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President Advocate Duma Boko addressing world leaders at the COP31 Leaders' Summit in Türkiye on Wednesday. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

Botswana calls for climate financing

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
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President Advocate Duma Boko has called for a predictable and accessible global climate financing system to help vulnerable developing countries respond to the devastating effects of climate change, warning that domestic resources alone cannot meet the scale of the challenge. *Cont…page 3*

Boko in Historical Context

History is not necessarily made in the moments that announce themselves as historic.

Quite often, the events that dominate the politics of one generation turn out to be less consequential than decisions whose importance was scarcely appreciated when they were made. History, after all, is not simply a record of political events.

It is an account of how societies evolve, how institutions change and how the assumptions upon which nations are constructed are either preserved or fundamentally altered.

It is against this understanding of history that I would argue we must begin to locate the presidency of Duma Gideon Boko.

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TANA Metro: A win-win for transport sector

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GABORONE

A new six-month pilot of the electric TANA Metro bus service could transform Gaborone's transport landscape into a win-win for both weary commuters and struggling taxi operators, according to Transport and Infrastructure Minister, Mr Keoagile Atamelang.

Speaking on the sidelines of Parliament, Minister Atamelang expressed optimism about the ongoing trial, noting that a clearer picture of the projects viability would emerge at the end of the six-month pilot period.

He emphasised that significant stakes were involved in transforming the city's transport landscape. Currently, the transport sector is plagued by unreliable, unsafe and inefficient services. Because standards remain inconsistent, many residents are reluctant to use public transport.

"We wanted to see how best we can improve public transport. All of us here don't use public transport, or we are not confident about it, because it is not efficient or safe and the standards are inconsistent," he said.

He highlighted that commuters deserved comfortable travel options equipped with amenities such as air conditioning and Wi-Fi. Addressing the struggling taxi industry, Mr Atamelang noted that financial pressure often led to higher commuter fares.

"Just recently, we received a letter from them requesting a fare adjustment," he said.

However, he argued that raising combi and taxi fares was not a sustainable solution. Operators on routes like Naledi and parts of Broadhurst have avoided raising prices recently, recognising the financial impact on passengers.



Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Keoagile Atamelang has expressed optimism that the six-month TANA Metro electric bus pilot project could transform Gaborone's public transport system, benefiting both commuters and existing taxi operators. He said the trial would provide an opportunity to assess the project's viability while exploring ways to improve public transport services and address challenges facing the sector.

"All of our working people deserve to arrive at work on time so that we can grow this economy," he added.

The minister assured operators that the new service was not designed to create unemployment. Instead, he said TANA Metro offered existing operators an opportunity to hold a stake in the venture. He also pointed out systemic issues in the current sector, where many combi drivers lacked formal employment contracts, work under difficult conditions and were paid on a daily basis. Paired with the poor condition of many vehicles on the road, these issues underscore the need for urgent reform.

Furthermore, strikes by transport operators historically cripple the economy due to lack of travel alternatives for workers.

"Should we work like that as a country? No," Mr Atamelang stated, confirming that consultations with public transport operators were ongoing.

While acknowledging that some operators had raised concerns, he emphasised that the pilot project remained work in progress and no stakeholders were being excluded. Routes for the trial were mapped out during initial engagements and adjustments would be made as the pilot progresses.

"This is done with the intent to make Botswana great," he said.

The TANA Metro bus service, which operates electric buses, recently launched as a pilot project offering free rides along routes connecting Tlokweng, Phakalane, Metsimotlhabe and Game City. ***BOPA***

MoU to align education with market needs

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GABORONE

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) and the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) marks a major commitment to strengthening Botswana's human capital and achieving national development goals.

Speaking at the signing ceremony on Tuesday, Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele emphasised the pivotal roles both institutions play where BQA maintained quality within the National Credit and Qualifications Framework, while HRDC focused on cross-sector human capital development.

Minister Maele noted that their complementary functions were vital to aligning educational outputs with economic needs and closing the skill gap between graduates and job market requirements.

The minister highlighted the synergy between public bodies, stating that the partnership supported a coordinated public service under the leadership of President Advocate Duma Boko, promoting efficient resource sharing and collaboration during fiscal constraints.



Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) CEO, Professor Alinah Segobye (left) and Botswana Qualifications Authority Acting CEO, Mr Ofentse Disang signing a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions in Gaborone on Tuesday. Mr Disang said the agreement underscored the necessity of aligning qualifications and learning programmes directly with market demands identified by HRDC. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

Furthermore, Mr Maele noted that the partnership coincided with the formulation of the National Human Resource Development Strategy (2026-2036), which aimed to cultivate a workforce adaptable to technological advancements and economic diversification.

He added that future initiatives, would focus on enhancing skills forecasting and employer engagement to ensure that education fostered critical thinking and entrepreneurship alongside immediate employment needs.

He emphasised that the ultimate success of the MoU rested on practical application and tangible benefits for citizens.

Thus, he urged both institutions to look beyond mere formalities and deliver comprehensive solutions to interconnected challenges in education and manpower development.

BQA acting chief executive officer, Mr Ofentse Disang echoed the minister's sentiments, noting that the agreement underscored the necessity of aligning qualifications and learning programmes directly with market demands identified by HRDC.

Mr Disang added that developing globally competitive and competency-based qualifications informed by international occupational standards remained critical to bridging current systemic gaps.

Professor Alinah Segobye from HRDC, emphasised that unity and inter-agency collaboration were essential for building a just and equitable education system.

Prof. Segobye noted that the commitment went beyond launching new projects as it built on foundational frameworks established over decades to achieve a knowledgeable society. ***BOPA***

First Lady decries abuse of children

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GUMARE

The First Lady, Ms Kaone Boko has called for the protection of children to ensure their safety and to safeguard their future.

Ms Boko, who was speaking at the Sireletsa Ngwana, Sireletsa Bokamoso campaign engagement in Gumare on Wednesday, said it was disheartening that the Okavango District and indeed the rest of the country continued to report cases of abuse of children, including those of a sexual nature.

She said the trend was worrying particularly because statistics continued to grow despite active voices against child abuse by relevant organisations like the Botswana Police Service and other key stakeholders.

Ms Boko said in some cases children were sexually abused by family members while most teenage pregnancies were mostly a result of adults from those girls' communities who could have been their safe haven.

She highlighted how the society's moral fibre had been eroded to a point where adults engaging in sexual acts with minors had become common.

Ms Boko said children were no longer safe as they endured all sorts of abuse at the hands of the same society that ought to be protecting them. She said her hope was for a change of attitude towards child protection across the whole country, not only in the Okavango District.

"Let everyone take responsibility in protection of children; if a child becomes wayward take a step and engage relevant stakeholders like community leaders and social workers as such behaviour could have resulted from some form of abuse which children fear to report," she said.

Ms Boko also launched the Babelegi Mmogo initiative by Lorato House, a Maun-based non- governmental organisation.

Babelegi Mmogo aims to empower parents, community members and relevant stakeholders to curb the abuse of children in the Okavango District and the First Lady said the mandate of the initiative aligned well with that of her Sireletsa Ngwana, Sireletsa Bokamoso initiative.

Okavango District Council (ODC) deputy council secretary Mr Michael Israel said through the help of the Office of the First Lady, the council had managed to revive child protection structures from 2025 to date when the Sireletsa Ngwana, Sireletsa Bokamoso was introduced to the area. Mr Israel said the council had so far trained the district child protection committees and 34 village child protection committees to ensure issues affecting the boy and girl child and children with disabilities were properly handled.

He said the district had high cases of child abuse in the year 2024 with 192 cases recorded of which 77 cases were teenage pregnancy in the months between April and August of that year. ***BOPA***

Gaolathe advocates climate-resilient healthcare

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GABORONE

Acting President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe has called for urgent investment in climate-resilient healthcare, stronger mental health services and improved sexual and reproductive health programmes.

Speaking at the Botswana Health and Climate Change Summit in Gaborone yesterday, Mr Gaolathe warned that climate change was increasingly threatening the health, livelihoods and economic development of Batswana.

He said the effects of climate change were no longer confined to agriculture and the environment but were increasingly being felt in clinics, classrooms, workplaces and households.

He emphasised that environmental health and human health were inseparable, pointing to the risks faced by children exposed to unsafe water, elderly people enduring extreme heat and families whose livelihoods were undermined by drought.

The summit, organised by the Botswana Family Welfare Association (BOFWA) and its partners under the theme: Breaking the Silence, Building Resilience, Advancing Climate-Resilient Health, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Mental Well-being in Botswana, provided an opportunity to address interconnected challenges.

Mr Gaolathe said Botswana's ambition of becoming a high-income, diversified and inclusive economy, as outlined in National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) and Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), depended fundamentally on the health and capabilities of its people.

He noted that illness undermined education, productivity and household savings, making healthcare central to the country's economic transformation agenda. He described the ongoing development of the National Health Insurance Policy and its legislative framework as important steps towards universal health coverage, stressing that the system must remain accessible, affordable and resilient to climate-related pressures.

The acting President also highlighted the stigma surrounding sexual and reproductive health, particularly among young people who often faced embarrassment, fear and judgement when seeking information and services. He called for accurate, age-appropriate information, confidential healthcare, stronger maternal services and greater involvement of families, schools and communities. He urged men and boys to promote relationships based on respect and equality. On mental health, Mr Gaolathe called for greater openness and improved access to counselling, referrals and support services, including the integration of mental healthcare into primary healthcare. He warned that drought, food insecurity and climate-related disasters could intensify anxiety, trauma and emotional distress, particularly among vulnerable households.



Acting President Ndaba Gaolathe (left), Botswana Family Welfare Association board president, Ms Tshoganetso Lesomo (second left) and other dignitaries touring stalls during Botswana Health and Climate Change Summit in Gaborone yesterday. Mr Gaolathe called for urgent investment in climate-resilient healthcare, stronger mental health services and improved sexual and reproductive health programmes. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

Botswana's geographical vulnerability also featured prominently in his address. He cited temperatures of 43.8 degrees Celsius in Tubu in December 2022, while Mababe was at 37.8 degrees Celsius in October that year.

He further warned that the 2026/2027 rainy season faced increased risks of below-normal rainfall, prolonged dry spells and above-average temperatures under the El Niño advisory, adding that those conditions could threaten water supplies, crop production, grazing lands and household livelihoods.

To strengthen preparedness, Mr Gaolathe revealed that the President had established a cross-sectoral El Niño Task Force, to coordinate efforts across agriculture, water, energy, environmental management and healthcare.

He stressed that health facilities must have reliable water and electricity, effective disease surveillance systems and the capacity to continue operating during environmental emergencies.

Citing a World Health Organisation report released on November 4, Mr Gaolathe said scaling up key climate and health interventions could prevent approximately 1.6 million deaths globally each year. He said interventions included heat warnings, safe drinking water, sanitation, cleaner household energy and improved fossil fuel pricing. He further said the report also estimated that five assessed interventions could generate approximately US$24 in benefits for every dollar invested.

He thus called for prudent public spending, increased climate finance and partnerships with private investors, including the mining industry, to mobilise funding, technology and expertise.

Mr Gaolathe further warned that climate change was deepening gender inequalities, with girls at risk of leaving school to collect water and facing increased exposure to gender-based violence, while boys could be pushed into premature labour and dangerous migration. ***BOPA***

Botswana calls for climate financing

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Addressing world leaders at the COP31 Leaders' Summit in Antalya, Türkiye, on Wednesday, President Boko said Botswana and other developing countries needed increased international support to strengthen their resilience against droughts, floods, rising temperatures and water shortages.

The President said climate change was already threatening agricultural productivity, public health, biodiversity and the livelihoods of communities, particularly those dependent on natural resources.

For Botswana, he said, the situation could deteriorate further with the expected influence of El Niño, making decisive action and adequate resources increasingly important.

"Climate change is a clear and present danger to humanity," he said, emphasising that the effects were no longer distant threats but realities affecting people's daily lives.

President Boko said Botswana was strengthening its environmental governance and climate response through its first comprehensive National Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Strategy and Implementation Framework, which is scheduled for launch next month.

The strategy, he said, would guide the country's efforts to mobilise sustainable investments and ensure that economic development took environmental and social considerations into account.

He said its implementation would focus on strengthening data collection, measurement, reporting and verification systems, building institutional capacity and developing sustainable financial products, including a national green taxonomy.

Other priorities include developing credible carbon and biodiversity markets that deliver benefits to local communities, while promoting green trade, sustainable tourism, climate smart agriculture and renewable energy.

On climate mitigation, President Boko said Botswana had adopted measures to promote renewable energy and improve energy efficiency as part of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

He said adaptation was equally important, with reliable water supplies, climate smart agriculture and climate resilient infrastructure forming the foundation of the country's response to recurring droughts, floods and extreme heat.



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However, he cautioned that the financial requirements for climate mitigation and adaptation far exceeded the resources available to Botswana.

While acknowledging the importance of mobilising domestic resources, he said such efforts could not match the enormous costs of addressing climate change.

He therefore called for a global climate finance architecture that would make funding more predictable and accessible, expand concessional financing, attract responsible private investment and support the development of bankable climate projects.

President Boko also stressed the importance of ensuring that the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage provided meaningful support to vulnerable countries through simplified application procedures and timely disbursement of funds.

He reiterated Botswana's commitment to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, urging world leaders to accelerate financing arrangements that responded to the needs of climate-vulnerable nations.

"COP31 should be remembered as the Conference of Implementation," he said. His call for urgent action echoed remarks by United Nations Secretary-General. Mr Antonio Guterres, who warned world leaders that the global climate crisis was advancing faster than the world's response. Addressing the same summit, Mr Guterres said global emissions had reached record levels in 2025, while the last four years had been the hottest on record.

He warned that existing national climate plans were insufficient, saying global emissions needed to fall by approximately six per cent annually to keep climate change within manageable limits.

The UN chief called for a faster and fairer transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy, warning that powerful fossil fuel interests continued to obstruct meaningful climate action.

He also urged developed countries to honour their climate financing commitments and ensure that developing nations could access affordable funding to support adaptation and the transition to cleaner energy.

Mr Guterres further called for a new global Climate Justice Compact based on shared responsibility, shared security and shared benefits, arguing that countries should not be expected to transform their economies without the financial and technological means to do so.

"Climate justice is the defining challenge of the next decade," he said.

He stressed that climate negotiations must translate into tangible results, with success measured by what happened on the ground rather than commitments made at international conferences. ***BOPA***

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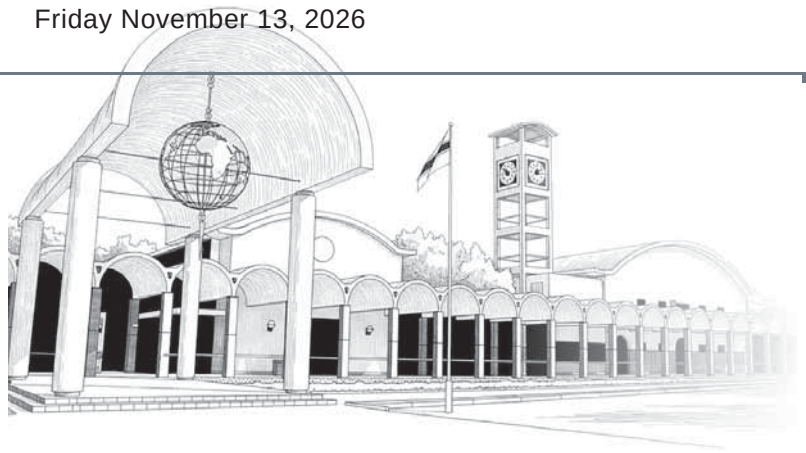
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Mokgware urges caution in forensic audit investigations

Bonang Masolotate
GABORONE

Forensic audit investigations are sensitive and require specialised expertise to avoid compromising investigations or wrongfully implicating individuals, Specially Elected Member of Parliament, Major General Pius Mokgware has said.

In his contributions to the State-of-the-Nation Address on Wednesday, Major Gen. Mokgware who is also the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs emphasised that forensic audits should not be left to prosecutors alone as they required skilled investigators.

He said the need for new investigators and prosecutors would address instances where some individuals within the investigation and prosecution structures could find themselves implicated.

