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BEIJING - President Advocate Duma Boko (right) and China President Xi Jinping arriving at the Great Hall of the People in China ahead of their official talks yesterday. President Boko said China had championed a path of growth and rapid development that had seen the country evolve into a well-developed nation, something, which Botswana wanted to emulate, while President Xi said the two countries were writing a new chapter in their relations. President Boko is on a state visit at the invitation of President Xi. Photo: Xinhua

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First aid key in mining operations

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe
MAUN

Beyond the competitive aspect, the Botswana Chamber of Mines Inter-Mine First Aid Competitions present the practical importance of first aid training in workplaces, where injuries and sudden medical emergencies can require immediate intervention before professional medical assistance becomes available.

This year's Botswana Chamber of Mines Inter-Mine First Aid Competitions provided a platform for strengthening emergency preparedness in the mining industry, bringing together participating teams at Life Centre Hall in Maun to demonstrate the importance of lifesaving skills in high-risk working environments.

Hosted by MMG Khoemacau, the annual event was held under the theme: First Aid in Migration Contexts, drawing attention to the need for emergency response systems that accommodate workers from diverse backgrounds and ensure that assistance is accessible when medical emergencies arise.

The competition brought together representatives of the mining industry, local leadership and other stakeholders.

The exercises provided participating teams with an opportunity to demonstrate their preparedness, apply their knowledge and work together in responding to emergencies.

Such exercises also help identify areas requiring improvement while encouraging the continued development of skills needed to protect workers.

The theme placed particular emphasis on the importance of inclusive emergency preparedness. In workplaces where employees may come from different communities or countries, effective first aid response requires systems that serve everyone, regardless of their background.

The event also highlighted the importance of the initial response following an incident.

Recognising an emergency, securing the scene, assisting casualties appropriately and facilitating access to further medical care are all essential links in the chain of survival.

Delivering the keynote address, Pula Med principal officer, Dr Khumoetsile Mapitse, stated that the first few minutes of an emergency could determine whether a casualty survived, particularly when professional responders were not immediately available.

He also stressed that initial assistance needed to be supported by access to appropriate medical treatment.

For his part, Botswana Chamber of Mines CEO, Mr Charles Siwawa, highlighted the broader ambition of making first aid an essential skill in workplaces, households and communities.

Meanwhile, the competition

concluded with Jwaneng Mine Team B taking first place and walking away with the competition champions trophy and gold medal, followed by Jwaneng Mine Team A in second position with silver medal and Lucara Botswana in third with bronze medal. **BOPA**



Participants demonstrating first aid skills during the 2026 Botswana Chamber of Mines Inter-Mine First Aid Competitions in Maun, where teams were assessed on their emergency response capabilities. Hosted by MMG Khoemacau, the annual event was held under the theme: First Aid in Migration Contexts, drawing attention to the need for emergency response systems that accommodate workers from diverse backgrounds and ensure that assistance is accessible when medical emergencies arise. Photo: Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

New Employment Act milestone for Botswana

Portia Rapitsenyane
PALAPYE

The success of the new Employment and Labour Relations Act will not be judged by its text, but by the tangible experiences of workers in their everyday lives.

This was said by Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe at the opening of the Botswana Sectors of Educators Trade Union (BOSETU) annual conference in Palapye on Friday.

Therefore, Mr Gaolathe called for fair and consistent implementation of the Act.

He stressed that transitioning policy into actual practice was vital for advancing workplace justice and protecting the welfare of educators across the nation.

Mr Gaolathe said the Act represented a milestone for Botswana by consolidating various employment and labour relations laws that were previously scattered across separate pieces of legislation.

This consolidation, he said, offered a historic opportunity

to build a coherent framework that simplified administration, bolstered collective bargaining and ensured fair dispute resolution.

"The promise contained in legislation must now find expression in the actual experience of workers," he said.

For teachers, he said that was found in ordinary parts of working life, in how grievances were handled, how employment terms were applied and whether workers had confidence that disagreement would be dealt with fairly.

Mr Gaolathe said government carried a particular responsibility because in relation to many educators, it was both policymaker and employer and that dual role required them to hold themselves to the standards they asked of others.

Addressing teachers concerns, Vice President said where conditions fell short, workers were entirely within their rights to raise them, promising serious engagement within the bounds of the public service framework.

Some of the concerns affecting educators across various districts, he said included accommodation shortage, long commutes, heavy workloads and the uncertainty faced by teachers who had served for extended periods under temporary arrangements.

He explained that weaker diamond revenues and a narrow export base had left the country exposed to shifts in global demand, signalling that the economic model that sustained Botswana for decades was under visible strain.

He called on teachers to help build the future, adding that the future that was built must also strengthen teachers.

"If we expect educators to prepare young Batswana for a technology-driven economy, we must trust them, capacitate them, expose them to new methods and technologies, and create conditions in which their professional growth can keep pace with the economy they are helping us to build," he said, urging that educators must be trusted, capacitate and exposed to

new technologies to prepare young Batswana for a modern workforce.

He commended BOSETU for its disciplined commitment to its constitutional processes and recognised the union's essential role in the whole of nation approach used to develop the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme.

He welcomed the union's feedback, noting that BOSETU brings critical, firsthand workplace knowledge into the national dialogue including insights that "Government may sometimes find uncomfortable to hear."

Mr Gaolathe urged both government representatives and organised labour to maintain institutional trust, even during natural disagreements, to ensure that the teacher standing before a class ultimately experienced greater fairness, dignity and professional confidence.

For his part, BOSETU president Dr Winston Radikolo said the new Employment and Labour Relations Act presented a crucial opportunity to shift from policy pronouncements to a genuine culture of implementation, consultation and justice.

"The law must protect workers from unfair labour practices. It must strengthen social dialogue. It must ensure that collective bargaining is meaningful. It must protect workers from arbitrary treatment and discriminatory practices. It must provide an effective framework for dispute resolution and ensure respect for lawful agreements and rulings," he said.

He stressed that teachers' labour rights, professional dignity and welfare must be treated as essential rather than optional matters.

