft from her mother when she was aged 12 and has perfected her skill over time. As part of efforts to ensure cultural preservation and continuity, all OBS members have passed the same craft skills to their children, Ruviro said.

Membership to the society is open to people from across the district and from any part of the country regardless of ethnicity or background. **BOPA**

Chiefs claim bragging rights



Mochudi Centre Chiefs goalkeeper, Keagile Kgosisipula saving the ball from Township Rollers' Marcel Papama during the 2026/27 FNB Premiership clash in Gaborone on Saturday. Chiefs won 2-1. Photo: Phenyio Ramatu

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

The marquee match week five fixture between Mochudi Centre Chiefs and rivals, Township Rollers have ended with the Kgatleng giants getting the valuable three points and all the bragging rights on offer.

Gilbert Baruti and Mpho Kgaswane scored for Chiefs, while Bakang Seboko netted the consolation goal for Rollers.

But it was nonetheless the ‘brand paradigm’ by the host team in Chiefs that had lasting memories and proved that indeed local football is attractive and carries significant commercial, cultural and market value if professionally packaged.

Cognisant of the fact that such a high-stake fixture draw jam-packed crowds, electric atmospheres and massive

media interest, administration glamour-meets-befitting the football

Chiefs put up a sport ethos on display.

The game was not just as 90 minutes of football, but was a full package of entertainment form cultural events featuring fan choreography, lifestyle integration and high-visibility marketing.

On offer was more than just a star-studded exhibition of football that reignited yesteryear rivalry.

It was rather a spectacle that fused football with music line-up from pre match and half-time appearances by Culture Spears and Charma Gal to renditions of Sekgatla songs led by MC Gofa.

Nonetheless, within the 90 minutes of football, the tempo was relentless, the action gripping and the momentum

shifting from end to end, though the home side was dominating.

Chiefs’ general manager, Owe Mmolawa revealed that they placed immense pride in delivering a highly polished, commercially successful football spectacle.

“Mochudi Centre Chiefs always strive for professionalism and has the capability to generate a massive, well-packaged spectacle during showpieces like we did during our Saturday fixture. We take pride in the fact that the entire administration always puts an effort in packaging Mochudi Centre Chiefs as a brand that would appeal to all stakeholders,” Mmolawa said.

Meanwhile, in other weekend games, defending champions, Gaborone United

registered their second win of the season with a 3-1 win over Morupule Wanderers on Friday night.

Tonota FC continued their fine form of the season, narrowly defeating Sua Flamingoes with a solitary goal.

On Saturday, Prisons XI handed Enesia FC their first defeat of the season winning 3 -1, while TAFIC and Matebele played to a 2-all draw.

Orapa United handed BDF XI their heaviest defeat of the season thus far winning 4-2.

On Sunday, Jwaneng Galaxy dominated Nico United to seal a commanding 2–0 victory. Godfrey Tauyatswala and Captain Gift Moyo’s were on the score sheet to secure the three points for Galaxy.

The weekend fixtures concluded with a goalless draw between Police XI and Extension Gunners. **BOPA**

Police stage successful anti-GBV boxing tournament

Baleseng Batlotleng OTSE

More than 60 boxers converged at the Botswana Police College gymnasium in Otse on Saturday for a boxing tournament aimed at raising awareness on gender-based violence (GBV) and promoting safer communities.

Hosted by the Police Boxing Club, the one-day tournament used sport as a platform to confront one of society’s pressing challenges and encourage collective action against GBV.

Speaking ahead of the tournament, Botswana Boxing Association (BoBA) president, Dirang Thipe called on young and aspiring boxers to become ambassadors of the anti-GBV campaign, urging them to reflect the discipline they practised in the ring in their everyday interactions.

He said their strength should not be measured by how hard they struck their opponents, but by how courageously they stood against injustice.

He also said the association’s responsibility extended beyond developing champions in the ring to building responsible citizens and safer communities.