Major Gen. Mokgware said it was not advisable to publish the names of individuals mentioned in the Forensic audit report, as everyone was presumed innocent until proven guilty by a competent court. On social welfare, he said government continued to reduce household financial burdens through initiatives aimed at cushioning citizens against economic hardships.

He cited the introduction of a P300 allowance for infants whose parents were unemployed, saying it complemented services provided through clinics.

He also said government had intervened to reduce high water bills charged by Water Utilities Corporation, while the increase in tertiary students' allowances had further eased household financial pressures.

Major Gen. Mokgware said when the current government assumed office, the economy was close to collapse, but maintained that the country's economic performance was steadily improving.

"The facts are there, numbers never lie," he said, adding that the improving economic outlook could position Botswana to attract investment.

On government's move to increase its stake in De Beers from 15 per cent to 30 per cent, he said the decision was informed by expectations of the mining industry's future performance.



MP for Chobe Mr Oscar Mapulanga



Specially Elected Member of Parliament Major General Pius Mokgware

He said the diamond industry was expected to grow until 2054, which would enable Botswana to benefit from the investment. He added that the investment was not limited to diamonds but also involved intellectual property, saying government had conducted due diligence before committing to the deal.

He further said government was making steady progress towards improving people's lives and had changed the country's labour trajectory through the Employment and Labour Relations Act.

Meanwhile, MP for Chobe, Mr Oscar Mapulanga, said the colonial government had designated parts of the country as Crown land or state land, adding that Chobe was also seeking land restitution because its land had been taken.

He said residents wanted land to enable them to engage in crop production and livestock farming.

On healthcare, Mr Mapulanga said Chobe had experienced average medicine availability of 52 per cent over the past years.

He said medicine shortages had resulted in loss of lives, noting that the shortage of critical drugs remained a concern in the district.

He therefore, urged government to prioritise the health sector, adding that Chobe also needed a hospital, as residents currently relied on referral facilities in Maun and Francistown.

He said the Chobe community was working towards procuring a dialysis machine, while the Parakarungu community had managed to procure medicines and drugs for its clinic.

On education, he commended government for increasing tertiary students' allowances but noted that Chobe brigades enrolled only 48 students, limiting the number of beneficiaries.

He called for the establishment of a technical college and senior secondary school in Chobe, saying existing schools were operating beyond capacity.

Mr Mapulanga further urged government to fast-track its position on the Development Manager model. ***BOPA***

Saleshando proposes rescue plan to ease cost of living

Lindi Morwaeng
GABORONE

Leader of Opposition, Mr Dumelang Saleshando, has proposed a six-point Economic Rescue Plan aimed at reducing the cost of living, protecting jobs, restoring workers' purchasing power and supporting struggling businesses.

Presenting his response to the State-of-the-Nation Address on Wednesday, Mr Saleshando said Botswana needed an immediate economic rescue programme alongside long-term transformation initiatives.

He proposed targeted value added tax (VAT) relief on a wider range of essential goods, including bathing and laundry soap, detergents, toothpaste and toilet paper, saying government should ensure that the savings benefit consumers rather than being absorbed into business profit margins.

He also called for a moratorium on new or increased public service levies and charges affecting low and middle-income households, citing the introduction of fees for customary court services as an example of charges that could place justice beyond the reach of poor people.

Mr Saleshando further urged government to contain its expenditure through a cost-saving and reprioritisation plan, supported by quarterly public reports detailing savings made and how the funds were being utilised. He suggested reconsidering plans to open new diplomatic missions and called on the President to lead by example through smaller delegations when travelling on official business.

On fuel, he called for an urgent review of procurement and distribution arrangements, as well as a transparent and affordable relief mechanism for public transport operators and productive sectors when international fuel prices rise. He further proposed that government engage organised labour on a cost-of-living adjustment, review the minimum wage and provide targeted relief to low- and middle-income earners.

Mr Saleshando said government should also publish a schedule for settling verified outstanding payments owed to local businesses, warning that delayed payments by the State affected contractors' ability to pay workers, suppliers and banks.

He proposed that the Bank of Botswana's one-off revenue windfall be ring-fenced to settle these arrears and fund capital projects rather than being absorbed into recurrent expenditure.

The opposition leader also called for measures to improve access to credit for businesses, including support with bookkeeping and compliance, faster land title registration to enable citizens to use land as collateral, and expanded credit guarantees through institutions such as CEDA and BDC.

He urged government to support the informal economy by providing secure and serviced trading spaces, consulting traders before relocating them, simplifying business registration and ensuring that small enterprises benefit from public procurement.

Turning to economic diversification, Mr Saleshando called for a quarterly performance scorecard for the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), showing project budgets, expenditure, progress and the number of jobs created. On the proposed increase in Botswana's shareholding in De Beers from 15 to 30 per cent, Mr Saleshando said the decision required careful scrutiny, particularly in view of the diamond market outlook and the country's rising public debt. He questioned the purchase price, financing arrangements and potential financial risks should the diamond company experience further difficulties.

Mr Saleshando also called for consideration of Government stakes in copper mines, including Khoemacau, and said the business case for acquiring additional De Beers shares should be independently assessed by local professionals.

On agriculture, he described the foot-and-mouth disease crisis as both a household income and food security concern, calling for a coordinated recovery plan with clear timelines, adequate veterinary capacity, a pathway towards restoring access to the European market and the development of alternative export markets.

He supported the proposed National Health Insurance scheme, provided it was properly funded and managed, while calling for monthly public reports on the availability of essential medicines at health facilities.

He also called for a review of the 12-month limit for the P300 Child Support Grant, saying its duration should be assessed by professionals in relation to the nutritional needs of young children. On land administration, he proposed completing the national land audit, digitising land records, ensuring transparent allocation processes and clearing waiting lists.

He also called for special consideration for people living with disabilities under the Bonno Housing Scheme. Mr Saleshando further urged Government to elevate the fight against gender-based violence into a measurable national undertaking. ***BOPA***



Leader of Opposition, Mr Dumelang Saleshando responding to the State-of-the-Nation Address in Parliament on Wednesday. He proposed a six-point Economic Rescue Plan aimed at easing the cost of living, protecting jobs, restoring workers' purchasing power and supporting struggling businesses.
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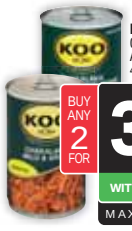
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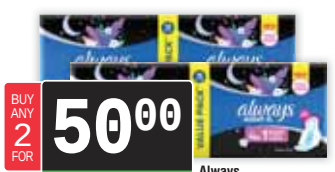
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DailyBusiness

Keidibetse finds niche in homemade sauce

Amantle Onneng
PALAPYE

What started as a small personal passion at home quickly blossomed into a fully-fledged dream fuelled by late nights, trial and error and love for her craft.

Melba Keidibetse, a 31-year-old from Seolwane has decided to not let unemployment drive her into hopelessness.

With jobs no longer easy to come by, Keidibetse delved into the production and sale of chilli sauce. She did not want to add on to the growing statistics of young people who finish school and wait to secure jobs.

In addition to her small business allowing her to survive, it also teaches her discipline, it grows her and gives her hope.

Keidibetse says she started her backyard garden at home to grow black-eyed chillies and herbs for family consumption.

As time went on, she noticed her garden was full of ripe chillies. Instead of letting them to go waste, she decided to do something with them.

She thought of an idea to make her own homemade sauce, and that small idea turned into the start of her little business. The sauce can be used as a marinade, on burgers, hot dogs and even in food.

She subsequently researched various recipes and developed her own sauce which was well received in the market.

To make the sauce, she says she utilises affordable and readily available ingredients such as fresh chilli peppers, vinegar and salt.

Keidibetse's culinary interest equipped her with essential knowledge of flavour combinations, recipe formulation and food preparation techniques, which significantly eased her transition into entrepreneurship.

What began as a personal hobby naturally evolved into a viable venture, enabling her to transform her cooking skills into a sustainable chilli sauce enterprise.

After producing a large batch of bottled sauce, Keidibetse took it to the Martins Drift area to test the market. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. One enthusiastic customer labelled the sauce 'Mel-Baba,' combining her first name, Melba, and 'baba,' the local slang for extra-hot chilli.

Embracing the name, she officially branded her product, accelerated production and began advertising nationwide. Today, the sauce is highly sought after, with market demand stretching as far north as Kasane.

Keidibetse started purchasing chillies from other farmers in order to produce more sauce for her customers.

She says the business is now thriving and has enabled her to support herself and her family.

Because she has grown, her backyard garden is no longer able to produce all the chillies she requires, and this has compelled her to source some of the chillies she uses from other farmers, which makes supply erratic.

Additionally, the packaging containers for the sauce are only obtainable in distant locations such as Gaborone and Francistown.

However, despite encountering several challenges, she remains optimistic.

She says her goals is to attract more customers, produce a wider variety of sauces and create employment opportunities.

Furthermore, she encourages people to start their own businesses, especially those that do not require a lot of money to start.

She has now diversified into other income generating ventures, including selling perfumes and offering cleaning services, in an effort to increase her earnings and improve her livelihood.

Keidibetse encouraged people to persevere and remain committed despite numerous challenges, as adversity ultimately strengthen the business.

She also encouraged youths to never underestimate their business ideas. ***BOPA***



A 31 year-old entrepreneur from Seolwane, Ms Melba Keidibetse displaying her homemade Mel-Baba chilli sauce. The business has since grown, with demand for her products reaching as far as Kasane. Photos: Portia Rapitsenyane

Investment forum set for Kang

Samantha Gabaeme
HUKUNTSI

Over 70 companies expected in Kang as district courts investors. Marathon and gala dinner to raise funds for community development.Kgalagadi North District Council is set to launch its Kgalagadi North Investment and Development Forum on November 13 in Kang, in an effort to promote investment and accelerate sustainable development in the district.

The forum, to be held under the theme : Catalysing Growth, Building a Sustainable Future, is expected to bring together over 70 companies, providing an opportunity to showcase the district's investment potential and encourage partnerships between businesses and development stakeholders.In an interview with BOPA, Kgalagadi North District Council Chairman, Mr Stephen Lekgobero, said the initiative was intended to expose investors to the district and create opportunities for business and economic growth. He said Kang was selected as the host venue because of its existing business activity, making it a suitable location to bring together companies and introduce them to investment opportunities in the district. Mr Lekgobero said the initiative also complemented government's drive to promote a cleaner and safer district, noting that a conducive environment was important in attracting investors and positioning the district as an attractive destination for business.

He said the council intended to mobilise funds through the District Chairman's Marathon and Gala Dinner as part of the broader initiative.

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China to build world-leading accounting system

BEIJING - China will strive to build an accounting system with Chinese characteristics that is internationally leading during the 15th Five-Year Plan period (2026-2030), says Ministry of Finance on Wednesday. The plan sets out seven major tasks covering the rule of law, talent, professional services, supervision, digital and intelligent transformation, international governance, and accounting theory, the ministry said. On combating financial fraud, China will strengthen the oversight system, step up monitoring of key areas and rectification of prominent problems and keep sharpening the precision and effectiveness of these efforts, so as to accelerate the clearing of existing cases and effectively curb new ones, according to the plan. The ministry says China will raise the accounting sector's digital-intelligent level, basically build a system with unified standards, secure and controllable operations, and intelligent and efficient services, and significantly strengthen such work in accounting, auditing and industry management, according to the plan. ***Xinhua***

Innovation powers Kenya e-mobility boom

NAIROBI - Nairobi's public transport is going green as locally assembled electric buses replace diesel buses on the city's busiest routes. Johnson Kamau Wanja, who drove diesel buses for 17 years, is among the first Kenyan drivers trained to operate electric buses. Wanja drives for OMA Services, which now operates 21 electric buses. The buses travel 190 to 230 km a day before returning to depots for overnight charging. Unlike diesel buses that need monthly oil changes, electric buses mainly need checks for tyres, brakes and wheel greasing. Moses Nderitu, managing director of BasiGo Kenya, said the company has deployed 102 electric buses in the past four years. ***Xinhua***

TikTok and ICC launch digital labs to boost SMEs

ACCRA - TikTok and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) on Tuesday launched digital commerce laboratories in Accra, the Ghanaian capital, to equip small businesses with digital skills and tools. The global initiative, aimed at unlocking digital commerce opportunities for small businesses in selected markets across Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia, will also enable small businesses to expand market access, increase revenue, and build long-term resilience. "We are lowering the barriers to access to entry and connecting businesses to customers far beyond their immediate communities," Tholoana Ncheke-Mahlaela, TikTok's head of Government Relations and Public Policy for Southern Africa, said during the launch. Ncheke-Mahlaela added that it is important to strengthen the growth of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), as they are pivotal to creating employment, entrepreneurship, and inclusive Economic activity. ***Xinhua***

Ked-Liphi launches AI Solar backpack

Marvin Motlhabane
KANYE

Ked-Liphi Global, a Botswana-based innovation and technology enterprise, will celebrate its 10th anniversary in Gaborone on 27 November with a gala dinner that will also mark the official launch of its next-generation product, the Chedza Scholar Pro Solar Backpack.

The event, themed: A Decade of Innovation & Impact, is expected to bring together over 200 delegates from government institutions, private-sector organisations, development partners, educational institutions, investors and civil society to reflect on ten years of African-led technological solutions and explore pathways for scaling the new product. Founded in 2016, Ked-Liphi Global specialises in electronic engineering, renewable energy, smart technologies and artificial intelligence. Chief executive officer Mr Kedumetse Liphi said the company focuses on practical, commercially viable solutions to challenges facing African communities, with particular emphasis on education, clean energy and community empowerment.

Mr Liphi said the Chedza Scholar Pro builds on the company's earlier Chedza Solar Backpack initiative. Chedza means 'light' in Setswana, reflecting the product's core purpose of bringing light, opportunity and access to learning resources to students, especially those in underserved and rural communities.

He explained that the backpack integrates several technologies into a single school bag. An integrated solar panel charges an internal rechargeable battery that powers a portable LED light for evening study and provides USB charging for compatible devices. The bag also includes a wireless microphone designed to capture classroom audio, subject to school rules, consent and privacy requirements, together with an AI-enabled digital learning platform that can convert recorded lessons into text, generate summaries and offer supplementary explanations and revision support.

"These features address interconnected challenges including limited access to electricity for after-dark study, the digital learning divide, difficulty capturing and revisiting classroom lessons, and the environmental impact of traditional lighting methods such as candles and paraffin lamps," Mr Liphi said.

He added that the product is intended to complement teachers and existing learning materials rather than replace them, noting that the availability of specific AI functions will depend on software configuration, connectivity and product version.

Mr Liphi said Ked-Liphi Global positions the Chedza Scholar Pro as contributing to Botswana's Vision 2036 goals of building a knowledge-based society, strengthening human capital development and promoting innovation. He added that it also aligns with Sustainable Development Goals 4 on quality education), Goal 7 of affordable and clean energy and Goal 13 which speaks to issues of climate action. Further, he said it aligns well with the African Union's Agenda 2063 aspirations for quality education, science and technology, renewable energy, youth empowerment and inclusive industrialisation.

The company has expressed interest in engaging partners, including UNICEF and education stakeholders on school-based pilot programmes, technical assessment, child safeguarding, accessibility and impact measurement."The Chedza Scholar Pro is therefore more than a product launch. It represents a commitment to exploring how clean energy and responsible technology can work together to improve the learning experience," Mr Liphi emphasised. *BOPA*

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Beyond the business discussions, Mr Lekgobero said the programme would also feature the District Chairman's Marathon on Saturday, a community initiative aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles while raising funds for the Council Chairman's Fund.

He explained that the fund was intended to support innovation, improve service delivery and facilitate community development initiatives within the council.

The marathon would be followed by a gala dinner.

"The initiative is intended to expose investors to the district and create opportunities for business and economic growth."

Mr Lekgobero Meanwhile, providing details on preparations for the marathon, the organiser Mr Kgalalelo Segwagwa said more than 150 participants had already registered for the event.

He stated that the race would start at Kang Pan and feature three categories: 5km, 10km and 21km.

Mr Segwagwa said registration was being conducted online, with the registration link circulating on social media and available on the Kgalagadi North District Council's Facebook page.