He said it required transitioning from policy to concrete practice by ensuring fair remuneration and career progression, timely pay and equal treatment for temporary teachers, respect for collective bargaining and court judgments, recognition of their professional contributions and transparency in educational initiatives.

He also appreciated government's steps in the education sector, specifically acknowledging that well-designed and properly implemented initiatives like the Education Infrastructure Management Corporation (EIMC) and the HERO projects could improve school infrastructure, learning environments and educational outcomes. **BOPA**



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (left) joining Botswana Sectors of Educators Trade Union (BOSETU) members in song during the 2026 BOSETU Annual Conference in Palapye recently. Mr Gaolathe said transitioning the New Employment Act into actual practice was vital for advancing workplace justice and protecting the welfare of educators across the nation. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

Boko hails China development model

Taboka Ngwako
BEIJING

President Advocate Duma Boko says Botswana wants to emulate the rapid development model, which China used to transform itself into a global economic powerhouse.

During official talks with his counterpart, President Xi Jinping of China in Beijing yesterday, President Boko said China had championed a path of growth and rapid development that had seen the country evolve into a very well-developed nation.

“That example is what I would like to emulate,” he said.

Further, he applauded China for having lifted over 800 million people out of poverty in less than four decades.

“China has performed an economic and political miracle never seen in history and to uplift from conditions of poverty and famine a whole population of over 800 million, and to do that in a space of less than four decades is nothing short of miraculous and this we can only applaud and appreciate,” he said.

He also commended the visionary leadership that China has had since its founding.

He said since the founding of the People’s Republic of China in October 1 in 1949, China had enjoyed sound and solid leadership that had been instrumental in driving the country’s transformation story.

President Boko also hailed the excellent relations between Botswana and China, saying the

long-standing relations were something that the former attached great importance to.

For his part, President Xi said Botswana and China, whose friendship dated back to the 1970s before the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1975, were now writing a new chapter in their relations.

President Xi said both countries should therefore stride ahead in the new era and elevate their cooperation in order to achieve modernisation and shared prosperity for their people.

President Boko is in China on a state visit at the invitation of President Xi.

The visit also included a benchmarking tour of Project 3820 in Fuzhou, Fujian Province, which is key to Botswana’s plan to establish an e-mobility hub in the Serorome Valley.

The high point of President Boko’s visit involves the formal signing of Memoranda of Understanding in various sectors and the hosting of the Botswana-China Business Forum, which has attracted 30 Botswana companies and over 100 Chinese companies.

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FUZHOU - President Advocate Duma Boko (second left), Minister for International Relations, Dr Phenyio Butale (second right), Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Keoagile Atamelang (right) and other dignitaries appreciating a model of an electric vehicle battery pack during a tour the Contemporary Amperex Technology Co. Limited, a global leader in electric vehicle batteries in China on Monday. The visit explored opportunities in advanced manufacturing, clean energy technology, skills transfer and investment as Botswana pursues economic diversification beyond diamonds. Photo: Courtesy of BW Presidency

Fodder production lucrative opportunity

Naomi Leepile
TSABONG

There is need for Remote Area Development Programme (RADP) farm managers to transition from passion-driven, subsistence farming to commercial production to unlock the economic potential of remote settlements, Tsabong District Council chairperson, Mr Elias Motlhanke has said.

Speaking at the official opening of the 2nd annual national RADP Farm Management and Capacity Building Workshop at Lobu farm, Mr Motlhanke observed

that several RADP farms had operated for years beneath their full potential due to an over-reliance on traditional approaches rather than market-driven strategies.

He said fodder production presented a lucrative, untapped opportunity that farm managers should capitalise on, to supply both local and national agricultural markets. To realise this shift, Mr Motlhanke advised farm board members and managers to build strategic partnerships that could unlock funding, facilitate benchmarking with high-performing operations, and accelerate ongoing technical training.

Reinforcing the call for commercialisation, Department of Social Development Community Development, deputy director, Mr Mmolotsi Mokotedi, urged participants to view the workshop within the broader context of the agricultural value chain.

Mr Mokotedi stated that the training sought to promote sustainable livestock feeding systems using locally available resources, while simultaneously strengthening farm management, financial planning, and governance, to boost productivity and sustain rural livelihoods. He highlighted

integrated farming systems, such as pairing aquaculture with commercial horticulture, as proven methods for complementing traditional livestock enterprises and diversifying farm revenue streams.

Traditional leadership also backed the initiative, with Kgosi Gilbert Botsheleng of Khuis, appealing to delegates to treat the week-long training with utmost seriousness, noting its direct impact on building resilient, sustainable livelihoods for marginalised communities.

Running through October 16 under the theme: Promoting Sustainable Fodder Production for Resilient Livestock Systems in the RADP Farms, the gathering brought together farm managers, board members, and rural extension officers to address pressing agricultural threats, including persistent drought and livestock disease outbreaks.

The week-long workshop will culminate in the official closing by the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Kethlalefile Motshegwa on Friday.

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Participants at the 2nd Annual National RADP Farm Management and Capacity Building Workshop at Lobu Farm recently. Tsabong District Council chairperson, Mr Elias Motlhanke urged farm managers to strengthen fodder production, conservation and processing to address feed shortages and ensure the sustainability of community livestock projects. Photo: Tsabong District Council



Tsabong District Council chairperson Mr Elias Motlhanke

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Farmers plead for relief as FMD cripples livestock sector

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RASESA

Local cattle farmers are united in an urgent appeal for government financial assistance, citing that nearly nine months of strict foot and mouth disease (FMD) restrictions have pushed them to the brink of financial ruin.

Singing from the same hymn sheet at the National Cattle and Beef Pitso at Rasesa Lodge recently, farmers said the prolonged outbreak had halted cattle sales, cutting off the primary source of income they relied on to pay wages, clear debts and support their families.

Speaking to the immediate realities facing local producers, Advocate Linchwe Tlhowe representing farming associations, stressed that the economic consequences of movement restrictions stretch far beyond the farm gates.

