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Minister advocates adherence to policy

Esther Mmolai

MAUN

In cognisance of the prevailing economic situation, the business community has been implored to warm up to government's proposed minimum wage of P4,000 and to offer employment opportunities to the disabled, who are often

marginalised.

The call was made by Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major General Pius Mokgware, who noted that his ministry policy spoke to the development of conducive policies and strategic standards on labour that resonated with staff welfare merged with productivity.

Maj. Gen Mokgware, who was speaking during the grand opening of the revamped Halfway Toyota Ngami showroom in Maun, said

government remained resolute in creating an enabling environment for businesses to thrive and as such they believed that profitable companies could afford to improve worker welfare.

However, he appreciated that some companies such as Halfway Toyota Ngami had already heeded the call and had since started implementing the minimum wage of P4,000 immediately after its pronouncement.

"I am captivated by this development as it is part of

my everyday plea to several companies and non-governmental organisations that in cognisance of the economic circumstances, employers should help cushion their human capital" he added. He described the company as a law abiding entity as it prioritised staff welfare and protected its brand to ensure it blended well with customer service.

As government is envisaging to introduce a 24-hour economy, Maj. Gen Mokgware also expressed gratitude that Halfway Toyota had also introduced shift work - with work broken into eight-hour shifts.

The style, he said, was an enabling development for both employees and customers who could work or receive service beyond the normal working hours.

He said the country was faced with a serious challenge of unemployment among young people and believed that the 24-hour economy would be a solution to the challenge on the ground.

"This is an ambitious strategy that aims to create job opportunities and boost economic growth. The system goes beyond traditional business hours as it uses multiple shifts to boost productivity," he said as he commended Halfway Toyota for having created more than 180 jobs in Kasane, Maun and Serowe.

"This company is actively engaging its strengths in fulfilling part of government's responsibility, which is to offer labour and social security, promotion and diversification of strategic direction and guidance in the provision of competitive reforms of labour management and incentives" he stated.

Maj. Gen Mokgware also highlighted that his ministry would engage Halfway Toyota on the possibility of having the company enrol interns from the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVETs) programme to give them exposure and on-the-job experience especially those from



Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major Gen. Pius Mokgware

administrative and auto mobility courses.

Furthermore, he urged businesses to adopt the 24-hour economy strategy as it would also help open more business opportunities.

Government, he said, was planning to upgrade some border posts such as Martin's Drift, Pioneer Gate in Lobatse and Tlokweng to 24-hour operations to support the 24-hour economy.

Member of Parliament for Maun North, Mr Dumelang Saleshando appreciated the new development by the company, saying the move marked the beginning of their journey of expanding their presence across the country.

He said the development gave the community hope that life would be better through the company's corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme.

Mr Saleshando said schools in the region were academically underperforming because facilities were dilapidated, but expressed optimism that the company's CSR would help provide a conducive learning and teaching environment.

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Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (centre) participating in a clean-up campaign initiative at Gaborone West on Sunday, where he encouraged residents to keep the environment clean and beautiful as a reflection of national pride. He said tourism had become Botswana's new diamond, adding that its full potential could only be realised if the country's natural environment was properly maintained.

Photo: Pheno Moalosi

Clean environment drives tourism

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe

GABORONE

The Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe has urged the nation to maintain a clean environment to realise the full potential of tourism.

Mr Gaolathe, who was participating in a clean-up campaign initiative at Gaborone West on Sunday stressed that tourism had become Botswana's new diamond, with visitors from around the world coming to appreciate its natural beauty, including rivers and wildlife.

He explained that this potential could only be fully realised if the environment is maintained.

"Once the environment becomes an eyesore, it symbolises that the people do not care," said Mr Gaolathe who is also Member of Parliament for Gaborone

Bonnington South.

He said that it was time to diversify into other avenues such as tourism and human capital development.

Gaolathe urged the country to preserve its natural resources amid uncertain times.

While participating in the street clean-up, Mr Gaolathe interacted with various individuals along the route, including young children, whom he expressed great appreciation for during those brief exchanges. He commended those who took time out of their schedules to join the campaign, especially children, stressing that it was necessary to catch them young.

The national clean-up campaign, officially launched by President Advocate Duma Boko in March, aims to foster a culture of cleanliness, promote environmental stewardship, and improve public

health by designating the second Saturday of every month for community cleaning activities.

Bophirima ward councillor, Ms Mankie Sekete, appealed to the public, saying that when such initiatives were organised, regardless of political affiliation, all should attend and participate wholeheartedly.

She added that setting aside party differences was crucial for the campaign to succeed and serve the nation's best interests.

Furthermore, Ms Sekete urged that whenever people gather, they should normalise the practice of avoiding littering and discard the mentality that cleaning was the responsibility of hired workers. Instead, she called on everyone to take ownership of their environment for a cleaner, healthier country.

BOPA



Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major General Pius Mokgware has implored the business community to warm up to government's proposed minimum wage of P4,000 and to offer employment opportunities to the disabled, who were often marginalised. Maj. Gen Mokgware, who was speaking during the grand opening of the revamped Halfway Toyota Ngami showroom in Maun appreciated that some companies such as Halfway Toyota Ngami had already heeded the call and had since started implementing the minimum wage immediately after its pronouncement. Photo: Esther Mmolai

Authorities probe FMD threats on BMC

Taboka Ngwako
GABORONE

The Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti has revealed that investigations are underway into threatening emails sent to Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), raising concern over a possible link to the ongoing Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak.

Addressing the media during a briefing in Gaborone yesterday, he said two separate threats were received; the first sent in February, demanding a payment of US\$500,000 in Bitcoin, with the sender threatening to deliberately

spread FMD if the demand was not met.

The second email, sent around March, reportedly, questioned why the initial threat had been ignored.

"Relevant authorities are investigating the matter intensively to determine if the emails are linked to the FMD outbreak," Dr Dikoloti said.

However, Dr Dikoloti said the recent FMD outbreak at the Ramatlabama Artificial Insemination (AI) Training Centre was suspected to have been spread through human activity.

He indicated that preliminary investigations pointed toward lapses

in biosecurity protocols, with the disease likely introduced through contaminated clothing, equipment, or other materials handled by people. "Preliminary investigations revealed that no cattle had recently been introduced to or moved out of the farm, ruling out direct animal transmission," he said. He said the FMD outbreak recorded on March 31 was initially detected at Ramatlabama AI facility.

"This development comes despite a significant investment of approximately US\$9.4 million (over P100 million) in the biosecurity fence surrounding the facility," said Dr Dikoloti. The affected farm

currently houses 258 animals.

He said initial cases were identified within a group of 64 cattle, where two bulls showed clinical signs consistent with FMD. The Acting Minister also said that the FMD outbreak in Zone II had triggered strict movement restrictions on livestock, including the closure of the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) abattoir.

"The closure has negatively impacted the gains that the Botswana Meat Commission had recently begun to realise," the

minister said.

He explained that as a result of the outbreak, slaughter operations had been suspended at key facilities, including the Lobatse plant and other affected abattoirs, one of which had only recently secured licensing for domestic slaughter.

"Despite these setbacks, BMC had managed to slaughter 12 291 cattle, with over 95 per cent originally earmarked for the European Union market, and payments to farmers reached approximately P156.6 million," he said. **BOPA**

FMD outbreak in Zone II prompts temporary closure of Lobatse abattoir

Mpho Mosojane
GABORONE

The Botswana Meat Commission abattoir in Lobatse has temporarily shut down, a decision that was informed by the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Zone II, Southern part of Botswana.

This was done to allow for control interventions that will help restore the overall health integrity and compliance of the operation to control the disease.

Maun abattoir however, remains operational and efforts are underway to resuscitate the Francistown abattoir, Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti said during a press brief yesterday in Gaborone.