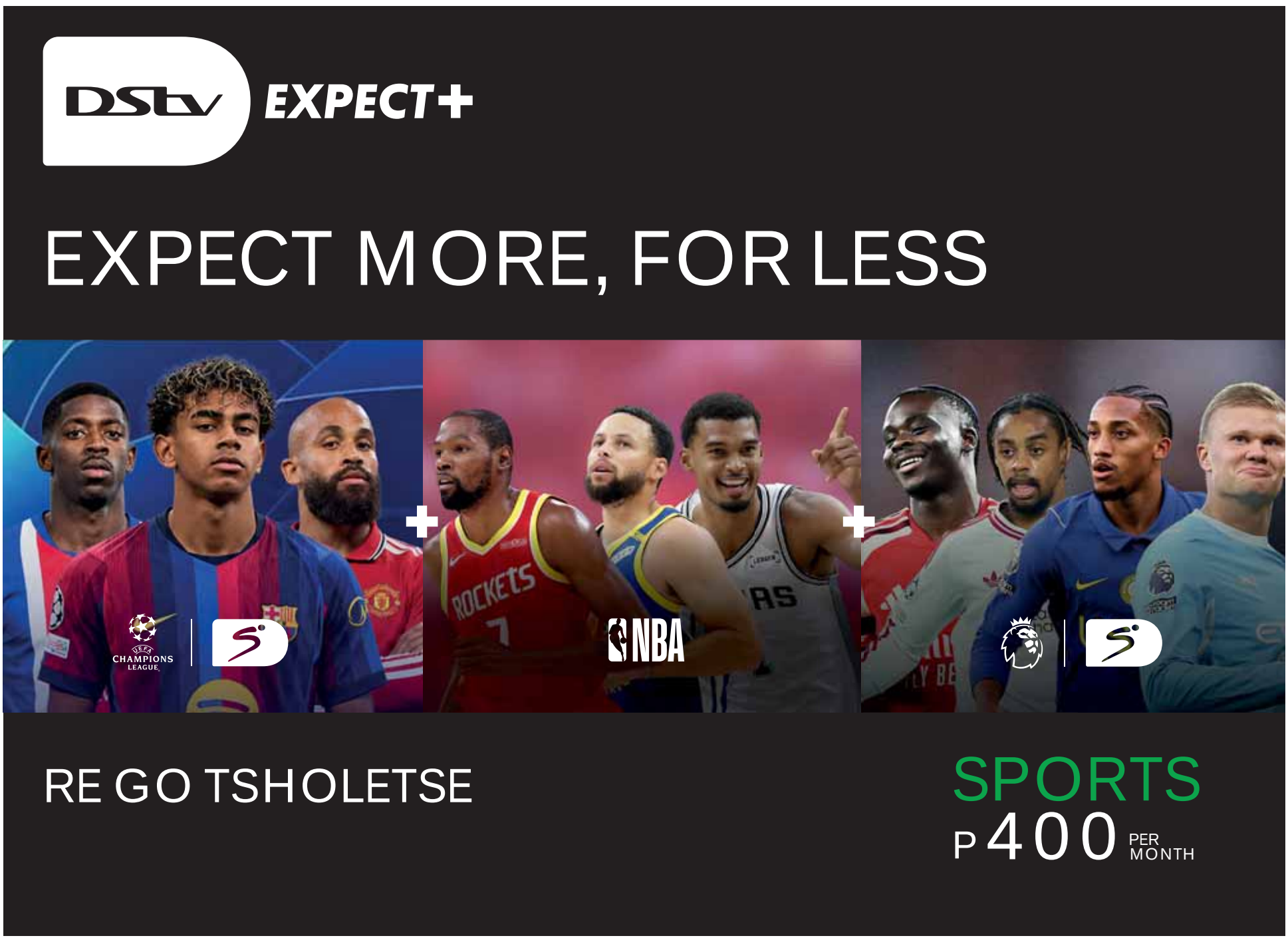
He said all three categories would offer cash prizes, with the 21km race offering P8,000 for first place, P5,000 for second place and P3,000 for third place.

Winners in the 10km category would receive P5,000, P3,000 and P2,000 for first, second and third positions respectively, while the 5km category would attract a P5,000 award, P2,000 to the runner-up and P1,000 to the third-place finisher.

He said other participants would receive medals in recognition of their participation.

Mr Segwagwa added that the marathon had so far secured sponsorship from three companies, namely Absa, Lebu and Greenex Security.

On safety, he said medical personnel would be available to attend to participants, while police officers would be deployed at road junctions and along the route to ensure participants' safety and smooth traffic flow. BOPA



Maele highlights development gains

Lindi Morwaeng
GABORONE

Member of Parliament for Tswapong North, Mr Prince Maele, has commended government's economic and development record, highlighting infrastructure projects, employment initiatives and reforms as evidence of the administration's commitment to delivering on its promises. Contributing to the debate on the State-of-the-Nation Address i on Wednesday, Mr Maele said the address was "punctuated by a lot of delivery".

He said the country was beginning to register positive signs of economic recovery, pointing to improvements in economic indicators and measures government had introduced to stabilise the economy.

Mr Maele said the administration inherited an economy that was close to collapse and had introduced austerity measures to reduce public expenditure and redirect resources towards priority areas.

He said the measures had generated savings of about P2 billion, adding that government had reduced travel expenditure, among other spending cuts.

Responding to concerns raised by Leader of Opposition, Mr Dumelang Saleshando, about how the savings were being utilised, Mr Maele said the funds had helped government meet obligations, including payments to farmers at the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) and settling outstanding invoices owed to the Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB).

On the proposed increase in Botswana's shareholding in De Beers from 15 to 30 per cent, Mr Maele said Batswana needed to understand the broader benefits of the transaction.

He said the objective was not only to acquire additional shares but to ensure that the country benefited more from the diamond value chain through beneficiation and greater control over its natural resources.

Mr Maele maintained that Government was on the right track in addressing corruption, citing a forensic audit covering 30 institutions between 2014 and 2024, which identified estimated losses of P33 billion.

He said government had committed to prosecuting those responsible and was pursuing measures to ensure accountability and recover public assets.

He said President Boko had outlined several interventions in his address, including the establishment of a Special Investigations and Asset Recovery Task Force and measures to strengthen the capacity of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions and other institutions involved in investigations and prosecutions.

On infrastructure development, Mr Maele commended government for adding 200 megawatts of solar power to the national grid through the Mmadinare and Jwaneng solar power plants.

He said the additional capacity had contributed to a significant reduction in electricity imports. He also highlighted interventions to address unemployment, saying 4,366 temporary employees had been absorbed into permanent employment, while special constables had also been absorbed. He said allocation of P772.4 million for urgent maintenance of six sections of the A1 highway, demonstrated government's commitment to addressing the country's road infrastructure challenges.

He said feasibility studies for the Chobe-Zambezi Water Transfer Scheme and the Trans-Kalahari Railway Project had been completed, with procurement of contractors expected during the 2027/2028 financial year.

He said the long-standing water supply challenge in Molepolole was also receiving attention through the Molepolole-Thamaga Water Network Project.

In agriculture, Mr Maele said the Milk Valley Farm project in Lobatse would boost domestic milk production and reduce imports.

He said the farm had 874 dairy cows as of September 2026 and was targeting an annual production of 15 million litres at full capacity, enough to meet up to 23 per cent of national demand.

He also highlighted the introduction of National Health Insurance, maintenance works at 22 secondary schools expected to be completed by March 31, 2027, and increased student allowances and old-age pensions as measures aimed at improving social welfare.

On land administration, he said government was introducing a Land Commission to address challenges in the sector.

He said the country had reached a stage where the focus should be on delivery and implementation, adding that government was committed to translating its commitments into tangible improvements in people's lives. ***BOPA***



Member of Parliament for Tswapong North, Mr Prince Maele highlighted government's interventions to address unemployment, revealing that 4366 temporary employees had been absorbed into permanent positions, alongside special constables.

Procurement must drive economic diversification - Ntsima

Bonang Masolotate
GABORONE

Government procurement must become one of the instruments driving economic diversification, supported by deliberate intentions of identifying products that could be competitively manufactured locally as well as creating opportunities for producers to participate in.

Member of Parliament for Francistown East, Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima expressed the sentiments when contributing to the State-of-the-Nation Address debate on Wednesday.

Mr Ntsima said government could not continue encouraging local manufacturing while much was not done to create market opportunities for locally produced goods.

He said when government purchased locally manufactured products it was not merely buying goods but supporting manufacturers and other downstream economic activities.

"The manufacturer employs workers, those workers support families, those families spend money in local businesses and the economic value circulates through our communities," he said. Mr Ntsima, who is also the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, however, cautioned that this should not be interpreted as a call to abandon competition, quality or value for money.

He also called for timely payment of suppliers, saying delayed payments on government contracts could destroy the very businesses government intended to support.

He said government needed to move from simply administering trade to transforming it, from regulating enterprises to enabling their growth, and from counting registered businesses to supporting those that produced, employed and exported.

He added that Botswana should take advantage of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) rather than speaking only about the initiative.

Meanwhile, Lobatse MP, Mr Kamal Jacobs, said central to President Advocate Duma Boko's message was that Botswana must move beyond an economy heavily dependent on diamonds toward a diversified, digitally enabled, export-led and high-income economy. For decades, he said, diamonds had been the backbone of the economy, but the current global economic environment had reminded the nation that no country could afford to place its entire economic future in one sector. "The time has come for Botswana to unlock the full potential of its people, its natural resources, its institutions, and its productive capacity," he said.

Mr Jacobs welcomed government's focus on productive diversification, infrastructure development, industrialisation and strengthening local manufacturing. He also described the establishment of the Diamonds for Development Fund as an important and further welcomed the announcement that Botswana's shareholding in De Beers would increase from 15 per cent to 30 per cent, making the country the single largest shareholder upon completion of the transaction. Turning to developments in his constituency, Mr Jacobs said the Milk Valley Farm project was encouraging.

He said the importation of 600 Girolando dairy cattle from Brazil, bringing the total herd to 874 as at September 30, represented an investment in Botswana's agricultural future.

He said the projected production capacity of approximately 15 million litres of milk annually, with the potential to meet up to 23 per cent of national milk demand, demonstrated opportunities in the agricultural sector.

On youth employment and economic empowerment, Mr Jacobs observed that although young people were talented, ambitious and full of potential, many lacked opportunities to translate their abilities into meaningful economic participation.

He welcomed the restructuring of the Youth Development Fund to accommodate businesses at different stages of development. ***BOPA***

CMS storage capacity adequate

GABORONE

The Central Medical Stores (CMS) has adequate storage capacity, with only 53.6 per cent of its warehouse storage locations currently occupied, Minister of Health Dr Stephen Modise has said.

Responding to a parliamentary question, Dr Modise said CMS had a modern warehouse with 12,572 storage bin locations, of which 6,746 were occupied.

He said the storage capacity was considered adequate, adding that CMS also had satellite warehouses to accommodate excess medical commodities should the main warehouse reach full capacity.

On measures to prevent wastage of medicines through damage and expiry, Dr Modise said CMS had an inventory management system designed to minimise such incidents.

He explained that CMS required all products received to have at least 80 per cent of their shelf life remaining.

Products with less than 80 per cent shelf life were only accepted on a needs basis for hospitals and clinics.

Furthermore, he said medical commodities were dispatched to health facilities in accordance with the First Expiry, First Out (FEFO) principle, ensuring that products with the shortest remaining shelf life were dispatched first to minimise expiries.

Dr Modise said CMS also had a quality assurance unit responsible for inspecting products upon receipt, with damaged products identified and rejected.

Dr Modise was responding to a question from Mmopane/Metsimotlhabe Member of Parliament, Ms Helen Manyeneng, who had asked him to state the preparedness of storage facilities at CMS and whether an inventory management system was in place to prevent wastage resulting from the disposal of damaged or expired medicines. ***BOPA***

Boko in Historical Context

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History is not necessarily made in the moments that announce themselves as historic. Quite often, the events that dominate the politics of one generation turn out to be less consequential than decisions whose importance was scarcely appreciated when they were made. History, after all, is not simply a record of political events. It is an account of how societies evolve, how institutions change and how the assumptions upon which nations are constructed are either preserved or fundamentally altered.

It is against this understanding of history that I would argue we must begin to locate the presidency of Duma Gideon Boko.

One thing is obvious. Boko has already secured his place in Botswana's political history. He led the movement that ended 58 years of uninterrupted Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) rule, delivering the country's first democratic change of government in 2024.

But to locate his historical significance principally in that electoral victory may be to misunderstand the nature of his potential contribution to Botswana's history.

There is, after all, a considerable distinction between changing a government and transforming a Republic. The former changes who exercises political power. The latter changes the fundamental arrangements through which political power, economic resources, cultural recognition and citizenship are organised.

It is within this distinction that Boko's presidency becomes particularly interesting.

Botswana's modern history can broadly be understood through three great historical processes. The first was the creation of the Bechuanaland Protectorate in 1885, which brought diverse communities and political entities under British colonial authority. The second was the establishment of the independent Republic in 1966, when Seretse Khama and his generation undertook the formidable task of building a unified, stable and economically viable modern state.

The third, I would argue, may be the transformation that Boko is attempting through his concept of the Second Republic.

This is not to equate his presidency with the achievement of independence. Rather, it is to locate his political project within the longer historical evolution of the Botswana state.

The post-independence settlement was remarkably successful in building national institutions, consolidating political stability and transforming one of the world's poorest countries into a middle-income economy. But like every nation-building project, it also involved choices, compromises and contradictions.

The consolidation of national identity around dominant linguistic and cultural traditions, the relationship between the state and indigenous communities, and the economic arrangements governing the exploitation of mineral resources all became defining features of the Republic.

These arrangements were not inevitable. They were products of particular historical circumstances.

And it is precisely these inherited arrangements that some of Boko's initiatives appear to be reconsidering.

Consider three developments: the introduction of indigenous languages on national broadcasting platforms, the proposed restitution of ancestral land rights in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR), and the move to increase Botswana's shareholding in De Beers from 15 to 30 per cent.

At face value, these are unrelated government initiatives. But placed within their historical context, they concern three fundamental questions: who belongs to the nation, whose historical relationship with the land the state recognises, and who ultimately exercises control over the country's natural wealth.

These are not merely administrative questions. They concern the very character of the Republic. The historical construction of national identity

One of the great achievements of Botswana's founding leadership was the construction of a relatively cohesive national identity out of communities with different historical, linguistic and cultural traditions.

In the political circumstances of the 1960s, national unity was considered essential to the survival of the newly independent state.

But the nation-building project also institutionalised certain inequalities of cultural recognition.

Setswana emerged as the dominant indigenous language of national life, while English remained the official language. The constitutional and traditional leadership arrangements inherited at independence also privileged certain historically recognised tribal structures.

These arrangements became subjects of political debate over subsequent decades. Indeed, the Balopi Commission, appointed in 2000, examined constitutional provisions concerning representation in the House of Chiefs, reflecting longstanding concerns about unequal recognition among Botswana's communities.



Mr Gerhardus Esterhuizen from Struizendam anchoring the Afrikaans news bulletin on Radio Botswana*. Government introduced indigenous languages on* BTV *and* Radio Botswana *news.*

The historical question was therefore never simply about language. It concerned the extent to which the Republic recognised the diversity of peoples who constituted the nation.

When Boko's administration introduced additional indigenous languages on Botswana Television and Radio Botswana in 2025, the development could easily have been dismissed as a minor broadcasting reform. But its historical significance may be considerably greater.

For the first time, several communities whose languages had remained marginal within official state broadcasting were being accommodated on national platforms.

A Naro-speaking child in Ghanzi, an Ikalanga-speaking family in the North East or a Sheyeyi-speaking community in the Okavango could hear their languages as part of national broadcasting.

The significance was not merely that these citizens could now access news in their languages. It was that the state had begun extending formal recognition to cultural identities that had historically occupied the margins of its institutions.

In historical terms, this represents a possible movement away from the idea that national unity must be expressed through linguistic uniformity, towards a conception of citizenship that accommodates cultural plurality.

The importance of this change may not be immediately apparent.

But once indigenous languages become institutionalised within national broadcasting, the principle of linguistic recognition can extend into education, public administration and other areas of national life. Indeed, the development of a national language policy may ultimately prove more consequential than the original broadcasts themselves.

Fifty years from now, multilingual public broadcasting may be regarded as an ordinary feature of Botswana's national identity. Future generations may struggle to understand why their grandparents' languages were once largely excluded from national platforms. And therein lies the historical significance of the decision.