Thipe commended the Police Boxing Club and other stakeholders for the initiative, saying the partnership demonstrated what could be achieved when sporting and community institutions united behind a common cause.

“Beyond this tournament, we value our relationship with the Botswana Police. You remain a key stakeholder in our boxing, and we applaud you for being valuable members of our boxing community and for taking a leading role in owning boxing with purpose. I also call upon all our 17 partner clubs to bring forth initiatives that help develop and



Botswana’s George Molwantwa (right) exchanging blows with Namibia boxer, Haoseb Phillip during a boxing tournament aimed at raising awareness on gender-based violence and promoting safer communities in Otse on Saturday. Phillip won the bout. Photo: Courtesy of Botswana Boxing Association

promote the sport of boxing,” he said.

For his part, Deputy Director of Training at the Police College, Assistant Commissioner Gilbert Muchauza, said they were honoured to host the initiative, which demonstrated that sport was about more than competition.

He said boxing instilled discipline, respect, self-control and responsibility, values that were essential in building safer and more peaceful communities.

Assistant Commissioner Muchauza said GBV remained a serious concern and that the tournament provided an opportunity to raise awareness, encourage dialogue and remind people that violence should never be a solution to disagreements.

He acknowledged the contribution of all stakeholders, saying their commitment underscored the importance of working together to address social challenges affecting communities.

He urged boxers to compete with discipline, respect their opponents and demonstrate good sportsmanship, noting that the greatest victory was not only winning in the ring but also serving as positive role models outside it.

Meanwhile, spectators were treated to exciting contests across various weight categories.

In the 60kg category, Katlego David upset national team boxer Treasure Moremi, while Namibian boxer Haoseb Phillip also pulled off a surprise victory by defeating Police Club’s top-seeded George Molwantwa.

Mmusi Tswiige of Prisons continued his fine form, narrowly defeating Solomon Lere of Molepolole Boxing Club by a 3-2 score. **BOPA**

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Mares seek redemption against Twiga Stars

Tumisang Moilwa
GABORONE

The Botswana’s senior women football team, The Mares, will today, face Tanzania’s Twiga Stars in the return leg of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games qualifier in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The Mares are seeking for a redemption and to overturn a 1-0 deficit from the first encounter in Gaborone on Friday night.

A win with two goals without the opponent scoring, will take the Mares to the next level of the qualifying stages. Therefore, the Mares will need an improved performance to progress to the next qualifying round.

Coach Gaolethoo Nkutlwisang has identified playing long balls as one of the areas that the team must address. “We played long balls and Tanzania utilised on them. This is something we need to watch out for in our second leg,” she said.

Despite the first leg defeat, Nkutlwisang said the tie was not over and urged her players to approach the return fixture with a fighting spirit.

“If they managed to score, it means we can also do likewise. The players must have a fighting spirit because it is not yet over,” she said.

She acknowledged that playing away from home would be challenging, with Tanzania expected to enjoy strong support from their fans in Dar es Salaam.