"There was already noticeable improvement that the BMC had registered but the closure of the abattoir has negatively impacted the gains."

Dr Dikoloti explained that as a result of the outbreak, slaughter operations had been suspended at key facilities which included Lobatse plant and other affected abattoirs, one of which had only recently secured licensing for domestic slaughter.

He further said government would donate around 50 000 FMD vaccines to Zimbabwe, to tighten its management and control efforts.

Dr Dikoloti said move, was a strategic alliance to ensure overall effective bilateral management of the disease across the two borders and the vaccines would supplement efforts evoked earlier this year, to continue containing the disease in the North-East Zones where the initial outbreak of the disease was reported.

Under the control plan, government has seamlessly restricted the movement of cloven-hoofed animals and their by-products beyond veterinary zones.

In spite of the existing

interventions by government to contain the disease, a recent outbreak has been confirmed in the GoodHope region, particularly in the Ramatlabama Artificial Insemination Centre.

Dr Dikoloti stated that the emergence of the disease in the Good Hope region, particularly Ramatlabama Artificial Insemination Centre suggested that there was need for more intentional approaches to manage the spread of the disease.

"Despite that there was zero movement of animals in or out of the Ramatlabama Centre, we still reported an outbreak, implying that it could have diffused through other means," said Dr Dikoloti, adding that government's approach would be more stringent and strategic, to the control of movement of animals within the veterinary zones.

Department of Veterinary Service acting director, Dr Kobedi Segale assured the nation that government had heavily invested necessary resources including highly qualified health professionals with the competencies required to help Botswana manage the scourge and restore its international reputation.

"Our aim is to recapture the markets we have already lost since the disease broke out," said Dr Segale and pleaded with farmers to tighten their oversight responsibilities regarding movement of animals across gazetted zones.

"Let's exercise patriotism and nationhood in our individual approaches to manage this scourge. We can only manage if farmers are selflessly invested in the control plan. This is a controllable disease, if we remain united and selfless, there would be no need for government to spend more in fighting it," he said.

So far, from the P97 million fund reserved for controlling the FMD scourge, P37 million has been utilised. **BOPA**



Acting President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe (left) receiving the first-ever Bible in Khwedam language from Tobera children during its launch on Saturday. Mr Gaolathe thanked the Bible Society of Botswana, for not only translating the Bible into Khwedam, but also into different local languages. \Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Khwedam Bible launch testament of inclusivity - Gaolathe

Kedirebofe Pelontle
TOBERA

The launch of a Khwedam translation of the Bible is a testament of inclusion of the indigenous languages of Botswana.

Vice President Mr Ndaba Gaolathe said this at the launch of the first-ever Khwedam Bible in Tobera, Okavango District on Saturday.

He said the Khwedam translation was a significant achievement in the safeguarding and promotion of indigenous languages.

The Khwedam native language is one of Khoisan languages spoken by the Khwe people, mainly found in Botswana and other Southern African countries such as Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Angola.

He said the Bible translation would ensure that the Khwe community understood the word of God better from their native language and added that indigenous languages were critical in the celebration of cultural identity and nation building.

Mr Gaolathe said Khwe people would have a voice and would be heard, and that they would also have dignity and will feel that they too belong in Botswana.

He appreciated the Bible Society of Botswana, the Lutheran Translators, the Khwe community and other stakeholders who all played a pivotal role in the Bible project.

According to Bible Society of Botswana chairperson, Ms Tumelo Tlhong, the Khwedam Bible translation project took 18 years to be completed.

Ms Tlhong observed that their organisation spearheaded indigenous languages translations to celebrate the diverse cultures of Botswana and to make the word of God accessible.

The Khwedam Bible, she observed, was part of existing and ongoing local language translations undertaken by the Bible Society of Botswana, including Shekgalagari, Ikalanga, Shiyeyi and sign language.

She thanked the government of

Botswana for leveling the playground for the promotion and preservation of indigenous language.

A board member of Lutheran Translators, Reverend Jim Laesch observed that the Khwe people were the first settlers in Botswana and other Southern Africa countries and that it was commendable that they had preserved their language and continued to pass it down from generation to generation.

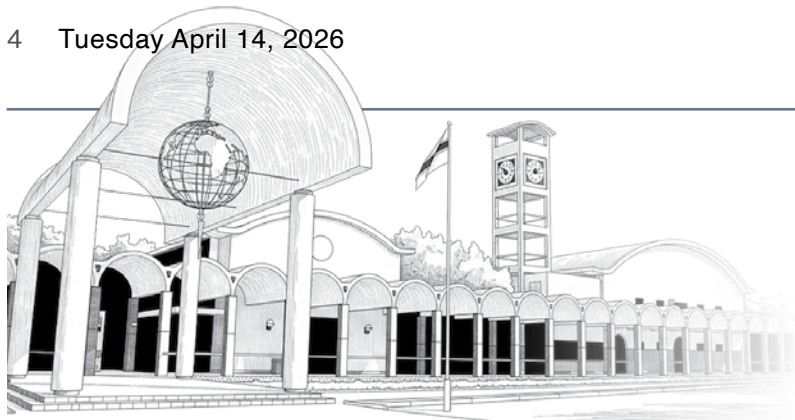
He said the Khwedam Bible project, that started in 1992, had faced the challenge of non-existence of literature and research in Khwedam language at inception.

He however, said the Lutheran Translators managed to reach a milestone in 2010 when some literature, learning materials and some scriptures were written and published, something that gave momentum to the now completed Khwedam Bible.

He said the Bible would help the Khwe people to hear God directly through their first language. **BOPA**

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PARLIAMENT 2026

MPs thumb up Bill to harmonise labour relations

Marvin Motlhabane
GABORONE

Members of Parliament have welcomed the Public Service Bill of 2026, which seeks to repeal and replace the existing Public Service Act with amendments to align it with current labour laws and international standards.

The Bill forms part of response to the 2017 recommendations by the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) Committee of Application of Standards. Debating the Bill recently, legislators unanimously supported it.

MP for Mmadinare, Mr Kethlalefile Motshegwa, highlighted that the ILO recommendations included allowing prison service employees to unionise in line with ILO Convention 87, amending the Trade Dispute Act and the Trade Unions and Employers' Organisations Act to conform with international standards and maintaining ongoing liaison with the ILO for a comprehensive review of labour relations and laws.

Mr Motshegwa added that government was also expected to develop, in consultation with tripartite partners, a time-bound action plan for implementing the ILO directives and report progress directly to the Committee of Application of Standards.

He expressed satisfaction that the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs had already made significant progress by enacting the Employment and Labour Relations Act, which was now fully operational.

He described the introduction of the revised Public Service Bill as the 'cherry on top', saying it would foster robust cooperation among government, employers, employees and trade unions to build harmonious labour relations.

"Swift harmony between government, employers, employees and trade unions is essential for building a resilient and progressive economy in an atmosphere of peace and democratic maturity," Mr Motshegwa said.

He stressed that national productivity depended on employees being satisfied with their conditions of service. He urged government to invest more in the morale, motivation, welfare and human rights of workers before demanding full delivery in the workplace.

In return, he said employees should also reciprocate by delivering results.

He welcomed the inclusion of paternity

leave provisions in the Bill, saying the matter required thorough consideration to allow fathers adequate time to bond with their newborn children.

Mr Motshegwa also emphasised the need for legal protection of union leaders, calling for clear distinction between their representational duties and political activism.

"Union leaders exist to represent the aspirations, ideas and commitments of employees, not their own," he said.

On the education sector, he noted that deregulation process for teachers would help align their conditions of service with the unique nature of their work, addressing long-standing issues that had hindered their ability to deliver with integrity and dedication.