“From a farmers’ perspective, the right to live entails the right to eat and enjoy a dignified life. Thus, if animals cannot move, farmers experience serious losses because the halting of livestock trade means they can no longer maintain their operations or preserve their livelihoods,” he stated.

Advocate Tlhowe emphasised the need to include farmers in decision making to balance disruptions, arguing that regulatory policies must weigh the immediate survival of producers against administrative halts. “Our rights are not at all intended to replace and suspend veterinary science and protocols but science and human survival must co-exist,” he said.

Policy and regulatory specialist, formerly with the Department of Veterinary Services and having worked with the Presidential task team on COVID-19, Dr Kereng Masupu shared his views on FMD control, veterinary policy, cattle movement and vaccination strategy. He highlighted how deeply disruptive FMD outbreaks were to local households, societies and communities.

Dr Masupu further noted that FMD severely impacted ecosystems and stakeholders. Consequently, he said interventions must balance precise viral containment with socio-economic and trade sustainability to ensure pathways that would allow community survival. He outlined a strategic framework for intervention driven by three dimensions.

Dr Masupu said the three dimensional approach entails prevention by keeping disease agents from entering the least susceptible areas, control by taking active measures, such as vaccination to steadily reduce number of cases and eradication by completely eliminating the disease from the region.

Bringing the practical aspects of FMD to the forum’s attention, animal health, veterinary law and FMD specialist, Dr Letlhogile Modisa stated that the disease caused global disruptions and remained a major problem worldwide.

Regionally, he said FMD affected most countries in the Southern Africa, adding that neighbouring countries had ultimately become infected because South Africa had been battling with the outbreak since 2017. Data from Statistics Botswana, analysed by an

independent economic analyst and industry specialist, Dr Keith Jefferis reveals that the livestock sector contributed P2.3 billion to the nation’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2025. Meanwhile, he said the domestic meat processing industry added P1.5 billion during the same period.

However, Dr Jefferis said a steep downturn has sharply reversed these gains in 2026. He said during the first quarter of the year, the livestock sector value shrank by 50 per cent.

“The shockwaves deepened in the second quarter as the meat processing sector contracted by 60 per cent,” he said. He said the contraction had culminated in a devastating blow for international trade, as beef exports had plummeted to effectively zero since April 2026.

“The total halt follows stringent restrictions imposed after severe FMD outbreaks across the region, which forced high value global markets, including the European Union, to suspend all fresh beef intake from Botswana.

The sudden drop in output has dealt a direct blow to nationwide agricultural suppliers,” he said. In addition, Dr Jefferis said a widening indirect ripple effect was beginning to heavily strain secondary sectors that relied heavily on the circulation of rural agricultural income, most notably wholesale, retail and health care services. One of the attendees, a farmer from Ghanzi area, Mr Job Mosupi highlighted critical security breach in Zone I3.

He said severe manpower shortage was a challenge, as searching of vehicles and people crossing the border to and from Namibia was mostly done by volunteers due to shortage of veterinary and police officers. Mr Mosupi was equally concerned by the dilapidated fence along the borderline between Namibia and Botswana posing risk of potential spread of the disease from neighbouring country.

Mr Mosupi urged authorities to prioritise immediate bilateral consultations and repair the boundary lines to secure active containment zones. Mr Aobakwe Banamile, a pastoral farmer

operating in the western outskirts of Salajwe argued that while FMD was a recurring and historical challenge, the current escalation into an industry wide crisis reflected a failure of oversight.

“This escalation shows that someone is not doing their job, and this level of incompetency is digging straight into the farmers’ pockets,” Mr Banamile remarked. Mr Mike de Beer, an independent feedlot agent operating in the Lobatse area questioned why the government has been hesitant to declare a formal state of emergency. Mr de Beer drew comparisons to the aggressive policy frameworks deployed during COVID-19 pandemic.

With movement restrictions preventing livestock sales to Botswana Meat Commission and local abattoirs, Mr de Beer noted that feedlot operators and farmers could no longer service their commercial loans, therefore government must step in and negotiate relaxed payment terms before the entire banking ecosystem faced widespread agricultural defaults. **BOPA**



Golden Hands Leather Company founder, Mr Thomas Mupingo from Zimbabwe explaining his products to Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima at the just ended Maun Trade Expo. Photo: Esther Mmolai

Expo sparks regional leather expansion

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

In today’s highly competitive business landscape, standing out from the crowd remains a formidable challenge.

Yet, for companies seeking to boost brand visibility, connect with potential clients and scale operations, trade shows continue to offer an irreplaceable advantage. Unlike digital channels, expos bring high-impact, face-to-face marketing, immediate direct sales and critical real-time market intelligence.

For entrepreneurs attending the second edition of the Maun Trade Expo, the event proved to be a genuine game-changer. Among them was Zimbabwean enterprise Golden Hands Company director general, Mr Thomas Mupingo, who used his debut as an exhibitor to pave way for cross-border expansion into Botswana.

Founded in 2010 and based in Ruwa, near Harare, Golden Hands Company specialises in genuine leather goods, including handcrafted handbags, wallets and belts. As a verified manufacturer and exporter within Zimbabwe’s premium leather value chain, the

company is well-positioned to expand regionally by leveraging trade agreements and cross-border partnerships.

Exhibiting at the Life Centre in Maun provided Mr Mupingo with first-hand look at local market dynamics.

“As a first-time exhibitor, direct face-to-face interactions allowed me to engage with decision-makers, industry professionals and qualified prospects.

Understanding their specific needs demonstrated exactly how our products meet local demands and reinforced my intention to establish a permanent presence here in Maun,” he said.

Mr Mupingo’s strategic vision involves opening a leather processing and manufacturing plant in Maun to serve both the local tourism industry and global export markets.