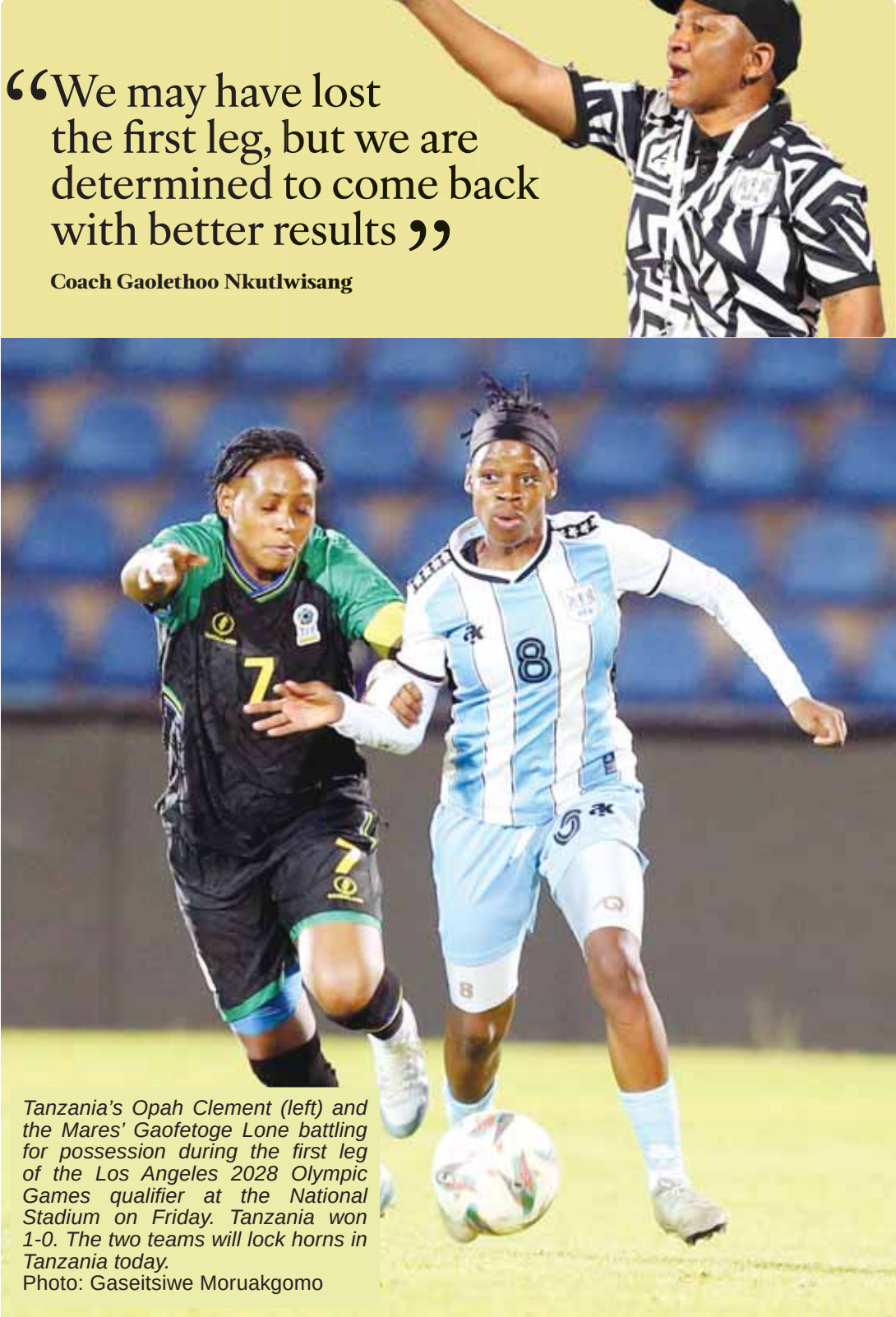
However, she believed the atmosphere could provide additional motivation for the Mares. “Playing Tanzania is not going to be easy because we know that they are going to have their supporters fill up the stadium, but maybe that will give us the push that we need,” she said. Nkutlwisang said the team was determined to improve on its first leg performance and return with better results.

“We may have lost the first leg, but we are determined to come back with better results,” she said.

The winner on aggregate will advance to the next qualifying round, where they will face either Ethiopia or Rwanda. **BOPA**

“We may have lost the first leg, but we are determined to come back with better results”

Coach Gaolethoo Nkutlwisang



Tanzania’s Opah Clement (left) and the Mares’ Gaofetoge Lone battling for possession during the first leg of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games qualifier at the National Stadium on Friday. Tanzania won 1-0. The two teams will lock horns in Tanzania today.
Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Royal Bafokeng donates gym equipment

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Maun is widely recognised for producing high-calibre athletes who go on to represent Botswana on the international stage.