He added that the welfare of teachers remained critical to the development of the nation's future.

He further observed that the Bill came at an opportune time following the collapse of the bargaining council, thereby reinforcing international standards, particularly ILO Convention 98 on the right to organise and collective bargaining.

That, he said, would enable trade unions to negotiate effectively on issues of service delivery and fair remuneration.

He also noted that the Employment and Labour Relations Act provided for objective and impartial dispute resolution mechanisms, including withdrawal of government from mediation and arbitration processes.

MP for Maun East, Mr Goretsetse Kekgonogile, called for the inclusion of firm timelines in the Bill to eliminate grey areas, proposing that the term 'reasonable period' be replaced with specific timeframes.

He recommended amending Section 59(c) to provide legal immunity and protection for whistleblowers, including keeping their identities confidential at all times, to encourage reporting and help curb corruption in government institutions.

Mr Kekgonogile welcomed Section 14 of the Bill for clearly outlining the roles that the Permanent Secretary to the President (PSP) may delegate.

On sexual discrimination in the workplace, he urged government to embed firm policies across all ministries and to be intentional in protecting victims.

He proposed that sexual harassment awareness be taught to all public officers through workshops, chats and pictorial materials to prevent future occurrences.

BOPA



Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (right) and Minister of Water and Human Settlement, Mr Onneetse Ramogapi during a recent Parliament session. Mr Mohwasa said the proposed Public Service Bill of 2026 aimed to repeal and re-enact the current Public Service Act.

Photo: Washa Bofelwang

Public Service Bill to guarantee rights for casual and part-time workers

Marvin Motlhabane
GABORONE

A new era for public officers is imminent as the proposed Public Service Bill of 2026 introduces milestone protection for government employees.

The Bill moves beyond traditional employment structures to offer expanded parental entitlements, including paternity and adoption leave and creates a legal safety net for casual and part-time workers.

With focus on eradicating workplace harassment and formalising collective bargaining through new sectoral councils, the legislation represents a fundamental shift toward a more equitable and modern workplace.

Presenting the Bill to Parliament recently, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, explained that the Bill aimed to repeal and re-enact the current Public Service Act (Cap. 26:01).

Minister said the primary objective was to align it with labour laws and international standards and ensure that the public service was consistent with current employment and labour laws, international labour conventions and global best practices.

According to the Memorandum accompanying the Bill, he said the objectives would be achieved through a comprehensive overhaul structured in 19 parts. Mr Mohwasa said the proposed legislation introduced several progressive measures, including new leave entitlements such as adoption leave, commissioning parental leave and paternity leave to align with the Employment and Labour Relations Act and ILO standards.

He noted that it also provided stronger safeguards for pregnant and nursing mothers, including prohibitions on serving termination notices during maternity leave and the right to time off to nurse a child.

In addition, Mr Mohwasa said the Bill introduced fairer employment contracts, noting that casual workers averaging more

than 22½ hours per week over 12 months would automatically be deemed employed on indefinite terms, while part-time and fixed-term contracts must not offer conditions less favourable than those of permanent staff.

He further stated that employers would be required to promote equality and take active steps to prevent discrimination, violence and harassment in the workplace, adding that the legislation set out clear rules on ordinary working hours, rest periods, overtime payment and emergency work.

He said the reform included updated provisions for dispute resolution and collective bargaining, such as the establishment of a Public Service Bargaining Council, sectoral bargaining councils, union recognition procedures and good-faith bargaining obligations.

He said rules governing lawful strikes and lockouts were also included, alongside protections for essential services, together with revised disciplinary and termination procedures covering unfair dismissal, misconduct and operational requirements such as retrenchment.

Mr Mohwasa further told Parliament that the Bill sought to modernise the structure and administration of the public service, clarify the roles and duties of the Permanent Secretary to the President, permanent secretaries and director general of the Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) as well as strengthen human resource management standards.

He described the Bill as a comprehensive reform aimed at creating a more professional, rights-based and efficient public service that met both local needs and international obligations.

The minister emphasised that the development presented by the Bill was the first major overhaul of public service legislation in over two decades and was being closely watched by public officers, trade unions and civil society organisations across Botswana. **BOPA**

Lawmakers call for merit in proposed Public Service reforms

Marvin Motlhabane
GABORONE

Lawmakers have warned that the Public Service Act will remain ineffective unless government aggressively tackles corruption and replaces political patronage with a strictly merit-based appointment system.

Contributing to the debate on the Public Service Bill of 2026, presented by Minister for State President, Defence and Security recently, MP for Okavango West, Mr Kenny Kapinga argued that poor leadership had caused the public sector's deterioration over the years.

Mr Kapinga opined that placing incompetent people in key positions, especially accounting roles, undermined

confidence and reduces productivity.

He emphasised that public service leaders must uphold high ethical standards and eliminate corruption, noting that the same principles applied to political leadership, which served as a role model for subordinates.

"If political leaders are corrupt, subordinates will follow suit," Mr Kapinga said, citing past cases where some public servants amassed unexplained wealth due to weak accountability.

On promotions, he urged government to avoid promoting workers into redundancy and to base promotions on merit and performance rather than years of service.

He supported the idea of a fan-shaped progression structure to prevent inefficiency. Mr Kapinga warned against public servants actively engaging in partisan politics, saying

they should only quietly associate with parties of their choice to avoid dividing the civil service.

He recommended forcing employees with excessive leave days to take leave to prevent corruption risks and called for measures to address public servants who commit their entire salaries to loans, describing it as discreditable conduct.

He also proposed decentralising some Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) functions to ministries to reduce bureaucracy and stressed that hiring must be based on merit and relevant expertise.

MP for Metsimothabe-Mmopane, Ms Helen Manyeneng, welcomed the Bill, saying it aligned with the ILO Convention and protected workers' rights violated in past strikes at Debswana and BCL.

She highlighted issues of favouring foreign workers over qualified locals, preventing unionisation and unfair wage practices.

MP for Kgatleng Central, Mr Mpho Morolong, supported paternity leave but urged similar leave for women during menstrual periods to ease period pains affecting productivity.

He called for commitment allowances for critical roles and better monetary rewards plus promotions for high performers. MP for Francistown East, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi, advocated accelerated promotions for excellent performers and welcomed protections for probationary staff against unfair termination.

He opposed public servants engaging in politics that undermined government. **BOPA**

CEDA injects P696m into over 1 000 businesses

GABORONE

The Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) continues to serve as Botswana's key development finance institution, providing affordable loans, guarantees, equity participation and business advisory services across manufacturing, property, services and agribusiness.

This was said by Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe, when responding to a question in Parliament recently.

Minister Mathoothe said as at the end of December 2025 or third quarter of the 2025/26 financial year, CEDA had invested P696 million in 1 716 businesses, directly creating 3 109 new jobs while safeguarding another 1 569 existing positions.

On the collections front, he said the Agency recovered P814 million and generated P207 million in revenue. "CEDA's market-based prime lending rate stands at 10.76 per cent, with a generous three per cent subsidy for businesses in priority sectors such as manufacturing, agribusiness, mining, energy, construction, technology, creative industries and tourism," he said.

Mr Mathoothe said youth, women and persons with disabilities continued to benefit from flexible collateral requirements, while all clients received free monitoring, mentoring and training support.

He added that the Agency was implementing its new five-year corporate strategy, *Katlego ya Mogwebi*, which focused on inclusive, sustainable growth for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMMEs), citing that key high-impact initiatives already underway included the Manufacturing Revival

programme, under which a special P25 million budget, had been set aside for distressed manufacturers in the SPEDU region, coupled with restructuring, turnaround support, market linkages and skills training.