The move addresses a longstanding economic gap. While the Ngamiland region historically holds one of the largest cattle herds in Botswana, it lacks localised commercial leather processing capabilities. Raw hides are traditionally transported south to centralised facilities, leaving the region without the added economic

value of finished goods. Establishing a factory in Maun would complete the regional value chain, securing a continuous supply of raw hides while keeping profits and economic impact within the local community. Beyond expanding his market footprint, Mr Mupingo aims to drive community development through capacity building.

“I plan to work directly with local farmers and youth, sharing skills on raw hide processing. By combining local craftsmanship with sustainable processing, we can create high-quality products that compete on the global stage while generating jobs and reducing poverty,” he added.

Strong sales during the expo demonstrated clear local demand for premium leather products. With a solid track record of success and a strategy aligned with the region’s agricultural strength, Mr Mupingo encouraged other entrepreneurs to tap into the unique power of trade shows. “Trade expos offer physical advantages that digital channels simply cannot replicate. Spontaneous, face-to-face interactions on the exhibition floor accelerate trust, build strategic partnerships and close deals faster,” he said. **BOPA**

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Chinese trucks roll into spotlight at Zimbabwe expo

HARARE - Chinese heavy-duty truck brands attracted strong interest from visitors at the three-day China-Zimbabwe Commodity Expo and Job Fair, which concluded Sunday in Harare, reflecting growing local demand for reliable commercial vehicles. Chinese truck brands, including Shacman, Howo, Foton and Dongfeng, have established a presence in Zimbabwe’s commercial transport, mining, construction and long-haul freight sectors, serving as an important part of the country’s transport and logistics network. For commercial vehicle suppliers, the expo provided a platform to establish business contacts and explore potential partnerships. “We hope to use it to promote our products and brand. We believe the exhibition provides a good opportunity to showcase our products to customers, both Chinese and Zimbabwean,” said Tan Jieting, sales director at Green Power Vehicle Zimbabwe, a commercial vehicle and service provider. **Xinhua**

Egypt posts US\$2.8 billion balance-of-payments surplus

CAIRO - Egypt recorded a balance-of-payments surplus of US\$2.8 billion in the 2025/2026 fiscal year, reversing a deficit of US\$2.1 billion a year earlier, the Central Bank of Egypt said Monday. The capital and financial account posted a net inflow of US\$23.2 billion during the fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30, up from US\$10.2 billion dollars a year earlier, according to a statement by the central bank. It included US\$18 billion dollars in net foreign direct investment (FDI) and US\$4.2 billion in net portfolio investment, the statement said. Remittances from Egyptians working abroad surged 29.6 per cent to US\$47.3 billion dollars, while tourism revenues rose 10.3 per cent to 18.4 billion dollars, it said. **Xinhua**

South Africa to release 2.5 million hectares of state land to black farmers

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa is releasing about 2.5 million hectares of state-owned land to black farmers, with title deeds, as part of efforts to address racial inequalities in agriculture and expand their participation in commercial farming, President Cyril Ramaphosa said Monday. In his weekly newsletter, Ramaphosa said that despite significant growth in the agricultural sector since the end of apartheid, its benefits had not been shared equally. South Africa’s agricultural exports reached a record R270 billion rand (about US\$16.3 billion) in 2025, but commercial farming remains dominated by white-owned farms, while black farmers account for only around 10 per cent of commercial farming output. Ramaphosa stressed that transforming the sector was essential to addressing historical inequalities and strengthening food security. **Xinhua**

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moruti wa kereke ya UCCSA, Rre Mpho Moruakgomo a re borre ke ditlhogo tsa malwapa, ka jalo, ba tshwanetse go tsaya dilo ka tlhwaafalo gore motheo wa malwapa o nitlame. Rre Moruakgomo o buile jalo ka Matlhatso kwa pitsong ya borre

le bana ba basimane e e neng e tshwaretswe kwa kgotleng ya Motswasele kwa Molepolole. “A borre ba bontshe basimane tsela mme ba dire se ka go dira tse di ba agang,” ga bua Moruti Moruakgomo. O tlhalositse gore malwapa a

a senang borre kgotsa ba le teng mme ba sa diragatsa maikarabelo a bone, go rwesa bomme mokgweleo wa go rarabolola matshwenyego otlhe jaaka go tlamela lelwapa le go aga bana, segolo bogolo ba basimane ba ba tlhokang kaedi ya ga rre. Moruti Moruakgomo a re go a tshwenya go bona malwapa a a eteletsweng pele ke bomme a oketsega, ka jalo palo ya bana ba ba tlhokang kgodiso ya borre e ntsifala. “Go ntsifala ga go tlhoka go nna teng ga ga rre mo kgodisong ya ngwana wa mosimane ke one modi wa setho se se sa eletsegeng se se bonwang mo bontsing jwa basimane,” ga bua Moruti Moruakgomo. Pitso e, e ne e ikaegile ka setlhogo se se reng: Go Bua Phatthalatsa Dikgang Tse Di Bayang Borre Le Basimane Ka Fa Mosing Wa Botsogo Le Botlhoka Tsebe. Moruti Moruakgomo a re mo dingwageng tsa segompieno dikgang tsa bomme ba ba tlogelwang ke borre ka bana di atile a gatelela gore selo se ke sone se bakang gore bontsi jwa bana ba basimane ba tshela ka setho se se fatlhang ka ntlha ya go tlhoka rre yo o ka bong a ba ruta gore rre o tshwanetse a tshela jang mo lwapeng le mo setshabeng. “Borra, lelwapa le a itshokelwa. A bana ba rutiwe maikarabelo ba sale babotlana gore ba gole sentle ba setse morago dikgakololo tsa batsadi,” ga tlhalosa Moruti Moruakgomo.