The CKGR and the unfinished business of the colonial state

The proposed restitution of ancestral land rights in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve must also be understood within a considerably longer historical context.

The question of indigenous land rights in Botswana predates independence. Colonial administration introduced new systems of territorial authority, land classification and resource management that altered relationships between communities and their ancestral territories.

The CKGR itself was established in 1961, during the final years of British colonial administration, partly to protect the interests and way of life of its indigenous inhabitants.

Yet the reserve would subsequently become the centre of one of Botswana's most persistent disputes over indigenous rights.

The relocation of communities from the CKGR during the 1990s and early 2000s exposed profound tensions between state conservation and development policies and the historical claims of communities who had occupied the Kalahari for generations.

The dispute culminated in the landmark 2006 Sesana High Court judgment, which recognised important occupation and access rights of the applicants and found aspects of their treatment unlawful.

But the judgment did not resolve the broader question of ancestral ownership and the long-term relationship between these communities and the state.

It is against this history that Boko's proposed restitution of ancestral land rights across approximately 52 000 square kilometres of the CKGR must be understood.

The significance is not simply that the government has proposed allowing indigenous communities greater access to the reserve.

The deeper historical proposition is that the state should formally recognise ancestral rights that precede the establishment of the modern Republic.

This potentially represents a fundamental reversal of the historical relationship in which indigenous communities were required to establish their rights against the authority of the state.

It is also important that the restitution initiative did not emerge in a historical vacuum. It builds upon decades of community activism, litigation and legal challenges, including a struggle in which Boko himself participated as a lawyer.

The proposed restitution remains subject to legal and administrative implementation. Its significance will depend on whether it establishes secure, enforceable rights and meaningful community authority.

But if successfully implemented, it may eventually be remembered as one of the most significant acts of historical redress in Botswana's post-independence history.

What appears today to be a difficult land administration question may, in another generation, be regarded as an obvious recognition of historical justice.

Continues next week.



President Advocate Duma Boko announced plans to return the 52 000 square kilometres of ancestral land in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve to Indigenous communities, describing the proposed restitution as the largest structured return of land rights to an Indigenous population within a protected area on the African continent.

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CEYOHO e kgothatsa bomme go ikemela

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Modulasetilo wa mokgatlho wa Centre For Youth of Hope (CEYOHO), Mme Letsweletse Lesupi a re bomme ba tshwanetse go ikemela ka dinao kgatlhanong le kgokgontsho ya bong.

O buile jalo bosheng kwa thuto-puisanyong e e neng e rulaganstwe ke ba mokgatlho oo go rutuntsha bomme le go abelana dikgakololo ka fa b aka ikemelang ka teng go lwantsha dikgang tsa kgokgontsho.

A re tshidilo maikutlo ke konokono bogolo jang fa ba ameile mo kgokgontshong le gone go emana nokeng ka dinako tsotlhe. Moruti Thato Maphakwa e bile ele mogakolodi o boletse fa bomme ba kopana le dikgwetlho tse dintsi mo botshelong mme a gatalela botlhokwa jwa go ikgolaganya le thapelo.

O supile fa malwapa ka bontsi a wetswe ke seru sa tiriso ditagi a tlatsa ka gore bangwe ba di dirisa jalo ba leka go tlisa kagiso mo malwapeng kana go itebatsa dikgwetlho mme seo e se tharabololo ya sennelaruri.

Moruti Maphakwane o gakolotse bomme go itharabologelwa a supa fa bontsi ba ntse moriti o tsididi fela bas a ikemele ka diano ba itirela.

"Ke lemoga fa bontsi jwa lona bo itebetse, ga lo ithate ka jaana lo bipa mpa ka mabele mo dikgannyeng tse di lo amang, tse di lo tlhokisang kagiso mm eke lo gakolola go ikemela ka diano lo tseye boikarabelo ka matshelo a lona," a gakolola jalo.

Mongwe wa bagwebi, Mme Keamogetse Nkgare o rotloeditse bomme go nna le mowa wa boithaopo gore ba kgone go fitlhelela mo botshelong a tlatsa ka gore ga gona botshelo jo bo senang dikgwetlho.

A re e le bomme ba tshwanetse ba iteletsa go itirela kwa pele a supa botlhokwa jwa go itshimololela kgwebo le go anya maele mo go b aba tsweletseng.

O boletse fa ba kgona go simolola kgwebo ka madi a mannye mme yone e tswelele e ikgodisa. Mme Nkgare o tsweletse a tlhalosa fa bomme e le baeteledipele ka tlholego e bile ba le botlhale mme a ba rotloetsa fo dirisa botlhale joo go itshetsa e seng go remelela thata mo dikwetlhong tsa botshelo ka di ka ba dia go akanya.

Mo botshelong, a re batho ba diiwa ke go nna ba ipotsa gore batho batla reng a tlatsa ka gore motho o tshwanetse a nna le dielo, maitlamo le gone go netefatsa gore o di fitlhelela jang.

Mmaboipelego kwa kokelong ya Sbrana, Mme Oleteng Sennye o gakolotse bomme go ikuela fa ba amega mo kgokgontshong a tlatsa ka gore ba tshwanetse ba tlhaloganya gore botshelo jwa bone bo tla pele.

A re ba itlwaetse go bua le batho ba tshwana le baruti, masika a ba a tshepang kana bagakolodi fa ba lemoga gore dilo ga di tsamaye sentle mo malwapeng ka seo se ka thusa go fema kgokgontsho.

Mme Sennye o boletse fa ngwao le yone e na le seabe mo go kukutseng kgokgontsho a supa fa bomme bas a tshwanela go bipa map aka mabele fela ka ntlha ya ngwao.

Bomme ba kgotahditswe gape go itirela letseno go na le go baya fela mo go borre le ntswa ban a le bokgoni jwa go ka itirela.

Moemedi wa sepodise, Rre Clifford Morwagolwane go tswa ofising ya bana le bong o tlhalosidiste batsena bokopano ka mefuta yotlhe ya kgokgontsho mme a supa fa bone ba diragatsa molao fa ba begetse go sireletsa motswa setlhabelo kana ope fela yo o mo boraing.

A re dikgang tsa kgokgontsho ya bong ka bontsi ke tse di amanang le marato, baratani kgotsa banyalani.

Bokopano jo bone bo tsenwe ke bomme ba dikgwebo mo Lobatse ba ba itsegeng ka leina la Baralatsi/ Moralatsi, barutintshi go tswa kwa maphateng a a farologanyeng a puso le a a ikemetseng mme bo ne bo tshwerwe ka setlhogo se sereng 'Fa botshelo bo nna thata, a re nonotshwaneng '(When life gives you lemons ;sister strengthen sisters). ***BOPA***



Bomme kwa thuto-puisanyong e e neng e rulagantswe ke ba mokgatlho wa Centre For Youth of Hope (CEYOHO) kwa Lobatse bosheng, go rutuntshana le go abelana dikgakololo ka fa ba ka ikemelang ka teng go lwantsha dikgang tsa kgokgontsho. Modulasetilo wa CEYOHO, Mme Letsweletse Lesupi a re tshidilo maikutlo le go emana nokeng ke konokono bogolo jang ba ba amilweng ke kgokgontsho. Senepe: Grace Sebape

Makhanselara ba itlama go thusa go tsaya matlakala

Omphile Ntakhwana

LERALA

Makhanselara a Lerala ba tsere tshwetso ya go thusa go tsaya matlakala mo motseng go a isa kwa sekiting sa matlakala, gangwe fela mo kgweding ba dirisa dikoloi tsa bone.

Fa a buisa phuthego ya kgotla kwa Lerala, e e neng e buisiwa ke makhanselara a motse, Rre Loeto Tsebenyane, yo eleng mokhanselara wa Lerala bophirima, a re ba kopile gore dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo tsa motse, di thape batho ba le babedi kana ba le bararo go thusa go latlha matlakala ba dirisa dikara tsa ditonki.

A re se ke maiteko a bone go phepafatsa Lerala a ba a kopa banni go tlhokomela ka fa ba latlhang matlakala ka teng, a re ba dire se ka kelelelo le boikarabelo.Rre Tsebenyane o tsweletse a re ba tshwentswe ke go senngwa ga dipone tse di mo motseng.

'Di a thulwa, di robegile, di sekame. Ke kopa re tlhokomeleng dilo tsa rona,' a tshwaela. O kopile banni ba motse go thusa ka go fa ditsela tsa motse maina, a re seo se botlhokwa.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, mokhanselara wa Lerala botlhaba, Rre Andrew Supang a re lephata la kabo ditsha le tsweletse ka go senka le bo le sega ditsha tse le tlaa di abang kwa Lerala.A re ba setse ba supile fa ba bone ditsha dile 2100, mme ba tlaa simolola go di aba mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo.

O kgothaditse morafe go tswelela o tsenya dikopo tsa ditsha.Rre Supang o tsweletse a re madi a ditlhabololo a CCP, a tlaa goroga mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo.

'Ngwag o o fetileng, a ne a sa goroga, mme re a solofetse gore re tsweledise ditlhabololo tsa rona mo motseng,' a rialo. O tlhalositse gore madi a, a P10million, a kgaoganngwa metse e le 21 ka go lekalekana.

Rre Supang o tsweletse a kopa banni go ikopela lenaneo la motlakase wa mahala, kgokelelo ya metsi, a re mananeo ao a tsweletse. Fa a amogela baeng mo kgotleng, Kgosi Ookeditse Shaw o ne a bega gore Ngwanatsele a le masome mabedi le bone, ofise ya sepodise e tlaa bulwa semmuso.

Fa ba akgela, banni ba ne ba supa fa ba sa itumelele ka fa madi a diporojeke tsa baagi tsa kgaolotlhopho (CCP), a abiwang ka teng.

Ba re madi a tshwanetse go kgaoganngwa ka dipalo tsa makhanselara, e seng tsa metse, ka se se ba baa ka fa mosing. ***BOPA***



Botswana Life Opens Mahalapye Branch, Bringing Financial Protection Closer to the Community

The new branch at Watershed Piazza reflects Botswana Life's continued commitment to accessibility, client relationships and the financial well-being of Batswana.

Botswana Life has officially opened its Mahalapye Branch at Watershed Piazza, marking another milestone in its efforts to expand access to financial protection solutions and strengthen its presence in serving communities across Botswana.

The opening, held on Monday, 9 November 2026, brought together Botswana Life leadership, representatives of the BIHL Group, local leadership and key stakeholders to mark the occasion and reflect on the importance of financial security and accessible insurance solutions. The branch was officially opened by the Honourable David Tshere, Minister of Communications and Innovation and Member of Parliament for Mahalapye West.

Financial security plays an important role in helping individuals and families prepare for life's uncertainties, protect their loved ones and plan towards their long-term aspirations. Access to appropriate financial solutions enables people to make informed decisions about their financial future and the protection of what matters most to them.

The establishment of the Mahalapye Branch strengthens Botswana Life's ability to serve clients in the town and neighbouring communities. Beyond providing greater access to its services, the branch creates an opportunity for more direct engagement with clients, allowing the company to better understand their needs and support them in identifying solutions aligned with their individual financial circumstances and aspirations.

Speaking during the opening proceedings, Ms Neo Bogatsu, Executive Director of Botswana Life, highlighted the company's longstanding role in the financial services sector. With more than 50 years of experience, Botswana Life operates across insurance, financial planning, retirement and investment, providing solutions that support client through different stages of life.

The program also featured a keynote address by Ms. Catherine Lesetedi, BIHL Group Chief Executive Officer, who further reiterated Botswana Life's commitment to honoring it's promises to it's clients. The Honourable Minister of Communications & Innovation, and Member of Parliament for Mahalapye West – Hon. David Tshere also addressed attendees, reflecting on Mahalapye's rich history and expressed his gratitude to Botswana Life for choosing to open their largest branch in Mahalapye.

Mr. Johannes van Schalkwyk, Chief Operations Officer, BIHL Group, delivered the closing remarks, after which guests were taken on a tour of the new premises. As Botswana Life continues to grow its presence across the country, the opening of the Mahalapye Branch represents a renewed commitment to increase efforts in strengthening its distribution footprint.

For Botswana Life, expanding its physical presence is about more than increasing access to services. It is about building lasting client relationships, understanding the evolving needs of communities and helping more Batswana make informed decisions about their financial futures.

50th Anniversary Botswana Life

INSURANCE I FINANCIAL PLANNING I RETIREMENT I INVESTMENT

Botswana Life is a member of the BIHL Group



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Leading Botswana's Digital Future

Jürgen Peschel
Chief Executive Officer
Botswana Telecommunications Corporation

Africa's digital story is one of the most compelling in the world right now. Across the continent, technology is enabling countries to leapfrog traditional development pathways - from mobile money and data-led connectivity to cloud services, automation and secure digital infrastructure. This progress is changing how people access services, how businesses reach markets and how governments serve their citizens. Botswana has the stability, institutions and ambition to be at the forefront of this transformation, and BTC has a central role to play in making that future possible.

As Botswana's national telecommunications provider, BTC is more than a network operator. We connect and digitally tranform businesses, Government institutions and communities; support critical services; and provide the digital foundation needed for economic diversification. Our investments in connectivity, cloud hosting, cybersecurity and data sovereignty are helping Botswana compete for regional investment while enabling sectors such as financial services, tourism, logistics, mining, agriculture and healthcare to innovate and grow. With infrastructure that reaches across the country and links into the SADC corridor, BTC positions Botswana as a secure and dependable digital gateway for Southern Africa.

Through BTC Business, we are strengthening our focus on enterprise customers with dedicated solutions, accountable relationship management and a partnership model centred on business outcomes. Our nationwide reach, local knowledge and understanding of Botswana's regulatory and commercial environment give us an advantage that scale alone cannot provide. We are also investing in the skills and culture required to move from a traditional utility mindset to one in which success is measured by how effectively we enable our customers to perform. Our ambition is not simply to be the largest operator, but to be the region's most trusted digital partner.

For enterprise customers, trust is built on accountability as much as technology. Decision-makers need confidence that their partner understands the local environment and will respond when pressure is highest. BTC Business formalises this commitment through dedicated solutions, structured onboarding and accountable relationship management; combining national reach with responsiveness that global scale alone cannot replicate.

Technology transformation cannot succeed without cultural transformation. At BTC, we are moving from a utility mindset, focused on keeping the network running, to a partnership mindset measured by how well our customers perform because of us. This requires investment in technical capability, talent and consultative problem-solving.This responsibility also extends to our more than 39,000 Batswana investors.

When BTC grows revenue, strengthens service quality and invests sustainably in infrastructure, the value created is shared broadly. Every decision about where we invest, which markets we prioritise and how we serve our customers therefore carries significance beyond the balance sheet. Telecommunications progress and shareholder prosperity are connected: a stronger BTC supports a more inclusive, competitive and digitally enabled Botswana. The digital future we are working toward is practical and achievable: secure digital public services; world-class, locally hosted financial infrastructure; and industries using automation, connected technologies and data to improve productivity and widen access. Botswana can become a regional anchor for digital infrastructure built with stability, sovereignty and long-term purpose.

Achieving this vision will require sustained infrastructure investment across government, development finance institutions and the private sector, together with talent development and stronger collaboration between education and industry. Above all, Botswana must act with urgency and convert its stability, strong institutions and growing private sector into decisive progress. BTC is committed to being part of that answer; not as a spectator, but as a partner already building, investing and showing up for our clients, our economy and the future Botswana deserves. Botswana's Digital Gateway is not merely a brand promise; it is the role BTC is actively playing in advancing the country and connecting it to the region.

Additionally, to bring this closer to home, at BTC we provide cybersecurity awareness training to staff members to strengthen digital ethics and responsible technology use. This initiative reflects our belief that empowering people for the future requires not only access to technology, but awareness on to stay safe.