"The Agency is also rolling out the 60/40 Funding Strategy, which directs 60 per cent of funds to high-value, high-impact projects while ring-fencing 40 per cent for development and inclusion-focused enterprises," he said.

To tackle liquidity and non-performing loans, he said the CEDA launched the Collection Ramp-Up project, known as Road to Recovery, in August 2025, which he indicated had already recovered an additional P226 million.

He added that in November 2025, the Agency introduced the A-Di-Tsale Financial Suite, comprising five new cattle-focused products, which included Thuo-Khumo, Assisted Reproductive Technology, Fodder Production, Cattle Production Fund and Group Funding, to complement government's livestock programme.

"Further initiatives encompass the Youth Farm Model and Letsema Horticulture Revamp, which will establish agricultural clusters near urban centres and modernise the horticulture market to boost youth entrepreneurship, food security and market access," he stated.

The assistant minister further said the Poultry Financial Suite, developed in partnership with Local Enterprise Authority (LEA), would support the entire poultry value chain with special emphasis on



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rural communities, youth, women and persons with disabilities.

"CEDA Textile is revitalising the sector by focusing on school uniform production to cut imports, create jobs, especially for women, and build local capacity," he stated, adding that the A-Di-Tsale Small Stock Expansion Programme would introduce specialised financing for goat and sheep production.

In the mining sector, he said the CEDA was collaborating with Morupule Coal Mine and other operations to fund citizen-owned transport and logistical services.

Mr Mathoothe said additional cross-cutting efforts included full digitisation of systems, resource mobilisation to reduce reliance on government subventions, equity participation in high-performing projects and rollout of an Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) framework.

Meanwhile, the assistant minister reaffirmed CEDA's commitment to driving Botswana's economic diversification through citizen entrepreneurship. MP for Mogoditshane West, Mr Galenawabo Lekau, had asked the minister to give a comprehensive overview of CEDA's performance, including its current strategy. **BOPA**

Promotional policy drives district council recruitment

GABORONE

Majority of vacancies in district councils are filled through internal advertisements because they are mostly promotional positions, Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ignatius Moswaane has said.

Responding to a question in Parliament recently, Mr Moswaane said district councils considered internal employees for competencies and skills retention, career growth and performance recognition, as guided by the recruitment policies. He said in the absence of internal qualified staff, vacant positions were advertised externally.

Regarding interns, Mr Moswaane noted that they form part of the graduates who were absorbed from the Botswana Labour Market Information System (LMIS) database for district councils' entry level positions and were allocated 80 per cent quota, whereas 20 per cent was allocated for internal employees, as guided

by the Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM).

"The 80/20 recruitment principle from the graduates' databases, as well as, a waiver for interns and Tirelo Sechaba participants, were some of the measures in place to ensure that young professionals were not unfairly excluded from accessing district council employment opportunities," he said.

Member of Parliament for Kanye East, Mr Prince Mosanana, had asked the minister to explain why majority of district councils' vacancies were filled through internal advertisements and the quota, if any, allocated for interns and Tirelo Sechaba participants, given that individuals not registered in the councils' employment database had extremely limited chances of applying.

Mr Mosanana also wanted to know the measures in place to ensure that young professionals were not unfairly excluded from accessing council employment opportunities. **BOPA**

Government spends over P70m into World Athletics Relays

GABORONE

Government has committed over P70 million towards hosting the 2026 World Athletics Relays to position Botswana to reap significant economic, sporting and global visibility benefits from the international event.

Responding to a question in Parliament recently, Minister of Sport and Arts, Mr Jacob Kelebeng said the investment was aimed at ensuring that Botswana successfully hosted the prestigious competition and unlock long-term gains for the local economy and sport sector.

Minister Kelebeng said Cabinet had initially approved P39 million for the event, with an additional P32 million later allocated for refurbishment of the National Stadium and the University of Botswana tracks.

The minister said hosting of the World Relays presented a strategic opportunity for Botswana to showcase its capacity on the global stage.

"This event will attract athletes, officials and supporters from across the world, creating business opportunities for sectors such as hospitality, transport and tourism," he said.

He added that the games were expected to be broadcast by more than 150 international television stations, significantly boosting Botswana's international profile.

Beyond economic gains, Minister Kelebeng said the event would directly benefit local athletes, who would have the opportunity to compete at world-class level on home soil and gain automatic qualification. He noted that hosting

the relays would also contribute to skills development, particularly through initiatives such as the World Athletics Media Academy, which was expected to train journalists from Botswana and across the region.

Mr Kelebeng further said the investment would leave a lasting legacy through improved sport infrastructure, including upgrades to the National Stadium and the University of Botswana tracks.

He said funds would also cover performance bonds, broadcasting rights, specialised equipment and operational costs of the local organising committee.

He added that despite the significant investment, an additional P21.5 million was still required to finalise preparations for the event scheduled Gaborone on May 2-3. He indicated that as preparations continued, a full post-event report covering technical delivery and financial accounting would be presented to Parliament in due course.

The minister also called on Members of Parliament to encourage the public to support the event. "Let us fill up the stadium and proudly support Team Botswana," he said.

Member of Parliament for Chobe, Mr Simasiku Mapulanga had asked the minister to appraise the National Assembly on the financial support the ministry had rendered to the World Relays organising committee.

Mr Mapulanga also asked for a breakdown of the envisaged expenditure of the finances as well as the anticipated impact of the ministry's financial support. **BOPA**



EMPOWERING YOUNG GIRLS THROUGH GEMS

Since 2021, the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) has hosted the Girls Excelling in Mathematics and Science (GEMS) programme under the sponsorship of Botswana Insurance Holdings Limited Trust (BIHL Trust).

The BIUST-GEMS initiative is a structured mentorship and motivational programme designed to empower high-potential female students in Form 4 who have elected to pursue pure science subjects. The programme specifically targets students with a demonstrated interest in building careers within Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields. Through mentorship, academic enrichment, career exposure, and role-model engagement, the initiative aims to:

- Strengthen participants' confidence and academic performance in STEM subjects
- Provide guidance on STEM career pathways
- Increase female representation in STEM disciplines at tertiary level
- Contribute to national human capital development objectives



The continued partnership between BIHL and BIUST reflects a shared commitment to advancing gender inclusion and educational excellence within Botswana's STEM ecosystem. Since inception, the programme has hosted three cohorts: the first intake in 2021, followed by subsequent cohorts in 2023 and 2024. The programme was implemented across six geographically distant senior secondary schools to ensure equitable access for learners in remote communities:

- Mahupu Unified Secondary School
- Tsabong Unified Secondary School
- Matsha College
- Gantsi Senior Secondary School
- Shakawe Senior Secondary School
- Maun Senior Secondary School

The seminar was highly informative and motivational. It also provided a structured opportunity for the girls to reflect on and evaluate their chosen career paths against the broader body of knowledge and exposure gained throughout the programme.

Each GEMS team was required to develop and present a project that showcased their innovation, leadership potential, and creativity qualities that are critically needed in our country, particularly among girls and young women. The projects were evaluated through a formal judging process, with teams ranked from first to sixth place. The quality and relevance of the submissions highlighted the practical application and utility of science. For example, the Shakawe GEMS team (Cohort 1) developed a mosquito repellent derived from an indigenous tree, demonstrating how local knowledge and scientific principles can be combined to address community challenges. Beyond the individual projects, the programme underscored the transformative role that grassroots education can play in shaping a nation's future. It demonstrated that sustained investment in science education lays the foundation for a knowledge driven society one capable of critical thinking, problem-solving, and purpose-driven innovation.