O tlhalositse fa borre bangwe ba metlha eno ba sa tlhologanye gore go direla mokapelo kgotsa go mo fa dimpho e le go supa lerato le botsalano jo bontle. A re go dira jalo ga se go jewa mo ereng fa botsalano bo fela monna a tlale ka tshakgalo mo a betsang kgotsa ba feletsa ba bolaya. “Botsalano ke selo sa botlhokwa se se supiwang ke motho ka lerato a abaela yo mongwe dimpho. Ke maswabi go utlwa fa pego tsa ba sepodisi tsa malatsi a Boipuso di supa gore borukutlhi jwa dipolaano tsa baratani jaanong bo di goga kwa pele,” ga tlhalosa Moruti Moruakgomo. A re keletso ya gagwe ke gore puso e dire molao o o tlaa tlamang gore pele ga batho ba tsena mo lenyalong ba tseenelele dithutuntsho tsa go tlhologanya botshelo jwa lenyalo. O kopile gape baruti go ruta mo go tseeneletseng ka lenyalo go yeng ka molao wa Modimo. O tswelletse a re sengwe se se tshwenyang ke gore batsadi ba ithotse boikarabelo jwa go aga le go godisa ngwana, ka jaana e fetogile bontlha bongwe jwa tiro ya barutabana kwa dikoleng. “Sekole ga se lefelo le le godisang ngwana. Sekole ke kwa ngwana a rutuntshiwang ka matlhale ya go itshetsa, kitso ya tiro le go tlhologanya boranyane,” ga bua Moruti Moruakgomo. A re sengwe sa tse di tshwenyang ke gore kereke le yone ga e dire go lekanye go bopa motho. O ile a supa baruti ka monwana a re ga ba dire go lekanye go aga setshaba. Ga reng ga dikgang tse dingwe, pitso e ne gape ya ama dikgang tsa tlhoka botsogo jwa manyalo, segolo jang borre mo gantsi go feletsang go ama botsalano le dikgang tsa tlhakanelo dikobo. Bontsi jwa ba-tla pitsong ba kaile fa borre bangwe ba kgokgontsha ka mabaka a gore ga ba kgone go kgotsofatsa bomme fa ba tlhakanela dikobo ka mabaka a makoa jaaka malwetsi a dikobo, sukiri, madi a matona, go imelwa ke mabaka a itshetso kana poulelo. Mogolwane wa sepodisi sa Molepolole, Mme Marea Mothogaesi a re bomme bangwe ba bua thata, gape ba sa tlhophela borre mafoko le go gogobisa seriti sa bone ka go tlotlela ditsala ka go tlhoka go tsoga sentle ga ga rre mo go tsa tlhakanelo dikobo. Tiriso bothaswa ya nnotagi le diritibatsi go supilwe e le lengwe la mabaka a a dirang gore borre ba palelwe ke boikarabelo jwa bone ka botlalo mo malwapeng go akaretsa go palelwa ke go tlamela lelwapa le gone go kgotsofatsa mokapelo mo go tsa tlhakanelo dikobo, seemo se se tlhotlheletsang kgokgontsho. BOPA



Bana ba basimane ba kgotla ya Motswasele kwa Molepolole ba le kwa pitsong ya borre le bana ba basimane ka Matlhatso go tla go ithuta ka botlhokwa jwa go nna borre ba ba nang le maikarabelo. Moeteledipele wa BOFABONETHA gape e le moruti wa kereke ya UCCSA, Rre Mpho Moruakgomo a re borre ba tshwanetse ba bontshe basimane tsela, mme ba dire se ka go dira tse di ba agang.

Somarelang kalafi ya setso - Mathoothe

Keamogetse Setilo
TSHIMOYAPULA

Kalafi ya setso ke nngwe ya tse di ka bolokang matshelo le go tokafatsa botsogo jwa botlhe. Se se boletswe ke mothusa tona wa papadi le tlhabololo dikgwebo, Rre Baratiwa Mathoothe fa a buisa phuthego kwa Tshimoyapula ka Labotlhano. Bokopano jo e ne e le go ipelela letsatsi la segopotso sa kalafi ya setso mo Africa. Rre Mathoothe o boletse fa kalafi ya setso e le karolo ya kitso le ngwao ya Batswana, a tswelela ka gore kitso eo e tshwanetse go tlhokomelwa, go batlisisiwa le go tlhabololwa gore e kgone go tswelela e thusa batho ka tsela e e bolokeselegileng, e e nang le boleng e bile e tsamaisana le matlhoko a botsogo jwa gompieno. O tswelletse ka go tlhalosa fa kalafi ya setso e ntse e dirisiwa ke ditshaba mo dingwageng di le dintsi, a kaya fa dingaka tsa setso di

na le kitso e e fetisediwang go tswa mo kokomaneng e nngwe go ya go e nngwe, segolo thata ka dimela, melemo ya setso le mekgwa e e farologanyeng ya go tlhokomela batho ba ba lwalang. O boletse fa seo se dira gore, batho bangwe ba ikaege ka kalafi ya setso lebaka e le gore e bonwa motlhofo mo mafelong a ba nnang mo go one, e amana le ngwao ya bone kgotsa ba e tshepa. Rre Mathoothe o kaile fa go le botlhokwa gore kitso e, e seka ya latlhega. O ne a tshwaela fa dipatlisiso e le tsone di ka thusang go tlhologanya kalafi ya setso botoka, e bile di ka thusa go itse gore melemo e e dirisiwang mo kalafing ya setso e na le dikarolo dife, e ka thusa mo malwetseng a fe, e tshwanetse go dirisiwa ka selekanyo se se kana kang, le gore e ka nna le ditlamorago di fe mo botsogong jwa motho. A re go dira dipatlisiso go ka thusa go lemoga gore a go na le melemo ya setso e e ka dirisanyang le kalafi ya

segompieno, kgotsa e e ka bakang mathata fa e dirisiwa mmogo, se e le go netefatsa pabalesego ya bao ba e dirisang. Fa a tswelela, rre Mathoothe o ne a bolela fa go le botlhokwa go tlhabololo kalafi ya setso le go e tokafatsa ka go dirisa Maranyane le dipatlisiso. O tshwaetse fa go le botlhokwa gore dingaka tsa setso, puso, badiri ba botsogo le baitseanape ba dirisanye mmogo gore kitso ya setso e kopanngwe le kitso ya sekgoa ka tsela e e molemo mo setshabeng. O gateletse gore go botlhokwa gore go nne le neelano le tomagano magareng ga dingaka tsa setso le bongaka jwa sekgoa. O ne a tswelela ka gore, go tshwanetse ga sirelediwa kitso ya setso gore e se ka ya nyelela, a bolela fa bagolo le dingaka tsa setso ba tshwanetse go rotloediswa go fetisetsa kitso e e siameng kwa kokomaneng e e tlang.