Classified Ads

BUSINESS | FARM WORKERS | MISCELLANEOUS | PROPERTIES | VACANCIES

FARM WORKERS

FARM WORKER IN Dutlwe (Kweneng West) cattle and goats, 5 years experience. No drinking / smoking. Must ride horse 72100673 / 74055949 Arbi

FARM WORKER WANTED at Moologe Mochudi. Please contact Mmatema Pty Ltd at P O Box 53546 Gaborone, 76285245. Job Summary: perform general farm duties, no experience required, number of farmworkers required 3. Closing date 31/01/2027

URGENTLY NEEDED FARM WORKER, Apply to Mmutle Agricultural Project Pty Ltd P O Box 403910 Block 3 Gaborone or contact 71630303. Closing date: 20 November 2026

FARM WORKER NEEDED, Radihemelo lands, Serowe. Contact Sibusiso Ngwenya: 73239178, Box 317, Closing date 09-12-2026.

EL & L Investments Pty Ltd seeks two farm workers with experience in farming to assist in farm maintenance and crop production in Metsimotlhabe. Apply to: Farm Manager EL & L Investments Pty Ltd P O Box 949 AAD Gaborone. Closing date 24 November 2026.

FARM WORKER WANTED . Apply to Tsabatho Makubate, Box 252, Bobonong. Tel : 71413774 / 72550880

TWO FARMWORKERS NEEDED at Molaodi Farm Kgagodi Central District. Contact 74012269.

WANTED FARM WORKER P O Box 802 Mmadinare 72916123

2 MATURE FARM WORKERS needed at Lecheng lands. Apply to Box 327 Lecheng. Contact Kabo at +267 77399238

MALE FARM WORKER needed at Sese farms, applications to be sent to 72672649, p.o. box 590 Jwaneng.

A FARM WORKER needed at Sekhotio sa Naledi farms. he should have knowledge with farm duties, please contact mrs Kholoma Rebecca Diako on 71732954, p.o. box 277, Moshopa

SEASONAL FARM WORKER and farm worker wanted by Dennis Mabute, Box 928 Orapa

HERDBOY WANTED AT Parakarungu village. Apply to Situmbeko, Box AEH 421, Gaborone. Contacts: 75160087

FARM WORKERS NEEDED at Jackalas 2, apply to Grace Mpofu P/Bag 007 Francistown 75937399

FARM WORKERS WANTED at Malotwana. Contact: 71488594.

VACANCIES:

TEACHING POSITIONS
(2 Positions)
Peo Schools Group invites applications from suitably qualified, motivated, experienced and professionally complaint educators for the following positions:
NURSERY SCHOOL TEACHER
-Diploma in Early Childhood Development
PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER
Diploma in Education
A minimum of 3 years' relevant work experience in Education.
Applicants should send CV's and References to:
peoeducationgroup@gmail.com
Peo Schools Group
P O Box 149 Gaborone

Closing date
27th November 2026

FARM WORKER WANTED at Ruretse. Contact 71391157 or apply to P O Box 609 Gaborone

2 FARM WORKERS wanted in Moshaweng fields 76969007. Gofaone Baloi

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

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GABONTHONE SEDISA	ESHMY 000121-26	21.12.26	09000HRS	SARM
Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 05TH NOVEMBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
LYDIA NTHOIWA	ESHMY 000371-26	21.12.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 04TH NOVEMBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Maun 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
1. Kwetsi Kebatho	ESHMN - 000107 - 26	13.01.2027	14:30 HRS

DATED AT MAUN THIS 05TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COUR

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KGOSIETSILE IPATENG	ESHMY 000393-26	21.12.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 05th NOVEMBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of **Deed No:742/2000** dated the 13th day of April 2000 made in favour of **Kaile Ditshwene** in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being LOT 522
SITUATE: In the Ghanzi Administrative Districts
MEASURING: 492m², four hundred and ninety-two square meters
HELD UNDER: 742/2000 dated 13th April 2000

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

DATED at Gaborone on the 4th of September 2026

Applicant

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **TSHEGOFATSO KEAKILE, BAFETANYE NAPTALLY KEAKILE, KEITUMETSE KGABO AND FREDRICK KEAKILE** (in their capacities as beneficiaries), acting on behalf of **ESTATE LATE JULIA KEAKILE** intend applying for a certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant **No. 103/99** dated the **29th** day of **January 1999** made in favour of Julia Keakile in respect of the following property namely:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 7576, Gaborone:
SITUATE: in Gaborone Township Extension 27;
MEASURING: 525m² (Five Hundred and Twenty-Five Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 103/99 dated the **29th** day of **January 1999** made in favour of **JULIA KEAKILE**;

All **persons having objection** to issue of such copy are hereby requested to **lodge such objection in writing** to the Registrar of Deeds for Botswana at Gaborone **within 3 (three) weeks** from the date of second publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS
16th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

WAME'S LEGAL CHAMBERS
Plot 907, Extension 2, African Mall
P.O. Box 21288, Bontleng, GABORONE

FARM WORKER with horticultural skills wanted at Jackalas No 1. Tractor driving licence an added advantage. Contact: H. Motlhabane 72811241

WANTED FARM WORKER. Apply to P O Box 79 Gaborone. Prince Mike Motlhabatlou

2 FARMWORKERS, WANTED at Matopi Johannes Bathami Box 605 Francistown,71807445

1 FARMWORKER WANTED at Semolome Borolong Kuda Balondi Box 2016, Monarch 71702343

CHANGE OF LAND USE

Best Property Developers (Pty) Ltd hereby gives notice of its intention to change the land use of the Remainder of Plot 31324, Gaborone North, from Servitude to Infrastructure Plot.
Interested members of the public are invited to submit comments or objections within 14 days of this publication at Gaborone City Council, Physical Planning Office on telephone number 3657400 or the Consultant on cell phone number 75384966.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000982-25

IN THE STATE of the Late **Moloi Makanye Matshidiso, ESHMY 000982-25** who died at Orapa Hospital, Boteti District, Botswana on the **16th September 2024.**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 05 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

Executor
P O Box 15, Mmatshumo

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13, Francistown

NOTICE OF LOST TITTLE DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of **Deed No: 187/99** Dated the 27th April 1999 made in favour of **Lempaletse Patric Mohlachwa** In respect of;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being tribal lot 5 Mosetse
MEASURING: 907 m² (Nine Hundred and Seven Square Metres)
SITUATE: In Bangwato Tribal Territory
HELD UNDER: Tittle Deed No: 187/99

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: 03 November 2026

ADDRESS:
Private Bag F5, **Francistown**
Botswana

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
OGOLOTSE EOLE	ESHMY 000277-26	21.12.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 05TH NOVEMBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Administration of Estates Act
(Cap 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
SENKOPO ISHMAEL	ESHMY 000397-26	21.12.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 05TH NOVEMBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
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GABONTHONE SEDISA	ESHMY 000409-26	21.12.26	09000HRS	SARM
Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 05TH NOVEMBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

MISCELLANEOUS

EXPAT LEAVING, HOUSEHOLD items for sale. Lounge, bedroom & dining suites, beds, fridge, pots & pans, kitchen appliances, tables, plants and many more. Everything must go. Whatsapp/Phone 71678071

LOOKING FOR IMAM (Moruti) Botswana Muslims Association Mochudi Center. Should have a degree in Islamic studies P O Box 1797 Mochudi. Closing date 10-12-2026

OWNER OF VEHICLE registration no. B606AWK wanted for change of Ownership. Please contact 71476695.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

SUSAN KGOMOTSO DUMEDISANG, owner of plot 7184, Serowe Semane, proposes changing land use from single-family to Self-catering Guest House. Submit objections within 14 days of publication to Serowe District Council Physical Planning Office (463 0325).

OWNER OF PLOT no: 9527 at Disaneng ward, Maun wishes to change land use from single family residential to multi-family residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Maun North West District Council Physical Planning Office for objections at telephone number 6817963 within 14 days of this publications

THE OWNER OF tribal Lot 18064 would like to inform his neighbours at Botalaote/Serowe, that he would like erect a boundary wall. Any objections should be forwarded to Serowe District Council, Physical Planning Department, telephone no 4631138 within (14) days of publication.

TATLHEGO CENTY MOGOTSI would like to consult neighbours of his intention to construct a double storey in Disaneng ward-Ramotswa. For any objections contact Ramotswa Physical Planning Office on 5381200 within 14 days of this publication.

THE OWNER OF Portion B, a portion of Portion 6 of farm 2-MQ Sherwood would like to change land use from agriculture to mixed use agriculture. Any objections should be forwarded to Palapye district council, physical planning office in writing or contact +2674930800 within 14 days of publication of this notice

OWNER OF LOT 6167 at Molapowabojang wishes to change land use from ploughing field to Mixed Use Agriculture (50% ploughing field and 50% commercial) Any objection should be forwarded to Moshupa District Council Physical Planning Office on 5447007

MARGARET RAMOTSETLA OF a ploughing field in Rasesa wishes to sub divide and change land use of one resultant portion from ploughing field to mixed-use industrial. Whoever objects to the proposal should contact the Kgatleng district council physical planning office on +2675773512 within 14 days of publication or call 78200948

OWNER OF PLOT 10675, Kazungula, Maxine Nally Mainga, would like to change land use from Single Family Residential to Multi-Family Residential. Any person wishing to object this proposal should submit their objection to the Chobe District Council Physical Planning or 74614096 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND use. The owner of Plot 2047 at Ramotswe, Magope Ward, wishes to change landuse from residential to guest house. Any objections contact Ramotswa District Council, Physical Planning office at 5381200 within 14 days of this publication. Contact: Mr Montshiwa +267 72766101.

TRIPPLE SEVEN BAR would like to open the bar at Mmapole ward Mochudi. Any clarification kindly contact commercial Office Kgatleng.

INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME
In terms of Section 8 (1) Of The Married Persons Property Act, 2014)

1. **SEGAETSHO KUTLWANO MOHUTSIWA** who is married to **TSHOLOFELO MOHUTSIWA**, in community of property on the **11th** day of **November 2021** at Kanye in the Southern District, intends to make an application to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change their property regime to out of community.

2. **SEGAETSHO KUTLWANO MOHUTSIWA** and **TSHOLOFELO MOHUTSIWA** intends 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.

3. Any **person, creditor or debtor**, who may have an **interest in the assets and/or liabilities** of **SEGAETSHO KUTLWANO MOHUTSIWA** and **TSHOLOFELO MOHUTSIWA's** estate, should they have objections to the proposed change of matrimonial property regime, should inform the Applicant's Attorneys, WAME'S LEGAL CHAMBERS in GABORONE, **before the expiration of three (3) weeks period,** or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED IN GABORONE ON THIS 26th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

WAME'S LEGAL CHAMBERS Applicants' Attorneys
Plot 908, Extension 2,
African Mall, GABORONE

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY TO LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Certificate of Consolidated Title No. 414/98 dated 31st March 1998 registered in favour of MBIGANYI CHARLES TIBONE registered over the following property:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Portion 56 of the Farm Traquair No. 10 -KO
SITUATE: in the South East Administrative District
MEASURING: 16,8230 ha (Sixteen comma Eight Two Three Zero Hectares)
WHICH PROPERTY: Is held under Certificate of Consolidated Title No. 414/98 dated 31st day of March 1998 made in favour of MBIGANYI CHARLES TIBONE

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 23rd DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

MOLATLHEGI BUSINESS LAW | Applicant's Attorneys
Plot No 54513, Unit 7A, The Courtyard | P O Box 10384, GABORONE

AJA LAW OFFICES OF AKHEEL JINABHAI & ASSOCIATES MCL — DRIVING SUCCESS THROUGH LEGAL STRATEGY

LOST CERTIFICATE OF REAL RIGHT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **CERTIFICATE OF REAL RIGHT: EXCLUSIVE USE AREAS NO. CRR91/2023** dated **16th MAY 2023** in favor of **TIME PROJECTS (BOTSWANA) PROPRIETARY LIMITED** in respect of;

1. An exclusive use area no. **P21** described as **Parking Bay** measuring 38m² **(Thirty-Eight Square Metres)** being as such part of the common property comprising the land and the scheme known as **KGWEBO@FAIRGROUNDS** in respect of the land and building or buildings situated on **Remaining Extent of Lot 64515 Gaborone**, in the Gaborone Administrative District as shown and more fully described on the Sectional **plan No. S5/2023**.

2. An exclusive use area no. **P22** described as **Parking Bay** measuring 37m² **(Thirty-Seven Square Metres)** being as such part of the common property comprising the land and the scheme known as **KGWEBO@FAIRGROUNDS** in respect of the land and building or buildings situated on **Remaining Extent of Lot 64515 Gaborone,** in the Gaborone Administrative District as shown and more fully described on the Sectional **plan No. S5/2023**.

3. An exclusive use area no. **P23** described as **Parking Bay** measuring 27m² **(Twenty-Seven Square Metres)** being as such part of the common property comprising the land and the scheme known as **KGWEBO@FAIRGROUNDS** in respect of the land and building or buildings situated on **Remaining Extent of Lot 64515 Gaborone**, in the Gaborone Administrative District as shown and more fully described on the Sectional **plan No. S5/2023**.

4. An exclusive use area no. **P24** described as **Parking Bay** measuring 39m² **(Thirty-Nine Square Metres)** being as such part of the common property comprising the land and the scheme known as **KGWEBO@FAIRGROUNDS** in respect of the land and building or buildings situated on **Remaining Extent of Lot 64515 Gaborone**, in the Gaborone Administrative District as shown and more fully described on the Sectional **plan No. S5/2023**.

5. An exclusive use area no. **P25** described as **Parking Bay** measuring 12m² **(Twelve Square Metres)** being as such part of the common property comprising the land and the scheme known as **KGWEBO@FAIRGROUNDS** in respect of the land and building or buildings situated on **Remaining Extent of Lot 64515 Gaborone**, in the Gaborone Administrative District as shown and more fully described on the Sectional **plan No. S5/2023**.

6. An exclusive use area no. **P26** described as **Parking Bay** measuring 13m² **(Thirteen Square Metres)** being as such part of the common property comprising the land and the scheme known as **KGWEBO@FAIRGROUNDS** in respect of the land and building or buildings situated on **Remaining Extent of Lot 64515 Gaborone**, in the Gaborone Administrative District as shown and more fully described on the Sectional **plan No. S5/2023**.

7. An exclusive use area no. **P27** described as **Parking Bay** measuring 27m² **(Twenty-Seven Square Metres)** being as such part of the common property comprising the land and the scheme known as **KGWEBO@FAIRGROUNDS** in respect of the land and building or buildings situated on **Remaining Extent of Lot 64515 Gaborone**, in the Gaborone Administrative District as shown and more fully described on the Sectional **plan No. S5/2023**.

8. An exclusive use area no. **P28** described as Parking Bay measuring 28m² **(Twenty-Eight Square Metres)** being as such part of the common property comprising the land and the scheme known as **KGWEBO@FAIRGROUNDS** in respect of the land and building or buildings situated on **Remaining Extent of Lot 64515 Gaborone,** in the Gaborone Administrative District as shown and more fully described on the Sectional **plan No. S5/2023**.

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 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

AJA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews
Plot 54373 CBD, Gaborone
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Plot 17396 Boseja Ward Maun, Botswana

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Associates **Mary Maeda** | **Juwairiyyah Maher** | **Ame Rindo**

NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEW ACCESS ROAD – PLOT 11750, TLOKWENG

Notice is hereby given to the general public and all interested parties that approval has been granted by the **Tlokweng Sub-District Council and Pending the Department of Roads approval** for the provision of a new access road to Plot 11750, Tlokweng. The subject plot is situated adjacent to the T-junction at the Modipane–Tlokweng Border Road junction.

Members of the public and any interested parties who may have objections or representations regarding the proposed access road are invited to submit them to the relevant authorities for consideration. All objections or representations should be submitted within the applicable objection **period of (14) days.**

For Inquiries contact Roads Department, Senior Roads Engineer 3912751, Private Bag 0026, Gaborone

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LOST SECTIONAL TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED SECTIONAL **TITLE NO. ST124/2023** dated **16th MAY 2023** in favor of **TIME PROJECTS (BOTSWANA) PROPRIETARY LIMITED** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

(a)**CERTAIN:** Unit Consisting of Section No. 9;
SITUATE: on remaining extent of Lot 64515 Gaborone, in the Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 408 m² (Four Hundred and Eight Square Metres);
AS SHOWN AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED: on Sectional Plan No. **D.S.M. No. S7/2021** surveyed by Land Surveyor **A. Baatlhotse** and approved by the Director of Surveys and Mapping on the **21st** day of **September 2021**;
IN THE SCHEME KNOWN AS: KGWEBO @ FAIRGROUNDS;
SUBJECT TO: conditions and reservations as stated in Sectional Scheme File No. SS39/2021;

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 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT 000238-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Agnes Alfred ESHFT 000238-26 who died at **NYANGABGWE REFERRAL HOSPITAL FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT** on the 23rd of December 2025
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.