SCHOOL	PROJECT TITLE
2021 COHORT	
Mahupu USS	Changing Hard Water to Soft Water
Tsabong USS	The GEMS E-school; Complete Online Study Platform for the BGCSE
Matsha College	GIATIO's Vachellia Erioloba Products and Gene Manipulation
Gantsi SSS	Egg Shells and Moringa Olifera seeds and Eco-Friendly, low-cost solution to wastewater treatment
Shakawe SSS	Using Indigenous Plants to Make Mosquito Repellents
Maun SSS	The Rocket Stove – Healthier and sustainable cooking
WINNERS:	Position 1 Shakawe Secondary School
	Position 2 Gantsi Senior Secondary School
	Position 3 Tsabong Unified Secondary School
2023 COHORT	
Mahupu USS	Development of a Simple Hydroponic System Using Manure
Tsabong USS	Integrated Management Approaches for Controlling Prosopis Juliflora: A Case Study in (Tsabong Region).
Matsha College	A Remedy for Curing Headaches Using a Local Plant
Gantsi SSS	Morama Bean (tylosema esculentum): A Green Combat Economic and Nutritional Conundrum in Botswana
Shakawe SSS	A Solar Oven
Maun SSS	IOT Fertilizer Irrigation System
WINNERS:	Position 1 Gantsi Senior Secondary School
	Position 2 Shakawe Senior Secondary School
	Position 3 Maun Senior Secondary School
2024 COHORT	
Tsabong USS	Harnessing the Power of Nature: Medicinal and Industrial uses of Elephantorza Elephantia
Mahupu USS	Transforming Wastewater into a Safer Resource
Matsha College	Sustainable Products of Indigenous Plants in Botswana
Gantsi	Sustainable Purification of Heavy Metals From Water Sources in Botswana
Shakawe SSS	A Data Driven Approach to solving Monitoring gaps in a School Environment
Maun SSS	Smart Foot and Mouth Disease Biosensor
WINNERS:	Position 1 Gantsi Senior Secondary School
	Position 2 Mahupu Unified School
	Position 3 Matsha College





Daily Business

Halfway expansion signals economic transformation

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

The expansion of Halfway Toyota Ngami in Maun reflects growing private sector confidence in Botswana's economic direction and a shared commitment to building a better future for Botswana, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Moeti Mohwasa, said Friday.

Speaking at the official opening of the new dealership, Minister Mohwasa said the investment shows the private sector is taking its rightful place at the centre of the country's development journey.

"As Botswana transitions toward a more diversified, inclusive and private sector-driven economy, the shift is not abstract. It is visible, and it is taking shape in Maun," he said.

Mohwasa noted that the dealership does more than expand business. "It enables movement of people, goods and opportunity. It strengthens tourism, supports local enterprise and improves connectivity in a region that plays a critical role in our national economy," he said, welcoming the company's partnership in nation building.

He added that the 2026 Budget Speech reinforces this direction, stating that Botswana is entering a new era where growth will be driven by productivity, enterprise and innovation.

"Maun is not just a town on the map. It is a gateway to one of the world's most iconic tourism destinations and to regional economic activity. When people invest in Maun, they invest in a broader ecosystem: tourism operations, transport services, small businesses and communities that depend on a vibrant local economy," Mohwasa said.

He stressed that development must be measured in opportunity. "It is measured in jobs created, skills developed, and in the dignity that comes from meaningful work. We are building an economy that does not leave people behind, an economy that creates sustainable jobs, empowers citizens, and ensures that growth is shared."

Government, he said, remains committed to improving the ease of doing business, strengthening institutions and ensuring policies support growth. "Investors need certainty, efficiency and trust. We are determined to provide exactly that," he added.

Halfway Group Botswana Chief Executive Officer Riann Grobbler said the expansion journey began in June 2024 with a vision to create a dealership that serves as a pillar of service, trust and long-term partnership.

"We set out to bring world-class automotive solutions closer to this region, solutions that are accessible, reliable and tailored to the needs of the people we serve," said Halfway Group Botswana

chief executive officer, Mr Riann Grobbler.

Beyond vehicles and services, he said their ambition has always been to build relationships, empower mobility and contribute meaningfully to the local community.

Mr Grobbler said the construction journey was not smooth as it began during a period marked by extreme drought conditions that affected not only their operation but the broader

community and environment around them.

Resources, he said were strained, timelines were challenged and every step forward required careful planning and adaptability.

"Despite the obstacles, we adapted, innovated and pushed forward together and today we stand with immense pride because this dealership is built on perseverance, teamwork, faith and belief," he stated.

Mr Grobbler assured the public that the dealership would serve as more than just a point of sale of service but it would be a hub of excellence where customers could expect professionalism, transparency and care at touchpoint.

He pledged their commitment to contribute to the growth and development of Ngami land by creating jobs, supporting local initiatives and fostering skills development. **BOPA**



Lake Agriculture Export marketer Mr Robert Mathews (right) showcasing a high breed maize designed to yield a high crop during dry seasons to Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe (left) at the Masama Farmers' Market on Saturday. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

Collaborative farming initiatives drives GDP growth

Keamogetse Setilo
MASAMA

Collaborative initiatives have the capacity to make agriculture the leading contributor to Botswana's Gross Domestic Product, Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship Baratiwa Mathoothe said Saturday.

Speaking at the Masama Farmers' Market in Masama under the theme "Smart Farming for Inclusive Economic Growth and Food Sovereignty," Mathoothe said agriculture is the cornerstone for unlocking access to lucrative markets and advancing national economic growth.

"Horticulture and livestock farming, agro-processing, and agri-business services present diversified opportunities across the entire value chain," Mathoothe told

attendees.

"Their effective harnessing would reduce the import bill and precipitate a substantial expansion in employment creation, investment opportunities, and comprehensive economic growth."

The assistant minister called for a paradigm shift in agricultural practices, noting that many local producers had farmed at subsistence level despite owning land adequate for large-scale cultivation.

He urged producers to pursue farming as a commercial enterprise, adding that collaborative arrangements would yield superior outputs and productivity.

"Collaborations with technology-based solutions enterprises would alleviate the burden of technologically oriented challenges prevalent in agriculture," he said. "The leasing of arable land would prove mutually advantageous to

both cultivator and landholder. The acquisition of land by cooperatives for agricultural ventures would establish an enduring legacy."

Mr Mathoothe cited the Setswana adages 'Moroto wa esi ga o ele' and 'Setshwarwa ke ntsa pedi ga se thata' to underscore the value of cooperation.

He also advised farmers to remain vigilant and adhere strictly to all protocols and control measures instituted to mitigate foot and mouth disease, which he said continues to be a thorn in the agricultural sector.

Ms Lembie Tlhalerwa, Director of Kwenantle Farmers and Temontle PTY Ltd, concurred with Mr Mathoothe's observations, asserting that cooperation and unity through collaborative frameworks are fundamental to turning the wheels of Botswana's economy.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tariff policy to bolster market access for Zimbabwe

HARARE - China's zero-tariff policy for 53 African countries with diplomatic ties to Beijing, effective May 1, is poised to bolster market linkages for Zimbabwean blueberry exporters, industry insiders have said during the Zimbabwe-China Horticulture Buyers Engagement, which concluded on Friday. The Horticultural Development Council (HDC), representing Zimbabwe's horticultural exporters, said it has been spearheading efforts to sign trade protocols with China for Zimbabwe commodities with strong export potential, particularly blueberries. **Xinhua**

Libya fiscal path unsustainable - IMF

TRIPOLI - The International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Friday depicted Libya's current fiscal trajectory as "unsustainable" due to persistent high deficits and increasing pressures on the exchange rate, foreign reserves and inflation. The assessment was published in a report on the agency's official website following its consultations with the Central Bank of Libya. The report said Libya urgently needs fiscal policy adjustments, warning that continued high spending of oil revenues could deepen vulnerabilities, particularly if oil prices return to normal levels in the future, making expenditure adjustment more difficult. Libya has significant economic potential, but current indicators point to growing risks in the balance of payments, particularly regarding foreign currency shortages, which could negatively affect citizens' living conditions, it added. **Xinhua**

Firm builds bridge to boost connectivity

ABUJA - A 630-meter landmark bridge constructed by a Chinese firm has been officially commissioned in Nigeria's southern state of Bayelsa, marking a major milestone in connectivity and socio-economic integration in the country's delta region. Inaugurated by Nigerian President Bola Tinubu on Friday, the Oporoma Bridge, executed by the China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC), spans across the River Nun, a major tributary of the lower Niger River. The bridge, recognised as a key project under the framework of infrastructure cooperation between China and Nigeria, will provide the first-ever vehicular access to Oporoma, the headquarters of the Southern Ijaw Local Government Area, after the riverine community had remained inaccessible by road and relied solely on water transportation for over 60 years. **Xinhua**

Beauty Queen turns to Agripreneurship

Thamani Shabani
TONOTA

Tonota District Council hosted the Queens Harvest Expo on Friday, celebrating the journey of Miss RADP 2023, Gosego Sego, from beauty queen to young agripreneur.