A re, babatlisisi le bone ba tshwanetse go dirisanya le beng ba kitso ka tlotlo, ka boikanyego le ka go ba fa sebaka sa go nna karolo ya dipatlisiso, le go netefatsa gore dingaka di nna le seabe mo ditshwetsoeng dipe tse di tsewang mabapi le kalafi ya setso. O tlhalositse fa bokamoso jwa kalafi ya setso bo ikaegile thata ka gore go dirwa eng ka jone mo nakong ya gompieno, a re go kopanya kitso ya bagologolo le patlisiso ya sesha, go ka nna le sebaka sa go bona kalafi ya setso e e tlhaloganngwang botoka, e e nang le boleng mme e dirisiwa ka pabalesego. Rre Mathoothe o rotloeditse setshaba gore se tshwanetse go nna le pono ya gore botsogo ke boikarabelo jwa botlhe, le gore, ga go a tshwanela go nna le kgaogano magareng ga kalafi ya setso le kalafi ya segompieno ka maikaelelo e le go sireletsa botshelo le go tokafatsa botsogo jwa batho. BOPA

Lucas rallies residents to fight for road project

Manowe Motsaathebe

MATHATHANE

Mathathane residents have been urged to form a delegation to accompany their Member of Parliament for Bobirwa, Mr Taolo Lucas, to meet with the Minister for State President, Defense and

Security or President Advocate Duma Boko, regarding ongoing delays in the construction of the Mathathane-Platjan road. Speaking at a kgotla meeting recently, Mr Lucas said the joint delegation would demonstrate the community's seriousness over the stalled 30km road project leading to the Platjan border post, which was promised to be funded

by the European Union (EU). The delegation, Mr Lucas suggested, would table a broad range of community grievances, mainly the delayed road construction and pending residential plot allocations. Earlier this year, Minister for State President, Defense and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa informed residents of

government's decision to proceed with the project following cancellation of the original tender in January. Minister Mohwasa explained at the time that the tender was cancelled due to significant changes in scope and procurement needs, with government deciding instead to deliver the project through public works.

Under the initial plan, government announced that it would construct 189km of road networks in the region using P357 million from the EU.

The Botswana Defence Force (BDF) was set to lead construction, while the Department of Roads provided technical expertise.

However, Mathathane residents protested the change, citing severe disruption caused by the cancellation of the original 30km route.

Some residents noted they had already relocated from their ploughing fields following official consultations to make way for the project.

In response to public outcry and influenced by new information, government reversed its decision and resolved to proceed with the 30km stretch as initially planned. Minister Mohwasa clarified in January that less than P10 million would be needed to compensate affected farmers, rather than the P50 million previously estimated from the EU funding pool.

Despite assurances that

construction would begin in April, work was yet to start, prompting residents to demand answers from their MP.

Community members expressed mistrust in the process, citing years of unfulfilled promises since the project's inception.

During the recent meeting, Kgosi Samuel Makola and Village Development Committee (VDC) chairperson, Mr Solomon Mafela informed Mr Lucas that residents were concerned by the uncommunicated delays.

In response, Mr Lucas revealed that recent feedback from Minister Mohwasa indicated that EU had initiated an audit of the funds due to the prolonged inertia.

"I have inquired about the road and Minister Mohwasa told me that there is an audit on the finances since they have been lying unused for a long time," Mr Lucas said, rallying his constituents to stand up for the project. He expressed fear that without strong public advocacy, the allocated funds could be redirected to road projects in other regions.

"One of our challenges is that we don't really know under which ministry this road falls as there are several players involved.

There's no mightier power than that of the electorate demonstrating their grievances against unfulfilled promises," he said. **BOPA**

Namibia hosts first African nuclear test verification exercise

WINDHOEK

Namibia is hosting the first Integrated Field Exercise in Africa, with about 250 international experts to test procedures and equipment used to investigate suspected nuclear test explosions.

In a statement issued on Monday, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation (CTBTO) said the exercise, running from October 10 to November 20 in Namibia's Erongo Region, is designed to assess readiness to conduct on-site inspections under the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT).

Namibia's Minister of International Relations and

Trade Selma Ashipala-Musavyi said hosting the exercise demonstrated the country's commitment to nuclear disarmament and contributed to strengthening the international on-site inspection system.

CTBTO Executive Secretary Robert Floyd said the exercise allowed participants to test and refine the operational readiness needed to conduct inspections when questions about compliance with the treaty cannot be resolved through diplomatic or other technical means.

The scenario-based activities include establishing a temporary base of operations in Swakopmund and conducting field activities in a designated

inspection area in the Erongo Region.

According to the CTBTO, an on-site inspection is a verification measure provided for under the CTBT.

Once the treaty enters into force, a state party may request such an inspection to clarify whether a nuclear test explosion has taken place. The request would require approval by the CTBTO Executive Council.

Namibia hosts two certified facilities near Tsumeb that form part of the treaty's International Monitoring System. The exercise follows similar integrated field exercises held in Kazakhstan in 2008 and Jordan in 2014, the CTBTO said. **Xinhua**



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MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE & SECURITY

Department of Broadcasting Services

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY

TENDERING PROCEDURES

T 1.1 TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

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

• Tender Title: **PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SPARE PARTS FOR MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTERS(TRAM 50-LCD, TRAM 25-LCD) FOR DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES**

• Sealed Tender offers are invited for **PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SPARE PARTS FOR MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTERS(TRAM 50-LCD, TRAM 25-LCD) FOR DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES**

• The Procuring Entity is **Department of Broadcasting Services**

• Procurement Method is: **OPEN DOMESTIC METHOD**

The Tenderer shall furnish the following documentary evidence to demonstrate that it meets the compliance criteria:

- (i) Local companies should be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority in the following categories:
Code: 203 Electrical, Electronic, Mechanical and ICT supplies
Sub codes: 02 –Broadcast Transmission equipment

• The tender is reserved for 100% citizens owned companies as stated under Section 76 (2) of the Public Procurement Act.