TEBOGO ALFRED (MR.)
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 364 **SEBINA**

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

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND use. The owner of plot 18631 Senyedimana ward, Molepolole intends to change of land use and build boundary wall from residential to commercial use. Any objection contact physical planning Kweneng district council 5915122.

OWNER OF LOT 4722, Mathangwane village, would like to apply for a road access junction to their existing development. All owners of neighboring plots are asked to contact Tonota District Council on 2484248 for any objections.

OWNER OF PLOT 27360 Block 3 Gaborone informs his neighbours for his intention to change land use from single residential to multi residential. Objections must be registered with physical planning office at Gaborone city council within 14 days.

OWNER OF PLOT 2665 at Mannathoko ward, Serowe, wishes to change landuse from single-family residential use to multi-family residential use. Any objection maybe forwarded to Serowe Physical Planning office or call 4638470.

CHANGE OF LAND use: Owner of Lot 123 Newstance Tatisiding would like to change use from single residential to multi-residential. For any objection contact North East District Council Physical Planning Office on 2482229/2482129

JOSEPH MOGOMOTSI KHUMO, owner of residential Plot No. 25858, Dinokwane Ward (C.T.O)/Serowe informs neighbours of Plot No. 25857 and 25859 that he intends to erect a double storey building. Any objections should be forwarded to Serowe Sub-District Council, Physical Planning Department, Private Bag 001, Serowe, Contact telephone no. 4631138 within fourteen (14) days from the date of first publication of this notice.

THE OWNER OF lot 1612 in Whitecity Gaborone would like to change use of their plot from residential to multi family residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Gaborone City Council physical planning within 14 days from the date of this publication

CHANGE OF LANDUSE. Owner Lot 21981 New Canada, Gaborone wish to change land use from single family residential to group living; objection forwarded Gaborone City Council, Physical Planning Division, Tel 3657400 within 14 days.

OWNER OF LOT 10713 Mochudi, Phaphane would like to change land use from single family residential to multi residential. Objections should be directed to Mochudi Physical Planning office at 5777411 within 14 days of publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 6802, Tlokweng Maratanang would like to consult owners of plots 6803, 6810 & 6801 of his intention to consult a boundary wall. For any objections, contact Tlokweng Physical Planning Office on 3925242 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNERS OF LOT 1654, Ext. 3 Palapye would like to change land use from residential to multi-residential and erect a boundary wall. Any objections contact Palapye Physical Planning office or 74364555 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

FEROZ KABIR BISWAS of plot 362 Thema Lobatse would like to change land use of plot from single family residential land use to multi residential use. For any objection to the proposal please contact Lobatse Town Council Physical Planning Office at 5305800, fourteen days after the date of publication.

THE OWNER OF LOT(S) 7064, 7065 and 7066 Gabane in Bakwena Tribal Territory intends to consolidate and change land use for the above plots. Any objections should be directed to Mogoditshane District Council Physical Planning Committee on 3105615 within 14 days of this publication.

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Notarial Deed of Cession of Lease No. **342/2000** dated the **20th** day of **June 2000** made in favour of **Letsibogo Ndwapi**, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 1309 Tlokweng ;
SITUATE: Tlokweng in the Batlokwa Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 1200m^2 (One Thousand Two Hundred Square Metres);
WHICH
PROPERTY: is held under Notarial Deed of Cession of Lease No. **342/2000** dated the **20th** day of **June 2000** made in favour of **Letsibogo Ndwapi;**

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 4th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026
MODIEGE LEGAL
BLOCK 5 GABORONE

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: - ESHGB 001117-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MERAFE BASINAKO** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 3rd November 2024.

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

DATED at Gaborone on this 10th Day of November 2026.

The Executor BOKANG CLEOPAS KEEME P O Box 2015 SEROWE
Cell: 77623998/74499805

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000341-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **OMPATILE KEN SIANANG** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 20th October 2011.

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

DATED at ____on this ____ Day of ____ 2026.

The Executrix
Judith Bernice Ole
P O Box 1271
Molepolole
Cell: 71387144

JUDICIAL MANAGER'S NOTICE
NOTICE OF THE FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS OF NEWS COMPANY BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD – UNDER JUDICIAL MANAGEMENT

Master's Reference – JMHGB – 000004/25

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the direction of the Master of the High Court in terms of the Winding-Up Rules of the Companies Act, Chapter 42:01, the First Meeting of Creditors of the above-named company will be convened physically before the Master of the High Court, Gaborone at 09:00 hours on the 27th of November 2026 for the following purposes:

- Proof of claims
- Consideration of the Provisional Judicial Manager's Report
- Appointment of Judicial Manager
- To consider and pass resolutions if deemed fit

Claims should be filed with the Master and copies with the Provisional Judicial Manager at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting.

By the Provisional Judicial Manager,
Jethro Kamutsi
Prestige Business Consultants, Setlhoa Office Park, Unit 6,
PO Box 602430 Gaborone
jethrok@prestigebc.co.bw

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The Managing Director
B L Moalosi Enterprises (Pty) Ltd
P Bag 007
Letlhakane

Or
Email to: blmoalosi83@gmail.com

Closing date:
26 November 2026

Urgent Requirement:
at United Drilling Botswana

- Office Receiptionist
- Sales representative

Qualification: Any Graduate
Experience: 0-5 years
Send CV: Uniteddrillingbotswana@gmail.com
Contact: 77 436 565

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000413/25

IN THE ESTATE of the late **OGOMODITSWE BILLY GAOBOKELWE** who died at Hyundai Circle (Block 70), Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on 8th September 2012.

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.

DATED AT GABORONE this__10__day__November__2026

Executor Dative
Tshephang Orman
P O Box 223
METSIMOTLHABE
CELL:75097614/71505591

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
GAOGADIME OSUPILE	ESHMY 000319-26	21.12.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 06th NOVEMBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MODISE ABNER GAREGAE	ESHMY 000398-26	21.12.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 09TH NOVEMBER 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GERTRUDE TEKO DITIRWA	ESHMY 000439 -26	21.12.27	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 09TH NOVEMBER 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
THERO BADIRWANG	ESHMY 000425-26	21.12.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 09TH NOVEMEBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

MASTER'S REF: ESHGB-000080-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MOTSUMI MOGASHA** who died at Mahalapye Hospital, Mahalapye ,Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 20th day of August 2011.

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 Tlhalefang Motsumi
P O Box 2628 Mahalapye CELL: 71661303

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference : ESHMY OOO537 -26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **GOPOLANG MORUPISI** who dies at Palapye Primary Hospital,Palapye ,Palapye District,Botswana on the 03rd of September 2026.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026

The Executrix Boipuso Batshidi **P.O. Box 54 Palapye** Cell:71773107

PROPERTIES

MOSETSE VILLAGE: TWO (2) Ploughing fields for sale at Mosetse along Mosetse-Francistown A3 road. 1 1/2 hectares and 10 hectares. Prices for these ploughing fields are negotiable. Contact 75856634/71233399 for further assistance.

RESIDENTIAL PLOT FOR sale. Location: Mmantshwabisi Village. Size: 25x36x25x36 M. Contact: 78438680.

VACANCIES

CHINA CIVIL ENGINEERING Construction (Pty) Ltd has a vacancy for Project Manager, candidate must have a Diploma or above qualification in Project Management atleast 5 years practical experience or more. Apply : HR Manager, P/Bag T08 Tlokweng. Closing date : 26/11/2026

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PG7 (Pty) Ltd is looking for 2 Executive Chef, 2 Chef. Required to prepare South Indian cuisine with Certificate/ Diploma in Hospitality Management 5 to 10 years work in the hospitality management industry. Apply to Manager, Private Bag A435 AEH Plot 75123, Acacia Mall Phakalane, Gaborone. Closing date: 25/11/2026

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- Auto sensor Manager
- Hydraulic system planner
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- Elgi compressor sensor technician

Contact:74099978

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **PELOENTLE CHESTER MOROLONG** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **29th April 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 Gaborone on the 10th day of November 2026

The Executrix
Neo Alice Morolong
PO Box 1306
MOCHUDI
Cell: 71791792

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA AT LOBATSE

CASE NO. CVHGB-000337-26

In the matter between
ESINAM FRANCISCA TEY **PLAINTIFF**
AND
ONYANA MOTLHALAMME **DEFENDANT**

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to an Order of this Honorable Court dated 25th day of March 2026, the following immovable property of the above mentioned Defendant will be sold in execution to the highest bidder by Deputy Sheriff Daniel Gabatlhokwe in the manner hereinafter set out.

DATE OF SALE: 13TH NOVEMBER 2026
TIME OF SALE: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE OF SALE: PLOT 38483, BLOCK 5, MOGODITSHANE
TERMS OF SALE: Cash or E.F.T.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: Plot 38483, Block 5, Mogoditshane (Multi Residential) Situated at Bakwena Tribal Territory.
Measuring 45x52x57x40 square metres which property is held under Certificate of Customary Land Grant dated 29 April 2004 made in favor of Binang Letshelea, with some developments thereon being; (three two and halfs fitted with bathroom and toilet), three roomed house, two roomed house and two bedroomed house fitted with bathroom and kitchen, fenced.
The conditions of sale may be inspected at the Offices of Deputy Sheriff Gabatlhokwe. The highest bidder shall be required to make an upfront payment of 10% of the purchase price on the date of sale and is non-refundable

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

DEPUTY SHERIFF DANIEL GABATLHOKWE
CELL; 72816562/77815765
C/O: KP LAW GROUP
PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY
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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

I, Leutlwetse Kgosidialwa, owner of an agriculture plot (ploughing field) located in Mathathane in Bobirwa District, wish to change land use of the plot from agriculture (ploughing field) to mixed use (agriculture an commercial).

Any objections should be forwarded to Bobirwa District Council, Physical Planning Office on Telephone No. 2612761 within fourteen (14) days from date of publication of this notice.

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MOLEBE PATRICIA PETSO	ESHMY 000424 -26	22.12.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 09TH NOVEMBER 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
OKITLANYE PELOTSHWEU	ESHMY 000423-26	21.12.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 09TH NOVEMBER 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
EFEETSWE GIDDIE	ESHMY 000396 -26	21.12.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 05TH NOVEMBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy
Of **Deed No: 560/1986** dated **16th day of September 1986** Made in favour of **JOSEPH MALOPE MATOME** In respect of:
CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 824 being portion of Lot 375
SITUATE: In Lobatse Township
MEASURING: 1,586 m^2 (One Comma Five Eight Six Square Metres)
HELD UNDER: 560/1986 dated 16th September 1986
All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds **PRIVATE BAG 0020 GABORONE** within **three (3) weeks** of the last publication of this notice hereof.

DATED AT Gaborone ON THIS 11th DAY OF November 2026

APPLICANT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01)

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Name of deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of meeting	Time	Master
Isaac Johane	ESHMY 000388-26	21.12.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 05TH NOVEMBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

ESHFT 000619-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Glenn Locke Shaw,** ESHFT 000619-26 who died at Durban, South Africa on the 4th day of July 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 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

Jillian Doreen Shaw
Executor Dative
P O Box 2362 **Francistown**

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

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
CAROLINE GAREGAE	ESHMY 000438-26	21.12.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 09th NOVEMBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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(Cap 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
DITIRO MALEMA	ESHMY 000399-26	21.12.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 05TH NOVEMBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

VACANCIES

Pluczenik Botswana Pty Ltd. is a DeBeers Sightholder and an established diamond cutting & polishing company has vacancies in the below posts and seeks to recruit qualified individuals who desire to grow in the diamond cutting & polishing industry.

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4. FINAL QUALITY CONTROLLER TRAINERS AND SUPERVISOR
5. LASER SAWING TRAINERS AND SUPERVISORS
6. ROUGH PLANNING TRAINERS AND SUPERVISORS
7. PRODUCTION MANAGER

REQUIREMENTS FOR ABOVE POSTS 1-6
- BGCSE certificate
- References from past work experience
- Minimum of 10+ years' diamond work experience

REQUIREMENTS FOR POST No. 7
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H R Manager
Pluczenik Botswana Pty Ltd.,
P O Box 403286, Gaborone
Or hand over at -
Plot 61123, Block 8 Industrial, Gaborone

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: *ESHMY 000356-26*

IN THE ESTATE of the **Late MMABOSHADI SELOKE** who died at Molefe Ward, Matlhakola, Central-Serowe District, Botswana, on the 27th day of November 2008

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this 08th Day of July 2026.

The Executrix | Nametsagang Tidimalo
P O Box 64, **Metsimothabe** | Cell: **71256425**

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KEDIBONYE DIANE	ESHMY 000415-26	22.12.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 09TH NOVEMEBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MAGISTRATE OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000272-26

IN THE ESTATES of the late **DITSHAMEKO TOMELETSO** who died at Palapye Primary Hospital, Palapye, Palapye-District, Botswana on the **03rd December 2024.**

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

The Executor | Basupang Olesitse
PO Box 28, Lecheng | **Cell:** 76 259 066

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act **(Cap.31:01)**

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
SELENA KGOFENG	ESHMY 000420-26	22.11.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 09th OF NOVEMBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference:
ESHMY 000303-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late SOLOMON MMEREKI DIKGANG who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District Botswana on the 25th July 2025.

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this 11th Day of November 2026

The Executrix
Galeboe Dikgang
Plot 32592, Gaborone
Cell. 71531426

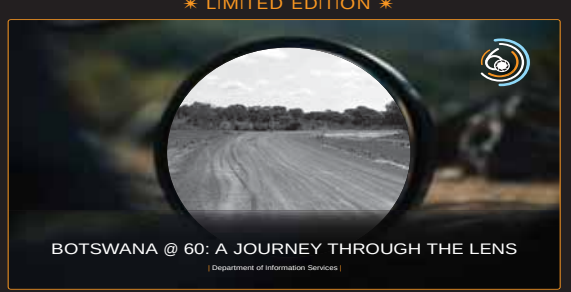
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REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES

PRIVATE BAG 0060
GABORONE

NOTICE OF APPROVED SUPPLIER

Name of the Procuring Entity	Department of Broadcasting Services

This is to inform the public that the below company has been approved by the Accounting Officer for the direct appointment.

Name of Procuring Entity	Department of Broadcasting Services
Tittle of Procurement	A tender for a service contract for the maintenance and support services for radionman on air automation system
Method of Procurement	Direct Appointment
Approved Suppliers	Jutel OY
Period of the Contract	Three (3) year contract

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Director/Procurement Oversight
Ministry for State President, Defence and Security

SRR
Civil & Structural Engineers

Plot 145, Unit 1G, Ground floor
Gaborone International Finance Park
Gaborone, Botswana

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VACANCY

DESIGN DRAUGHTSMAN

Mechanical | Structural | Civil | Piping

SRR Engineers invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced candidates for the position of Design Draughtsman.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates should possess:

- National Diploma in **Draughting and Design Technology, Mechanical Engineering**, or an equivalent recognised technical qualification.
- A minimum of **10 years' relevant post-qualification experience** in engineering design and draughting, preferably within the mining, mineral processing, heavy industrial or engineering consulting environment.
- Advanced proficiency in **AutoCAD 2D and 3D modelling.**
- Demonstrable experience in multidisciplinary engineering design covering **mechanical, structural steelwork, civil works and piping.**
- Ability to interpret engineering concepts, specifications, sketches, P&IDs and other technical information and develop these into detailed engineering and fabrication/construction drawings.

EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES

The successful candidate should have substantial experience in several of the following areas:

- Structural steelwork, including platforms, walkways, access structures, equipment supports, pipe supports, gantries and modifications to existing structures.
- Materials-handling and process-plant equipment, including **conveyors, chutes, bins, hoppers and associated plant modifications.**
- Industrial piping layouts, manifolds, pump stations and pipeline systems.
- Civil and structural detailing, including reinforced concrete foundations, equipment bases and suspended concrete structures.
- Brownfield plant modifications and structural-integrity repair or modification drawings.
- Preparation of general arrangements, fabrication drawings, construction drawings, layouts, sections and details.
- 3D modelling and coordination of multidisciplinary engineering installations.
- Site measurements, verification of existing installations and preparation of as-built information.
- Checking and review of engineering drawings prepared by other draughting personnel.
- Supervision, mentoring and technical guidance of junior and trainee draughtspersons.
- Liaison with engineers, project personnel, contractors and site teams during design and construction.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision and deliver accurate drawings within project schedules.