Ms Sego used her P70 000 pageant prize money to launch an integrated farming enterprise. She has since combined crop production, poultry farming, and drilled a borehole to support her agricultural activities. Speakers at the colourful event praised Ms Sego for defying stereotypes that Basarwa were lazy and unable to fend for themselves.

Tonota District Council secretary, Ms Mogomotsi Seemule said Ms Sego had made the district proud.

She noted that beyond beauty, Ms Sego has brains and purpose, showing that dedication delivered results.

She described Ms Sego as a businessperson in her own right, serving as both manager and boss of her enterprise.

Ms Seemule added that Ms Sego did not put her crown before her business.

“When the crown comes off, she is quick to put on her farming clothes and get to work, driven by passion and the need to put food on the table,” she added.

Ms Seemule said Ms Sego has shown how to use prize money to its full potential. Unlike other beneficiaries who misused funding, Ms Sego proved that passion, dedication, and perseverance could bring results.

Tonota District Commissioner, Mr Keabetswe

Lesiela challenged the council to hold similar expos for other beneficiaries of government programmes, giving them a platform to market and sell their products.

For her part, Ms Sego said the journey was not easy, but that dedication and passion had driven her success.

She stressed that nothing came easy in business and every Thebe counted. She revealed plans to digitise her project and confirmed she has opened

a business account to manage operations. **BOPA**



Miss RADP 2023, Gosego Sego (right) selling farm produce during the Queens Harvest Expo hosted by Tonota District Council on Friday. Photo: Thamani Shabani

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“All too frequently as producers we disregard a fundamental truth: no man is an island.

We frequently elect to operate in silos, clipping one another’s wings, driven by the ambition to be the first and sole accomplished producer,” she remarked.

Ms Tlhalerwa cautioned producers against the hoarding of resources, expertise, and knowledge, contending that such practices would inevitably result in a stagnant agricultural sector.

She further petitioned the Assistant Minister to consider the development of tailored agriculture-based programmes, whether in the form of financial assistance or alternative support mechanisms, directed at

subsistence producers seeking to transition to commercial operations.

She noted that while many producers possess the requisite determination, they lack adequate resources to upscale their agricultural methods and scale.

She moreover challenged producers to cultivate innovation and market acumen, asserting that such an approach could reduce national dependence on imports and positively augment employment creation.

The event’s organiser Ms Tsone Setlalekgosi, stated that the conception of the event arose from the identification of a gap in prevailing agricultural exhibitions.

“I came up with the Masama Farmers’ Market upon observing that, in most instances, farmers’ markets predominantly cater to livestock producers, thereby excluding crop and horticultural producers.

My objective was to empower those who are often overlooked, and to afford them an opportunity to demonstrate their excellence without being overshadowed,” she explained.

Ms Setlalekgosi further acknowledged that the success of Masama Farmers’ Day was attributable to collaborative measures, noting that she had sought out assistance from various farmers to bring the concept to life.

“In the absence of unity and

cooperation, this event would not have come to fruition. I challenge all producers to unite, constitute functional advocacy groups or committees, and furnish the government with, on-the-ground insights to facilitate the designing of programmes that are more appropriately tailored and beneficial to all farmers,” she said.

District Agricultural Coordinator Mr Kenneth Mabote urged producers to avail themselves of collaborative opportunities and to engage both governmental and private sector entities in joint initiatives, adding that the government’s doors remained open for consultations pertaining to the advancement of the agricultural sector. **BOPA**

South Africa seeks sci-tech cooperation with China

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa is looking to deepen cooperation with China in key areas such as artificial intelligence (AI), clean energy and youth exchanges, Minister of Science, Technology, and Innovation Blade Nzimande has said.

“We have fairly extensive relations with China on science, technology and innovation,” Nzimande told Xinhua in a recent interview, noting that the cooperation is strongly supported by the two countries’ all-round strategic cooperative partnership in the new era.

He identified AI as one of the most important new frontiers in bilateral cooperation, covering areas ranging from regulatory

coordination to researcher exchanges and knowledge sharing. Highlighting the joint AI research network between South Africa and China, Nzimande described joint research programs as the ‘bedrock’ of cooperation, saying that he would elevate AI now as one of the most critical areas in the partnership.

China’s relatively advanced science and technology environment could help empower other developing countries, he added, expressing hope that China would continue playing a critical role in promoting inclusive AI cooperation.

Clean energy is another major priority in bilateral cooperation, Nzimande said, adding that South Africa is seeking closer

collaboration with China in hydrogen energy, green ammonia and low-carbon technologies linked to the mining and energy sectors, noting South Africa’s rich endowment of platinum group minerals and strong renewable energy potential, Nzimande said collaboration in hydrogen fuel cell technologies represents an important opportunity for both sides.

“We foresee deepening relations with China in that particular area (clean energy), which is actually very important for us,” he said. Beyond bilateral cooperation and Belt and Road cooperation, South Africa and China are also working closely together within multilateral frameworks such as BRICS, the Group of 20, and UNESCO

platforms, where cooperation in emerging technologies continues to expand, he added.

Nzimande highlighted cooperation on the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) as an important example of collaboration, noting that the project brings together multiple international partners, including South Africa and China, to advance frontier astronomy research.

The SKA is a network of thousands of radio antennas of varying types and sizes, including SKA-Low in Western Australia and SKA-Mid in South Africa’s Northern Cape. The project is jointly funded, built and run by more than 10 countries, with China among the seven founding members and a signatory to the Square Kilometer

Array Observatory Convention signed in 2019.

Speaking of human resources development, Nzimande said young scientist exchange programmes between the two countries are of great significance.

“The two countries have very talented young people,” he said, adding that cooperation between young talent is a “pillar” of bilateral relations.

This year marks the China-Africa Year of People-to-People Exchanges, Nzimande said ongoing cooperation among young scientists is helping promote the sharing of ideas, knowledge and research experience. “Those exchanges are very important as part of people-to-people exchanges,” he added.

Xinhua

Hikuama calls for learner-friendly transportation

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

Member of Parliament for Maun West, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama, has called on government to introduce safe and learner-friendly school buses by establishing a comprehensive, nationwide policy framework to ensure safety, efficiency and accessibility of school transportation.

Presenting a motion in Parliament recently, Mr Hikuama said it was important to professionalise school transit and turn the school bus into a mobile extension of the classroom where safety was non-negotiable.

He argued that the cornerstone of a robust education system lied not only in classroom quality but in safe and accessible journeys to school, noting that inconsistent standards currently undermined youth well-being and equity.