• Local Procurement Scheme Presidential Directive 19 (B)/2013 – which is in line with the Citizen Economic Empowerment Policy and Presidential Directive Cab no. 34 (B)/2014 & 11(A)/2010 on the “Economic Diversification Drive” will be applied in this tender.

• The physical address for collection of tender documents is:
Department of Broadcasting Services, Procurement Office no: 13, Transport Block, Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2, Gaborone, Botswana

• Documents may be collected during working hours between 0800hrs to 1230hrs and 1400hrs to 1530hrs effective from 14/10/2026.

• A non-refundable deposit of **P250.00** payable in cash must be made out in favour of the Government of Botswana or the entity stated in the tender document and must be paid on collection of the tender documents. Youth Companies shall purchase the ITT at 50% of the fee as per Presidential Directive CAB 14 (B) 2015 (**P125.00**) should be paid to: **Revenue office ,029, Administration Block (GROUND FLOOR), Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/ West Phase 2 , Gaborone ,Botswana**
• **(Cheques will not be accepted)**

• Queries or clarifications relating to the issuance of these documents may be addressed in writing not later than three (3) working days before the tender closing date to Didibeng Modisenyane, 365 3020 **Email: dmodisenyane@gov.bw**

• The closing date and time for receipt of sealed tender offers is **1000hours on the 30/10/2026**

• Late tender offers will not be accepted.

• The Bid Submission Method is: a single envelope or package submission, in which a tender document containing the financial and technical officer of a bidder is submitted together in one sealed envelope or packaging;
The Evaluation Method is: *Least Cost Selection-Supplies Evaluation Method*

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

• The Contractor/Supplier shall comply with all applicable data protection laws especially the Data Protection Act NO.18 of 2024 and implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal data in the control of and or data processed by Ministry for State President, Defence and Security.

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• The Tender documents shall be delivered to:
The Government Buyer, Ministry for State President, Defence and Security
Finance House Building, Floor 4,
Office 401 Government Enclave, Gaborone

The name and address of the bidder should be clearly marked on the envelope.

The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Standardised Conditions of Tender for Supplies shall apply to this procurement, for which all the applicable Tender Data is contained in the tender documents.

(Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, the Government of Botswana is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender offer)

Government Buyer
Ministry for State President, Defence and Security



The founder of Friends to Photography Conservation Society and the chief organiser of the Maun Photo Walk, Edwin Morolong. The walk is billed for November 21 at Maun Educational Park.

Maun Photo Walk returns for second edition

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Photographers, visual storytellers, conservationists, tourists and photography enthusiasts from across Botswana and beyond will participate in the Maun Photo Walk, aimed at exploring the cultural and environmental beauty of Maun through the lens.

Organised by Friends of Photography Conservation Society, the event will take place at Maun Educational Park on November 21, 2026.

Chief organiser, Edwin Morolong, confirmed the event in an interview, noting that following the success of its inaugural walk in 2025, the Maun Photo Walk returns for its second edition this year in partnership with Fauna Conservation Trust.

Inspired by a desire to promote storytelling, tourism, conservation, skills development and creative opportunities, the event encourages people to see their surroundings differently through photography.

Morolong said the success of the first edition had encouraged organisers to build on that foundation and create a bigger and more structured experience this year.

“The walk is open to everyone, from beginners and mobile photographers to experienced photographers, young people, tourists and members of the community because we want participants to explore the environment, connect with fellow creatives, learn from one another

and create images that tell stories about Maun, its people, culture and surroundings,” he said.

He described the walk as a community photography experience that brings people together to walk, explore and capture Maun through photography.

Morolong, a renowned local wildlife photographer, further said the activity would serve as a platform for creative exchange, networking and showcasing how photography could be used as a tool for storytelling and positive change.

The event, he said, would also feature other renowned local photographers who would assist with facilitation during the walk, giving participants an

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opportunity to learn, share ideas and gain practical experience.

He said photography was

a powerful storytelling tool, noting that a single frame could capture raw emotion and spark the viewer’s imagination without the need for words.

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country,” he said.

Morolong also appealed to the business community, organisations and individuals to come on board as partners and sponsors to support the vision and help create a lasting impact through the lens.

Meanwhile, Friends of Photography Conservation Society is a Maun-based organisation focused on using photography to educate, empower and create opportunities, particularly for young people.

Through training, mentorship and community programmes, the organisation promotes photography as a tool for creativity, storytelling, conservation and personal development. **BOPA**

Gastronomic festival to promote cultural ties

Loago Thomas
GABORONE

The Embassy of Angola in Botswana will host the inaugural Angolan Gastronomic Festival on October 17 at The Place Endaweni in Phakalane, using food, music and dance to promote cultural exchange between the two countries.

Billed as “Culinary Diplomacy,” the initiative forms part of the embassy’s cultural diplomacy efforts, seeking to bring the peoples of Angola and Botswana closer through traditional cuisine and artistic expression.

The festival will place Angolan gastronomy at the centre of a

cultural exchange experience, showcasing the flavours, local products and traditions that define the country’s culinary identity while promoting mutual understanding, cultural diversity and stronger bilateral ties.

Organisers said the event is intended to be more than a food festival. It will provide a platform for interaction and cultural sharing, offering Batswana and other communities living in Botswana an opportunity to discover Angola through its cuisine, music and dance.

Angola’s culinary heritage reflects the cultural diversity of its regions, with traditional recipes and cooking knowledge passed down through generations. Local ingredients, family traditions and

community practices have shaped a rich gastronomic identity that the embassy hopes to share with audiences in Botswana.