Experience in **mining and mineral-processing plants** will be a distinct advantage.

Exposure to **Prokon, engineering calculations, pump and pipeline design, MS Excel and engineering safety/ environmental management systems** will also be advantageous.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful candidate will be responsible for:

- Producing and checking mechanical, structural, civil and piping engineering drawings.
- Developing engineering concepts into detailed design and construction documentation.
- Conducting site surveys and verifying existing plant conditions.
- Producing modification, refurbishment and brownfield engineering drawings.
- Coordinating drawings across engineering disciplines.
- Maintaining drawing quality and compliance with applicable engineering standards and project specifications.
- Providing technical draughting support during fabrication and construction.
- Assisting with drawing-office coordination and development of junior personnel.

APPLICATIONS

Suitably qualified candidates should submit:

1. A detailed Curriculum Vitae;
2. Certified copies of relevant academic and professional qualifications; and
3. Contact details for at least two professional referees.

Applications should be addressed to:

Human Resources
SRR Engineers
Email: info@srr.co.bw
Reference: Design Draughtsman

Closing Date: 27 November 2026

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Instincts save 10-year-old from crocodile claws

Portia Keetile
KAZUNGULA

What began as a normal Thursday morning turned into pandemonium when a wave of sheer panic shattered the routine. Screams of terror suddenly pierced the air at the Trans Cash & Carry Kazungula premises, drawing everyone else's attention toward two boys who had just burst onto the property crying out that their brother was trapped in the crushing jaws of a crocodile.

Hearing the distress call, two Trans employees did not waver. Driven by pure instinct, they sprinted toward a pond behind the property with a singular, grim resolve: they were bringing that boy back, dead or alive. According to witnesses, when the two men reached the pond, they were met with sheer terror.

Only the head of a 10-year-old boy was visible above the surface while the rest of the body was submerged under the murky, uncharted depths.

Beneath the dark, unpleasant water, a predatory battle was already underway, a crocodile had its jaws clamped onto the boy's lower back, refusing to let go.Dispite the immediate urge to dive in, the rescuers had to make a calculated tactical decision.

They firmly instructed the boy to remain calm and not fight the predator.

They feared risking the life of the boy as they did not even have any weapon in case the crocodile striked back. They were alive to the fact that once a crocodile clamps onto its prey, it rarely releases its grip unless the prey violently resists, which could trigger a fatal struggle.

Gauging the dimensions of the small pond, they calculated that they were likely dealing with a smaller, juvenile crocodile. Furthermore, the young boy confirmed their theory, shouting back from the water that the animal had already tried to somersault him into a death roll, but had failed to overpower him.

The tense standoff finally broke when the police arrived at the scene. Even as they dragged him toward the bank, the reptile refused to let go, keeping its jaws locked tightly onto the boy's body.

In a desperate bid to save the child, an officer fired a shot, forcing the crocodile to release its grip and retreat back into the water. For the boy's father, Mr Mowana Samukundu, the nightmare began with a chilling phone call.

He was told that his son, alongside his five and eleven-year-old cousins, had been involved in a crocodile attack near the river.

Panic instantly set in, he feared for his son's life and got relieved only when the boy's mother, who had already rushed to the emergency room at the hospital called to confirm their son was alive.

Mr Samukundu shared he ran to the hospital, where his sone was treated for severe wounds on the lower back and stomatch.

The brave ten-year-old was initially treated at Kasane Primary Hospital before being transferred to Letsholathebe II Memorial Hospital for further observation.

Mr Samukundu attested that his son was receiving exceptional medical care and, miraculously, was already walking entirely without assistance.

"The crocodile did not break any of his bones, the wounds are entirely on the flesh, he is able to walk and eat. We believe that with continued treatment, he will be perfectly fine." Following this incident, wildlife authorities have issued a strong warning to members of the public to be vigilant around rivers and ponds to keep at bay similar incidents that could claim lives.

Senior Wildlife Officer Mr Nsununguli Maja confirmed to BOPA that the department efforts to catch the crocodile had not been succesful.

Mr Maja expressed concern that the pond, which fed directly from Chobe River channels, was frequently used by locals for fishing and picnics.

"Smaller crocodiles often flee into these shallow ponds to escape larger, territorial males in the main river hence recreational use of the area is highly prohibited."

He noted that the boy survived simply because the shallow pond prevented a larger apex predator from hunting there adding that had the crocodile been fully grown, it would have easily overpowered the child.

Mr Maja credited the boy's composure and the quick thinking of the Trans Kazungula rescuers for preventing a tragedy, but concluded with a hard truth for the region.

"Water sources in Chobe are a habitat and lifeline for wildlife whether it is crocodiles beneath the surface or elephants and buffaloes on the banks, these areas are dangerous at any hour hence all must be vigilant and parents must monitor their children constantly. ***BOPA***



The pond behind Trans Cash & Carry Kazungula premises where a 10-year-old boy met a tragic accident as he was attacked by a crocodile. Photo: Portia Keetile

BPOMAS Member Communication and Consent to Marketing Material

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Botswana Public Officers Medical Aid Scheme (BPOMAS) wishes to inform its members that the ongoing KYC Drive has been halted effective 09 November 2026 pending final review of Section 6 of the KYC Form, "consent to receive marketing material", in order to clearly distinguish between Member Benefit Communication (as initially intended by BPOMAS) and Marketing Communication, to particularly provide an option to opt out of marketing communication as well as distribution of the revised KYC Form.

We wish to clarify that:

- Inclusion of the consent provision was not intended to limit the rights of members under the Data Protection Act, and that members are under no obligation to receive marketing communication from BPOMAS.

- In the revised form, the abovementioned Section 6 "consent to receive marketing material" is now Section 7, "Optional Marketing and Promotional Communication" and is optional. Any member who does not wish to receive marketing communication from BPOMAS may opt out at any time without affecting their membership, benefits or access to medical aid services.

- Communication necessary for the administration of membership, healthcare/medical aid benefits, claims processing, regulatory requirements and other service-related matters will continue to be provided for the benefit of the members, as these are not marketing communications.

The KYC Drive will resume as soon as the revised form has been distributed during the week and no later than **13 November 2026.**

Forms that have already been collected through this exercise will be securely and permanently destroyed though a controlled document destruction process. The revised form may be accessed on the BPOMAS Website, www.bpomas.co.bw under *KYC Submissions effective 11 November 2026.*

We appreciate our members' continued trust and assure them of our commitment to placing their interests, rights and privacy at the center of our operations.

For further information or queries, members may contact:
Marketing, PR & Communications
comms@bpomas.co.bw/ 370 2900/13

BOTSWANA PUBLIC OFFICERS MEDICAL AID SCHEME (BPOMAS)

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TENDER TENDERING PROCEDURES

TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

Tender Ref No. SP/DBS/017/2026-2027

- **CYCLE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STUDIO(s) AND AUDITORIUM LIGHTING SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR DBS (BTV) FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS**
- Tender offers are invited from hundred percentages (100%) Botswana citizen owned companies for

  CYCLE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STUDIO(s) AND AUDITORIUM LIGHTING SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR DBS (BTV) FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS
- The Procuring Department is **Department of Broadcasting Services.**
- Procurement Method is: **Open Domestic Bidding**
- Tenderers who are domiciled in Botswana must, in order to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) in the following category:
- **Code: 116-** Broadcast and Audio-visual services,
- **Sub code: 01-** Installation and Maintenance of broadcasting and audio -visual equipment
- This tender constitutes **CYCLE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STUDIO(s) AND AUDITORIUM LIGHTING SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR DBS (BTV) FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS**
- The tender is reserved for citizens or citizen contractors as stated under Section 76 (1) of the Public Procurement Act.
- Preferences in accordance with the provisions of the Public Procurements Act, 2021 shall apply to the contract, as per the applicable Presidential Directives.

  The Directive Cab 19 (B) 2013: Local Procurement Scheme
  The Directive on "local procurement scheme" will be applied in this tender. For companies to benefit from this directive, they should submit proof of eligibility

  The Presidential Directive CAB II (A)/2010 on Economic Diversification Drive (EDD) shall be implemented in the evaluation of the tender.

  Bidders shall benefit from a single scheme, whichever that provides better preference.
- Bidders should be certified users and distributors of ETC Connect systems and De Sisti Products.
- 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 after **0800 - 12:45hrs and 1345hrs -15:30hrs,** effecting from 11 November 2026.
- A non-refundable deposit of **P250.00** payable by **cash/Electronic payments.** Payments should be done at **Revenue Office, 029, Administration Block (GROUND FLOOR), Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2, Gaborone, Botswana.**

  Youth companies will pay **P125.00** as per Presidential Directive 14 (B) of 2015 upon the provision of evidence. (Identity cards of all Directors and Shareholders).
- **DATA PROTECTION**

  The contractor/supplier shall comply with all applicable data protection laws especially the Data Protection Act No 18 of 24 and implement appropriate technical and Organisational measures to protect personal Data in the control of and data processed by Ministry of State President Defence and Security.
- Personal data shall only be processed for tender purposes of the proposed contract, kept confidential, protected against unauthorised access or disclosure and securely be returned or destroyed upon termination of the contract. The contractor/Supplier shall promptly notify the Ministry of any personal data breach and shall not appoint subcontract to process personal data without prior written approval from Ministry.
- A compulsory site visit and pre-tender meeting with representatives of the Procuring Entity will take place at Mass Media Complex, BTV Reception, on **18 November 2026** starting at 1000 hrs. Bidders arriving after 1000hrs hours shall **NOT** be allowed in and shall be disqualified from participating in the tender. As stipulated in the tender, **one (1) Electronic specialist/ professional shall represent one company.** Any person attending the site clarification meeting representing more than one company shall render such companies' ineligible for participation in this tender and be disqualified.
- The Bid Submission Method is: Two Envelope Submission Method in which the sealed original and all the sealed copies of the Technical Offer are placed in one separate sealed envelope clearly marked Technical, whilst the sealed original and all the sealed copies of the Financial Offer are enclosed in another separate sealed envelope clearly marked Financial. The two sealed envelopes are then placed in one outer securely sealed envelope.

  Failure to follow the two-envelope procedure will lead to outright disqualification. A bid which fails to follow the bid submission method or which is not sealed in the manner prescribed above shall be disqualified immediately.
- One [1] original tender document marked ORIGINAL and two [2] duplicate copies of the original Document marked copy in one sealed envelope clearly marked
- **"Tender Reference No. SP/DBS/017/2026-2027 - CYCLE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STUDIO(s) AND AUDITORIUM LIGHTING SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR DBS (BTV) FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS**

  The name and address of the bidder should be clearly marked at the back of the envelope.
- The closing date and time for receipt of tender offers is 08 December 2026 at 10:00hrs

  Late tender offers will not be accepted.

  The address for Tender submission:

  The Government Buyer, Ministry for State President, Defence and Security, Finance House Building, Floor 4, Office 402 Government Enclave, Gaborone

The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority's (PPRA) Standardised Conditions of Tender for Services 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.

Director-Procurement Oversight
Ministry for State President, Defence and Security

Republic of Botswana

MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY	TENDERING PROCEDURES	T 1.1 TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

Tender Reference No. MSPDS/DBS/011/2026-2027

• Tender Title: **PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SATELLITE RECEIVERS AND LOW NOISE BLOCKS(LNBs) FOR DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES**

Sealed Tender offers are invited for **PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SATELLITE RECEIVERS AND LOW NOISE BLOCKS(LNBs) 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 and Asset Disposal Board 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 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

• A non-refundable deposit of **P250.00** payable in cash or must be made out in favour of the Government of Botswana or the entity stated in the 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 3025** Email: ***wrukero@gov.bw***

• The closing date and time for receipt of sealed tender offers is **04/12/2026** at **1000hours**
• 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***

• Withdrawal of bids: A bidder who wishes to withdraw, modify or replace a bid shall do so in writing, and submit in the same manner as the submission of a bid, in an envelope or package marked "WITHDRAWAL", "MODIFICATION" or "REPLACEMENT".
• The re-submission of a bid shall be marked "REPLACEMENT BID" or "SUPPLEMENTARY BID" on the outer envelope or package.
• Tender documents submitted by courier shall only be acceptable if they bear the appropriate tender number and description and the inscription "Tender Documents. Not to be opened before ....." on the face of the package.
• In addition to any other requirement in the bidding document, a bid submitted after the date and time of submission shall be returned, unopened, to the bidder immediately or after the bid opening with the words "Late Tender", together with the date and time on which the bid was so received.

• Submit One (1) original tender document marked **"ORIGINAL"** and 2 duplicate copies of the original document marked **"COPY"** in one sealed envelope clearly marked

• **Tender Reference No. MSPDS/DBS/011/2026-2027**

PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SATELLITE RECEIVERS AND LOW NOISE BLOCKS(LNBs) FOR DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES

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African attire festival champions unity

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

In an industry where talent, visibility and opportunities often determine success, women in the creative sector are being encouraged to look beyond competition and embrace collaboration as a pathway to collective growth.

This vision lies at the heart of the African Attire Female Annual Music Festival, an initiative spearheaded by Veronica Brooks, popularly known as Botsdiva, through VebDiva Entertainment.

Scheduled for November 28 at Rasesa Lodge, the festival seeks to bring together women across the entertainment industry, creating a platform for musicians, DJs, dancers, masters of ceremonies and other creative service providers to showcase their talents and build meaningful networks.Brooks explained that the initiative was inspired by her observations of the limited support and collaboration among women in the creative industry, despite their shared experiences and professional interests.

She said women sometimes found it easier to seek assistance from men who had established networks and influence, while the talent, experience and resources available among women remain underutilised.

"We wanted to bring women together, put their work in the spotlight and make their networks easier to access. Women were already mentoring artists, producing events and creating opportunities for one another, but much of that work happen behind the scenes," she said.

Organised under the theme: Bomme Basadi, the festival seeks to celebrate women's strength, dignity and their contribution as mothers, leaders, creators and builders of society.

Brooks said the theme was intended to encourage women to recognise their collective potential, support one another and create opportunities through collaboration rather than viewing each other as competitors.

The festival's programme will feature 12 artistes, alongside DJs and MCs, with a line-up comprising established performers and emerging talent from Botswana and South Africa. Among the featured performers are Charma Gal, Maxy Khoisan, Slizer, Mmaausi, Amantle Brown, Mmurubele, Mmaratwa, Punah Gabasiane, Swaggerlady, Tyte, Tshepo G, Nono Siile, Fifi Cooper, TT Tebogo, Zodwa Wabantu and Trica Selala.

The DJ line-up includes DJ Mimi Ramphaleng, DJ Laninah Benz, DJ Mis J and DJ Julia Hunter, while MC Zenzele Hirschfeld, MC Girly, MC Tills and MC Dignity will host the event.

Brooks said the selection of performers was guided by their alignment with the festival's vision, performance ability, musical diversity and appeal to the audience. She added that the organisers hope to create an environment where established performers could help emerging artists gain exposure, share industry knowledge and establish professional relationships. Beyond entertainment, she envisioned the festival as a starting point for practical collaborations that would continue long after the event.

She said success would not only be measured by attendance or performances, but also by the opportunities generated, including paid bookings, mentorship, business partnerships and meaningful professional introductions.

"We wanted women to leave knowing that they could approach another woman for support and that they also had something valuable to offer. Sometimes, a simple introduction or recommendation could open an important door," she said.

However, Brooks disclosed that preparations were continuing without a sponsor, appealing to businesses, organisations and individuals to support the initiative through financial assistance, products, professional services and promotional partnerships.She said such support would help deliver a professional event while strengthening opportunities for women in Botswana's creative industry. *BOPA*



The African Attire Female Annual Music Festival, an initiative spearheaded by Veronica Brooks through VebDiva Entertainment is scheduled for November 28 at Rasesa Lodge. The festival seeks to bring together women across the entertainment industry.