"We cannot talk about the right to education if we do not guarantee the right to a safe journey to school. Currently, thousands of our learners begin their day in a state of anxiety squeezed into unregulated vehicles or walking miles along dangerous roads," Mr Hikuama said.

He indicated that school transportation was currently a fragmented and informal sector in many regions. He said learners often relied on overcrowded public transit, which exposed minors to adult environment and safety risks, while others were subjected to long, exhausting walks and often in the dark or inclement weather, that led to fatigue and poor academic performance.

"Current transport lacks standardisation and creates a postal code lottery where learners in rural areas like Tsanokona, Koromo, Xobe, Xana and other remote areas around the country rely on perilous walks over 15km or on recently phased-out donkey carts, while urban ones face congested and overcrowded min-buses without basic safety features like seatbelts or child-appropriate seating," he said.

Qualifying the motion, Mr Hikuama stated that government had a constitutional and moral obligation to protect its most vulnerable citizens. He argued that by failing to provide a nationwide framework, government was effectively outsourcing safety of children to unregulated and often uninsured private operators.

He further contended that unregulated transport and inconsistent safety standards acted as silent barriers to academic success. Citing Botswana Police Service data, Mr Hikuama noted that road accidents exceeded 16 000 yearly, which included 475 child pedestrian crashes, aged five to 20,

in 2021 alone.

"This contributes to broader fatalities, with youth comprising nearly a quarter of the 346 total deaths in 2024," he said.

Consequently, he said dedicated school buses would drastically reduce the risk of abductions, pedestrian traffic accidents as well as harassment that can occur on public transport.

"A learner who arrives at 7:30am after a two-hour walk or a stressful

ride in an overcrowded van is already at a cognitive disadvantage. A learner-friendly bus is a 'pre-classroom' environment that fosters readiness," Mr Hikuama said.

He added that the motion would also impact road safety and traffic mitigation, noting that one school bus could replace up to 30 private cars during peak hours.

He further argued that professionalising school transport could therefore reduce urban

congestion and significantly lower the statistical probability of accidents involving minors.

"A learner-friendly bus is more than a vehicle, it is a mobile extension of the school environment that promotes punctuality, safety and social equity," he said.

Again, he said establishing a nationwide framework would reduce absenteeism, promote equitable access to education and foster a culture of accountability in

public service delivery.

Mr Hikuama indicated that the resolution emphasised inclusive infrastructure and child protection while addressing the socio-economic disparities exacerbated by inadequate transport.

Adopting the motion, he said, would have direct impact on academic performance, citing that learning did not begin at the school gate, but rather the moment a learner left home. **BOPA**

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DATE: 07 APRIL 2026

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St Anthony Primary School
PO Box 005 Palapye**

Closing Date: 30th April 2026

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
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DATED AT FRANCIPTOWN THIS 08TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Mr Caterpillar Hikuama

Batlokwa Kgosi encourages open dialogue

Lindi Morwaeng
TLOKWENG

A consultative meeting on the proposed establishment of a Constitutional Court (ConCourt), held in Tlokweng on Thursday, has sparked robust and largely constructive dialogue, with many participants acknowledging its potential to strengthen Botswana's democracy, transparency and protection of human rights.

The panel discussion, which forms part of a nationwide consultation process, brought together legal experts, traditional leadership, political representatives and members of the public to exchange views on the proposed court. Delivering opening remarks, Kgosi Puso of Batlokwa emphasised the importance of public participation in shaping national institutions, noting that such platforms empowered citizens to contribute meaningfully to decisions that affected governance and justice.

He encouraged open dialogue, stressing that the consultative process reflected Botswana's commitment to inclusive democracy.

Echoing similar sentiments, Member of Parliament for Tlokweng Mr Pheny Segokgo welcomed the engagement, describing it as a progressive step towards strengthening the country's legal framework. He said the establishment of a Constitutional Court had the potential to enhance accountability and deepen constitutionalism, provided that public concerns were carefully considered.

Among the issues raised, Mr Israel Seitshiro, a resident of Tlokweng sought clarity on the cost implications of accessing the Constitutional Court compared to lower courts, highlighting concerns that legal costs often hindered access to justice.

Responding, attorney Kago Mokotedi explained that while litigation in the High Court generally required legal representation, the Constitutional Court allowed for direct access, which could significantly reduce costs.

He noted that although legal assistance may still be necessary in some instances, the structure of the ConCourt was intended to make justice more accessible and relatively affordable.

Contributing to the discussion, Tlokweng resident Mr Elijah Katse expressed support for the initiative, stating that the court could play a vital role in safeguarding human rights and promoting transparency. However, he raised concerns about the timing of its establishment, pointing to competing national priorities.

Mr Katse also questioned the process of appointing judges, seeking clarity on public involvement and transparency in such decisions.

Other participants shared similar concerns, with some questioning the pace of the process and calling for alignment with a comprehensive constitutional review. Comparisons were drawn with South Africa's constitutional development, prompting further clarification from the panel.

Mr Mokotedi explained that South Africa's Constitutional Court preceded the finalisation of its Constitution, noting that

the court played a crucial role in shaping the country's supreme law. He said the court initially rejected aspects of the draft Constitution, particularly the Bill of Rights, insisting on stronger protections before approval.

He further highlighted that Botswana's Constitution was developed under limited participation, largely involving male political and traditional elites, with no representation of women. He noted that discussions were held in Lobatse and later finalised at Marlborough House

in London.

Against this backdrop, Mr Mokotedi argued that the establishment of a Constitutional Court was a necessary step that could help align existing laws with modern democratic principles, describing the court as a potential "guardian" of the Constitution.

Attorney, Mr Tshepiso Katse also reassured participants that the Constitutional Court was not intended for a select few, but rather as an inclusive institution designed to serve all citizens equally.

On judicial appointments, Mr Mokotedi acknowledged concerns and agreed that there was room for improvement in the current system.

He clarified that while the President formally appointed judges, the Judicial Service Commission played a key role in the selection process.

Addressing fears around capital punishment, Mr Mokotedi emphasised that courts were guided by the law and constitutional principles, not public opinion. He noted that

the right to life would remain protected and that constitutional supremacy and the rule of law would continue to guide judicial decisions.

Overall, the Tlokweng engagement reflected growing public interest in the proposed Constitutional Court, with many participants viewing it as an important step towards strengthening Botswana's democratic institutions, while also calling for careful consideration of timing, inclusivity and implementation. **BOPA**



University of Botswana constitutional law lecturer, Mr Kago Mokotedi (left) UB Political Science and Economics 3rd year student, Ms Remofilwe Busang (centre) and Attorney at Katse Attorneys, Mr Tshepiso Katse during a panel discussion on the Constitutional Court at a consultation meeting in Tlokweng on Thursday. Mr Mokotedi said the Constitutional Court allowed for direct access, which could significantly reduce costs. Also, he said the structure of the ConCourt was intended to make justice more accessible and relatively affordable. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Shamukuni laid to rest

Portia Keetile
KASANE

The late, Mr Machana Shamukuni has been described by family, friends and former colleagues as a humble, intelligent and dedicated politician who served the nation with distinction.

Former Minister in the then Ministry of Justice and Member of Parliament for Chobe Constituency, passed on last week at the age of 49 following a short illness.

He was laid to rest in Kasane on Saturday. Paying tribute to the departed legislator at a memorial service on Friday, Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe said while the Shamukuni family had lost a beloved member, Botswana had also lost a dedicated public servant.

He shared his words of comfort with the family, Chobe region and nation at large adding that the deceased was a stalwart who served the nation with devotion.

"A rare soul he was, a man of profound calmness and quit humility who has left an enduring footprint on every heart he touched."