Against this backdrop, the Royal Bafokeng Nation (RBN) has donated specialised gym and athletics equipment to the Dose Organisation for Sports Excellence (DOSE) to strengthen local talent development.

DOSE is a Maun-based sports development initiative that supports local athletics clubs and nurtures elite and emerging talent.

The organisation is spearheaded by national coach Kebonyemodisa ‘Dose’ Mosimanyane, who has trained and mentored some of the country’s top athletes, including Olympic 200m champion, Letsile Tebogo.

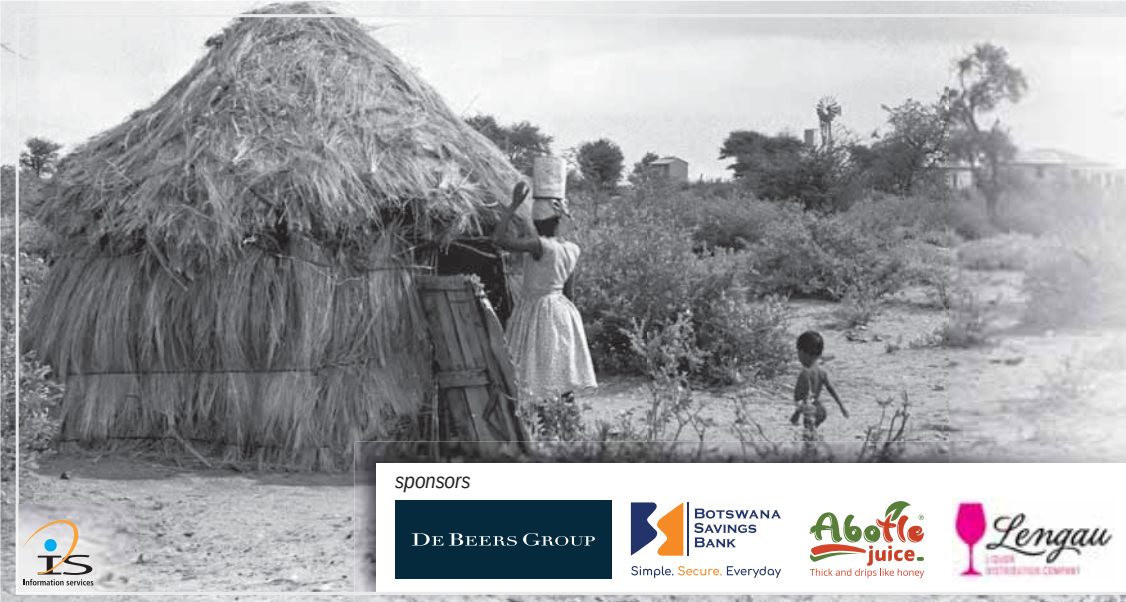
Mosimanyane said the equipment would strengthen efforts to identify and groom emerging talent in Maun. Mosimanyane said the new equipment would address some of the challenges athletes faced, including limited access to suitable training facilities.

Previously, athletes had to travel long distances between the stadium and a gym at Maun Mall, which lacked specialised equipment required for athletics.

“The gym was not equipped for athletics; it lacked treadmills and other specialised equipment we require, and we were improvising. Not all athletes could access it, and only the elite athletes managed, but with this new equipment, every single athlete under our care will have the opportunity to train properly,” he said.

Meanwhile, according to a press release from Royal Bafokeng Nation, the donation reflected its commitment to youth development and the enduring relationship between the Royal Bafokeng Nation and Botswana. “We hope this becomes the foundation for long-term collaboration through athlete exchanges, coaching development, and future athletics competitions between our nations,” said Kgosi Leruo Molotlegi.

The first consignment of the donation was officially handed over at the Maun Sports Complex recently. The equipment includes treadmills, rowing machines, indoor bikes, power racks, Olympic bars, bumper plates, hurdles, a high-jump landing area and throwing implements. **BOPA**





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