Young director turns theatre into voice for the forgotten

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Theatre has the power to bring deeply personal experiences to life, challenge perceptions and reminding audiences of the fragile relationships that define human existence.For Katamelo Reteng, an actor and theatre director, the responsibility became central to his directorial journey through Under Milkwood, a production exploring memory, love and the emotional consequences of dementia.

A final-year Creative Arts and Design student at the University of Botswana (UB), Reteng recently completed directing the play as part of his academic assessment, marking an important milestone in his artistic development.

Originally written by Welsh poet and playwright Dylan Thomas as a radio drama for the BBC, Under Milkwood first aired in 1954 before being adapted for stage and screen. Reteng's adaptation drew inspiration from Siân Owen's work on the National Theatre production, introducing an emotionally charged conflict centred on dementia and the fragile relationship between a father and his son.

At its heart was a young man desperately trying to reach his father, who was gradually slipping away through memory loss.

The production explored the pain of being forgotten by someone deeply loved, using elements of surrealism and realism to portray dreams, lost relationships and the uncertainties surrounding human memory.

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Whats On This Weekend

November 13

Max4Show - Anger Management Fest 2026 @
Savanna Gardens, Tlokweng (formerly Pilediwa) from 6pm

BDF Bands in Concert Style @
Selebi Phikwe from 6pm

November 14
Cellar Experience November Edition @
Grand Palm from noon to 11pm

Mophato Crownfest 2026 @
Mophato Private school from 3pm

Gaborone Music Festival 2026
@ Marokolowane Farms (Rasesa) from 6pm

Olive Grove Market @
Phakalane, Gaborone from 8am to 1pm

November 15
A Night of Limeless Classics @
Maitisong Theatre Maru A Pula from 4pm to 5pm

Writers Picnic @ Joy City Park
from 11am

The Gathering Market
@ Bonnington Silos from noon



Maduo Modisane is determined to demonstrate that crotchet is not merely a traditional craft, but a versatile expression of contemporary fashion.



Modisane crafts customised handmade clothing for both men and women including dresses, skirts, tops and other fashion pieces.
Photos: Courtesy of Maduo Modisane

Maduo Crochet weaves way into fashion industry

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MOLEPOLOLE

> What began as a simple introduction to crochet in a Home Economics lesson at school has blossomed into a passion driven fashion business.

Maduo Modisane (24), is determined to redefine the perception of handmade clothing.

Through her brand, Maduo Crochet, the Kopong-born creative is weaving her way into Botswana's fashion industry, demonstrating that crochet is not merely a traditional craft but a versatile expression of contemporary fashion.

Operating under the slogan: The New Fabric of Fashion, Maduo Crochet produces customised handmade clothing for both men and women, including dresses, skirts, tops, swimwear and other unique fashion pieces.

Modisane, a Bachelor of Commerce degree holder in Real Estate, balances her creative enterprise with her professional responsibilities as a Promoter Manager and Key Account Manager at Wild Media Marketing. She also holds the title of Miss Independence Botswana 2026.

Her journey into crochet began in 2016 when she was introduced to the craft through Home Economics at Kopong Junior Secondary School.

Her aunt further nurtured her interest, laying the foundation for what would eventually become a business venture.

Although the initial experience sparked her curiosity, she only became more intentional about developing her skills in 2023, turning to YouTube tutorials to explore different techniques and improve her craft.



"What started as curiosity quickly developed into a passion. I became eager to improve my skills and that motivated me to learn more and explore different possibilities," she said.

Her creative process is largely influenced by social media platforms such as Pinterest, Instagram and TikTok, which expose her to emerging fashion trends, designs and techniques.

She also draws inspiration from clients, whose requests often challenge her to experiment beyond familiar patterns.

Rather than relying on rigid sketches or digital patterns, Modisane allows her creativity to guide the process, sometimes beginning with a clear picture of the desired design and at other times discovering its final shape as she works. She carefully selects yarn and crochet hooks according to the intended design, considering texture, stretch, structure and comfort to ensure that every finished piece is both practical and visually appealing.

Unlike mass-produced clothing, most of her creations are customised to suit individual measurements and preferred fits, allowing clients to enjoy garments that reflect their personalities and fashion tastes.

However, running the business single-handedly while maintaining a full-time job comes with its own challenges.

Modisane handles everything, from sourcing materials and creating designs, to communicating with clients and managing orders. She also acknowledges that documenting her creative process has become increasingly important, particularly after receiving requests from her TikTok followers for crochet tutorials.

Although she is excited about sharing her skills, recording and explaining every step while producing a garment can be demanding. "I have a very practical learning style. I can watch a tutorial once or twice, understand the process and recreate the design without necessarily writing down the pattern. However, I recognise that what works for me might not be as easy for someone else to follow," she explained.

Despite the demands, Modisane remains optimistic about the future of the brand, which she hopes to grow into a recognised fashion label with international reach. She believes crochet is increasingly finding its place in contemporary fashion, moving beyond its traditional association with hobbies and becoming a fashionable option for everyday wear, swimwear, accessories and runway collections. She also sees the craft as an opportunity for young people to develop practical skills, explore entrepreneurship and create sustainable sources of income.

Modisane hopes to collaborate with established yarn brands, experienced crocheters and other creatives to improve her designs, develop structured patterns and expose Maduo Crochet to wider markets.

As the brand grows, she also hopes to introduce seasonal collections, tutorials and collaborations while creating opportunities for other talented creatives.

Ultimately, her ambition extends beyond building a successful business.

"I want to demonstrate that crochet can be modern, fashionable and versatile. I would also love to inspire more young people to embrace it, not only as a creative skill but also as a business opportunity," she said.

Through Maduo Crochet, Modisane is stitching together creativity, entrepreneurship and contemporary style, one handmade piece at a time. *BOPA*

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For Reteng, directing the production was not merely about bringing a script to the stage but also creating an environment where actors and the technical team could work collectively toward a shared vision. "Theatre is built in collaboration, and collaboration demands trust and professionalism," he said.

He explained that he had prioritised creating a safe and inclusive working environment where everyone felt respected, valued and comfortable contributing to the production.

His directing philosophy was shaped by the knowledge and discipline acquired through his studies at UB, where lecturers emphasised research, theatrical language and translating ideas into practical techniques.

He described bringing together a large cast and successfully staging the production as his greatest achievement, particularly because he had limited experience working with such a sizeable group.

Looking ahead, he said he hoped to strengthen his technical abilities, particularly in lighting. "I really want to master how to play with lights," he said. Beyond his personal ambitions, Reteng believed Botswana's creative industry needed greater support and investment, arguing that artists remained valuable contributors to the country's economy and international reputation.

"Artists remain assets to Botswana's economy.

It is important to support Botswana artists because eventually artists might seek help somewhere else and Botswana might lose valuable people," he said.

He also called for more theatrical productions and films documenting Botswana's history, saying there was a need to tell stories about the country's iconic figures and cultural heritage.

Additionally, he observed that limited access to historical information and biographies has contributed to gaps in public knowledge about Botswana's past. Reteng believed theatre and film could make such stories more accessible while helping audiences understand and appreciate their cultural identity.

As he prepares for the next chapter of his career, he intends to build a strong professional portfolio, establish industry connections and continue pursuing knowledge and training.

For the young director, Under Milkwood was more than an academic achievement; it was an opportunity to explore the complexities of human relationships and demonstrate how theatre could give emotional experiences a powerful voice. *BOPA*



Momentum is building ahead of the third edition of the Police Commissioner's Run as members of the Botswana Police Service, in collaboration with Fearless Fitness Club participate in organised training and activation sessions in preparation for the event. Scheduled for Maun tomorrow, the run is expected to be led by First Lady Kaone Boko, as chief runner.
Photo: Courtesy of Botswana Police Service

First Lady to lead Commissioner's Run

By Esther Mmolai
MAUN

First Lady Kaone Boko is expected to lead as the chief runner in the third edition of the Police Commissioner's Run scheduled for Maun tomorrow.

Organised by the Botswana Police Service under the theme: Run for a Safer Botswana-Together Against Crime, the event aims to raise public awareness about the impact of crime.

It focuses on taking action against gender-based violence (GBV) and road accidents while promoting road safety, crime prevention and awareness surrounding drug and substance abuse.

The event also aims to educate participants on community-based crime reduction strategies and inspire youth involvement in crime prevention efforts.

The proposed race categories include a 21km half marathon, a 10km run and a 5km run/walk. Target participants include students, out-of-school youth, families, community leaders, business owners, transport operators, farmers, civil servants, Non-Governmental Organisations, sporting and fitness clubs, faith-based organisations, crime prevention committees, visitors and tourists.

Botswana Police spokesperson, Assistant Commissioner Near Bagali, confirmed the event, noting that hosting the run in Maun was overdue given the village's strategic location in the North West District and its status as a tourism hub.

Bagali said the run should serve as the climax of the national crime-prevention campaign.

Previous editions hosted in Gaborone and Francistown demonstrated the activity's potential to bring together the police and key stakeholders to combat crime.

"Given Maun's importance as a tourism gateway, crime-prevention messaging should also promote the safety of tourists, tourism businesses, and communities supporting the tourism sector," he added, highlighting that the police service recognised sustainable crime prevention cannot be achieved through law enforcement alone.

Effective policing, he stated, required an informed, engaged and cooperative community that understood prevailing crime threats and actively participated in preventing and reporting crime.

The Commissioner's Run was introduced as a community-based initiative using sport to reach target audiences.

Key offenses targeted by the campaign include stock theft, housebreaking, robbery, cybercrime, online fraud, human trafficking, threats to tourism safety as well as protection of vulnerable persons. ***BOPA***



Young Zebras' Bofelo Motswagole (centre) and Motheo Mogapi (right) showing Ibrahima Ndiaye of Guinea some finer points of football during the first leg of the 2027 U-23 Africa Cup of Nations second-round qualifier in Gaborone on Wednesday. Guinea won 1-0. The two sides will meet again in Guinea on November 17 and the aggregate winner of the tie will face either Angola or Congo.
Photo: Washa Bofelwang

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WTT Youth Contender final day

The World Table Tennis (WTT) Youth Contender Series Gaborone 2026 finals will be held tomorrow at Botswana National Youth Centre, bringing the four-day of international competition to a close.

GSS Alumni Run set for tomorrow

Gaborone Senior Secondary School alumni will take to the road tomorrow in a fundraising run aimed at supporting their former school. The fund-raising run will start at GSS grounds at 5am.

Blue Run puts men's mental health in spotlight

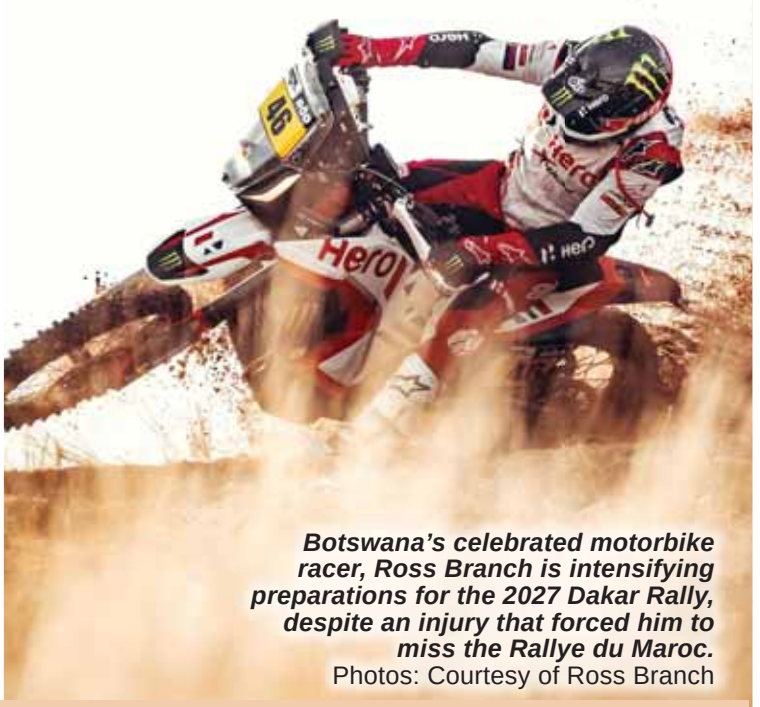
The Blue Run: Men's Mental Health Awareness event is scheduled for tomorrow at Village Medical Centre, Gaborone to promote health awareness through physical activities focusing on mental health, prostate cancer awareness and breaking the stigma around seeking medical and emotional support. The Leader of Opposition, Dumelang Saleshando is the Chief Runner. Organised by Village Oncology and Fearless Fitness Club, the event will start at 5am featuring 5km and 10km run/walk.

Gaborone marks World Diabetes Day

The Fields Mall in Gaborone will host a World Diabetes Day Walk and Run tomorrow, staring at 0530am. Organised by Diabetes Association of Botswana in partnership with Bank of Botswana and others, the event will also feature 5km and 10k walk/run.

Kang hosts Kgalagadi North District chairperson marathon

The Kgalagadi North District Chairman's Marathon will take place in Kang tomorrow at 5am, starting at Kang Salt Pan.



Botswana's celebrated motorbike racer, Ross Branch is intensifying preparations for the 2027 Dakar Rally, despite an injury that forced him to miss the Rallye du Maroc.
Photos: Courtesy of Ross Branch

Branch races against time for Dakar return

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As the team leader, Branch also highlighted the importance of race strategy, particularly when deciding whether to open a stage or follow behind other competitors.

He explained that opening a stage could offer valuable time bonuses but also exposed riders to unmarked hazards, making positions six or seven more favourable.

"From our side, we were looking at avoiding opening more stages because we had previously been successful when attacking from behind. It was also a little safer because unseen dangers often caught the first riders," he said.

The Hero MotoSports team had also made significant improvements to its Hero 450 Rally motorcycle, particularly its engine performance, to enhance competitiveness against rival manufacturers.

Branch applauded the engineers for their efforts, saying the team had worked hard to improve the machine's speed and overall performance.

Branch, who has won the 2024 World Rally-Raid Championship and finishing second in the Dakar Rally in the same year, said his ambition was to give his best in every competition. ***BOPA***

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The Zebras will tomorrow clash with the Cranes of Uganda in a crucial 2027 CAF Africa Cup of Nations Morocco 2027 qualifier.

Crunch time for Zebras in Uganda

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GABORONE

The senior national football team, Zebras coach, Thaloba Nthaga has expressed confidence that his charges are ready for the challenge as they come face to face with the Cranes of Uganda in a crucial 2027 CAF Africa Cup of Nations qualifier in Uganda tomorrow.

Even though Uganda has already secured a spot at the 2027 AFCON finals as co-hosts alongside Kenya and Tanzania, the team will nevertheless be keen to make their mark in the qualifiers.

Nthaga said in an interview that the Zebras were eager to make their trip count, having collected two points from their opening two matches following draws against Libya and Tunisia.

He confirmed that foreign-based players called up for the assignment would be available, giving the technical team additional options ahead of the encounter.

However, the road to the 2027 finals remains competitive, with Botswana level on points with Tunisia, while Libya has one point.

The remaining fixtures will be particularly important as the fight is to top Group H and qualify for the finals.

Botswana has been placed in Group H with Eagles of Carthage of Tunisia, The Cranes of Uganda and Mediterranean Knights of Libya. ***BOPA***

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Botswana's celebrated motorbike racer Ross Branch.

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Botswana's celebrated motorbike racer, Ross Branch is intensifying preparations for the 2027 Dakar Rally, despite an injury that forced him to miss the Rallye du Maroc.

Branch, who rides for Hero MotoSports, said his rehabilitation following a crash during training in Namibia, had been slow, but encouraging, as he worked toward regaining full fitness ahead of the demanding international competition.

He explained that his recovery programme involved starting with simple exercises and gradually increasing their intensity to rebuild strength and endurance.

"The physical rehabilitation had been long and slow, but it was definitely getting better every day. I could gradually exercise for longer periods, and that was a positive sign," he said.

Despite the setback, Branch remain optimistic about his return to competitive racing, maintaining that preparations continue; both physically and technically.

He said navigation, which remained one of the most challenging aspects of rally-raid racing, was also receiving considerable attention.

Branch and his team had been studying roadbooks from previous Dakar editions, analysing mistakes and identifying areas that require improvement.

He said information gathered would help sharpen their navigation skills as they tested new roadbooks in Namibia and Khawa.

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