The festival will feature some of Angola’s iconic dishes, including funje, dried-meat calulu, fish calulu, bean kizaca, muamba kizaca, chicken muamba, cabidela and meadungo.

The dishes will offer guests an opportunity to explore Angola’s diverse culinary traditions, complemented by performances showcasing the country’s music and dance.

Through the inaugural event, the Embassy of Angola seeks to demonstrate the role of culture in fostering closer relations between nations and their people.

Gastronomy, organisers said,

could serve as a universal language that encourages dialogue, sparks curiosity about different cultures and creates connections through shared experiences.

Food has long provided a natural meeting point for communities, allowing people from different backgrounds to interact and learn from one another. For Angola and Botswana, such cultural encounters offer an opportunity to deepen people-to-people relations and strengthen regional ties.

The embassy hopes the festival will lay the foundation for a lasting tradition of cultural exchange in Botswana, enabling visitors to experience Angola’s heritage through its food, music and dance. **BOPA**



Full Bias B win SRR tournament

Khumile Moekejo
JWANENG

A team of seasoned players from Selebi Phikwe, Orapa and Gaborone clubs was on Sunday crowned the champions of the 2026 SRR Bowling Tournament, which was held in Jwaneng over the weekend.

Full Bias B triumphed over 17 other teams, accumulating 61 points and walking away with P12,000 prize money, a trophy and medals, followed by Diamond Eagles and The Entertainer who won P8,000 and P6000 after garnering 58 and 46 points respectively.

The tournament, now in its fourth year, was also graced by two teams from South Africa.

Speaking at the prize giving ceremony, Botswana Bowling Association president, Marea Modutlwa appreciated the development of sport from grassroots level.

She said the Re Ba Bona Ha programme, which Jwaneng was home to, was instrumental in stimulating interest in young people as well as the growth of bowling in general.

Modutlwa noted that most of the young talents were discovered through the programme, hence ensuring continuity between generations.

“As you are aware, this weekend, we had so many youth players taking part in this tournament and we will like to continue with that because these are our young players who feed into the national team.

“Every year we send youth players to represent us outside Botswana and more than 50 per cent of them come from Jwaneng, and we are really grateful for the support from Debswana and Jwaneng Bowling Club to grow Bowling from grassroots,” she



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said. She further noted that in an endeavour to support Jwaneng’s vision of being a sporting hub, the association had plans to bid for hosting the elite World Bowls Champion of Champion before 2032.

Modutlwa said they were working on a proposal and consultations with all the relevant stakeholders would determine the year and other related logistics.

“I am proud to say that the Botswana Bowling Association is working on a proposal to host the Champion of Champions here in Jwaneng, and that would need the support of all the stakeholders so we will accordingly reach out and work on the proposal,” she noted.

Jwaneng Mine Head of Underground Mining, Ben Swarts applauded the players for their participation and dedication to

the sport.

He said Bowling was a family sport, which was accommodative for all. “There is no other sport that you can compete against your son or daughter and encourage them to win. I understand why Botswana’s first gold medal at the Commonwealth was in Bowling,” he noted.

He urged them to keep encouraging others to join so

Bowling keeps growing in leaps and bounds.

Jwaneng Mayor, Ronica Ntsimako applauded the organisers and partners for their contribution in establishing Jwaneng as a sporting hub.

He said Jwaneng with its sport facilities, was capable of hosting big sporting events, which could augment the town’s economic diversification efforts. **BOPA**

Federation eyes volleyball revival

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
GABORONE

The discontinuation of school sports has contributed to the decline in Botswana’s volleyball standards, with the country falling from Africa’s top 10 to positions below 20, International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) executive vice president Daniel Molaodi has said.

Speaking at the Botswana Volleyball Federation (BVF) annual general meeting in Gaborone on Saturday, Molaodi said the absence of school sports had created a significant gap in player development, calling for urgent interventions to restore Botswana’s standing among Africa’s top-performing volleyball nations.

He said the lack of school-based volleyball programmes and coaches had weakened the sport’s development structures, making it necessary to introduce deliberate programmes to identify

and nurture talent.

Molaodi said Botswana needed to take stock of its performance, noting that the country was now losing to teams it previously competed against successfully.

He called for renewed commitment to grassroots development, saying restoring Botswana’s former standing would require a strong foundation for future generations of players.

On international participation, Molaodi warned clubs and players against crossing borders to compete in Zone IV tournaments without obtaining the required International Transfer Certificate (ITC).

He said failure to comply with international transfer regulations could have serious consequences for players, clubs, the federation and the country, including possible bans and sanctions.

Molaodi stressed that every team must have a federation of origin and that all players must be registered with the FIVB registration system

within the stipulated timelines.

He also stressed the need to register all volleyball officials, including coaches and referees,



Botswana Volleyball Federation executive vice president Daniel Molaodi

saying compliance was essential for effective administration of the sport.

Although acknowledging the challenges associated with meeting the requirements, he said Botswana had previously been a pacesetter and should strive to maintain that reputation through proper administration and adherence to international standards.

He further urged the BVF to appoint heads of delegation and team managers who understood the rules and regulations governing international volleyball to ensure compliance and avoid unnecessary sanctions.

Meanwhile, BVF president Odisitse Keotsene said the federation would prioritise school volleyball development and financial sustainability as it seeks to rebuild the sport following a year without activities in 2025.

Keotsene said school sports structures, suspended since 2020, had disrupted the talent pipeline,

prompting plans to reintroduce volleyball in selected schools through an Adopt-A-School initiative involving clubs.

The federation also plans to introduce mini volleyball for children under 13 and strengthen coaching and refereeing through certification programmes.

To support its development agenda, BVF intends to diversify sponsorship, reduce reliance on government grants and strengthen partnerships with sports organisations and educational institutions.

He said the federation’s 2026 - 2030 plan also targets improved facilities, including dedicated beach volleyball courts, and greater commercialisation of the national volleyball league.

The initiatives are intended to improve competitiveness, strengthen governance and establish a sustainable foundation for volleyball development in Botswana. **BOPA**