Mr Gaolathe alluded that he used to travel on National Assembly duties with the late

Shamukuni, and other former MPs in the likes of Mr Bagalata Arone, Mr Polson Majaga and Mr Konstantinos Markus. Mr Gaolathe said it was fitting that Chobe people rejoice and celebrate the life of their former MP. He said the befitting farewell was a reflection and sign of good character embodied by the people of Chobe.

In his tribute, former President, Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi said Mr Shamukuni, who made history as Botswana's first Minister of Justice, was an honourable leader with exceptional work ethic. He noted that his commitment, intellectual

integrity and service to the country set him apart as a national icon.

Dr Masisi also comforted the bereaved family, saying Mr Shamukuni's legacy would endure beyond his passing.

Delivering a message on behalf of the National Assembly, the Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi stated that the late Shamukuni was a leader who displayed the highest level of maturity in handling national issues. He said they worked

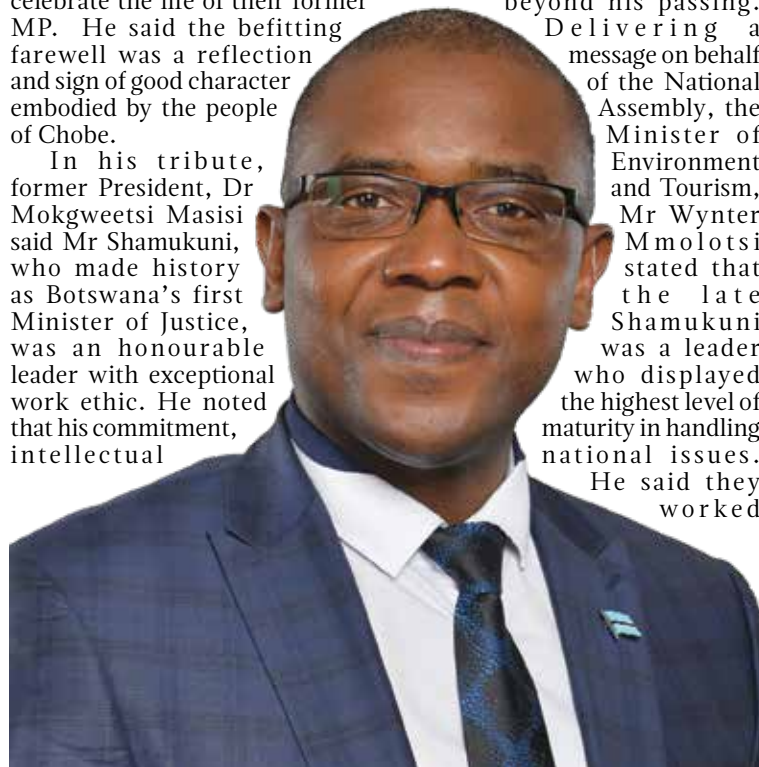
together for over 15 years ago in the BDP youth structures and had an opportunity to travel together as MPs serving and advancing Batswana.

Mr Mmolotsi stated that the late Shamukuni was a trusted and reliable person who was always willing to assist others. He expressed that the nation had lost a visionary and a kind heartened stalwart whom many could embody and learn from his demeanor.

Speaking on behalf of the family, Mr Shamukuni's uncle, Timothy Sankwasa, described him as a well-raised and academically gifted individual who excelled throughout his life. He said the late politician was respectful, calm and consistent in character, traits he carried into his professional and political career.

According to his eulogy, Mr Shamukuni served in several key government portfolios, including Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration, as well as Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology.

He rose through the political ranks as a youth activist within the BDP and later served in the party's National Youth Executive Committee (NYEC). **BOPA**



Mr Machana Shamukuni

Dikgang

PAMPIRI YA THUTO LE DIKITSISO

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Banni ba Tobera ba a ikuela

**Kedirebofe Pelontle
TOBERA**

Banni ba Tobera ba ikuetse mo go Mothusa Tautona Rre Ndaba Gaolathe ka dilelo tsa bone tse di akaretsang go utswiwa ga dikgomo tsa bone tse ba reng di utswiwa ke batho go tswa mafatsheng a mabapi, seemo se se sa itumediseng sa tswa ya Mohembo-Gudigwa le tse dingwe.

Banni ba ne ba lekodisa Mothusa Tautona matshwenyego a bone ka Matlhatso pele ga go ribololwa ga Baebele ya teme ya Khwedam ya morafe wa Bakhwe o o fitlhelwang mo motseng oo.

Tobera ke motse o o kwa moseja ga Noka ya Okavango o go fitlhelwang morafe o tshwana wa Bakhwe le wa Bambukushu, mme e bile o sena ditlhabololo tse di kalo ntleng le diofisi tsa kgotla le sekolo sa motshameko sa bana ba banye.

Mongwe wa banni ba Tobera Rre Jesi Segole a re bogodu jwa dikgomo jo ba tshalosang fa bo dirwa ke batho ba ba tswang lefatsheng la Zambia, bo ile magoletsa mo motseng wa bone, a re seemo seo se ba baya

ka fa mosing ka leruo e le lone le ba itshetsang ka lone e bile a re bogodu joo bo baka poifo mo morafeng.

Rre Segole o buile gape gore e le Bakhwe ba kopa gore ba busetswe dithata tsa go tsamaisa tiriso ya lefatsheng la bone, a re seo se ka thusa gore ba babalele di-tsa tlhologo ka e le ntlha ya ngwao ya bone.

Fa a ba kgwa kgaba, Mothusa Tautona o ba boleletse fa a utlwile dilelo tsa bone jaaka bogodu jwa leruo, letlhoko la diofisi dingwe mo motseng jaaka kokelo, le letlhoko la didirisiwa tsa ba sepodisi mo motseng wa bone.

Le fa go ntse jalo Rre Gaolathe o ne a ba netefaletsa gore le bone e le ba letso la Bakhwe ba se inyatse ba re gongwe ba lebalesegile le ntsa ba na le matshwenyego ao.

A re bone e le baeteledipele ba lefatsheng ke barongwa fela, mme setshaba ke sone se nang le thata ya go tlhophisa le go ntsha baeteledipele.

Ka jalo Rre Gaolathe o ne a re baeteledipele ba ka kgona fela ka tshwaragano le setshaba go lwantsha diemo tsotlhe tse di apereng lefatsheng go sa supanwe ka monwana. **BOPA**



Monni wa Tobera Rre Jesi Segole (molemeng) a lekodisa Mothusa Tautona Rre Ndaba Gaolathe ka seemo sa motse wa bone. Rre Segole a re ba tshwenngwa ke bogodu jwa dikgomo jo bo dirwang ke batho bangwe ba lefatsheng la Zambia. A re seemo seo, se ba baya ka fa mosing ka leruo e le lone le ba itshetsang ka lone ebile a re bogodu joo bo baka poifo mo morafeng. Senepe: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Masole a kgwathisa ba Mmadikolo

**Ndingililo Gaoswedwe
GABORONE**

Mo metselatseleng ya metshameko ya liki ya softball e e neng e tshwaretse mono Gaborone ka Matlhatso, ditlhophisa tsa BDF IX di ne tsa padimola tsa UB Giants go utlwala.

Motshameko wa ntlha wa letsatsi o ne o thulantse setlhophisa sa bomme sa UB Giants le sa BDF IX se se neng sa ba padimola ka nno di le lesome le bosupa go lefela mo motshamekong o o neng o tsidifitse.

Mme e rile meriti e simolola go nna meelele ga thulana ditlhophisa tsa borre mo motshamekong o o neng e le one wa ntlha go thantsha babogedi le batshameki ba ba neng ba tsile ka dipalo.

Motshameki wa UB Giants ebong Philip Tshambane o ne a latlhela dibolo tse di bolelo mme ga go a tsaya nako banna ba masole ba le bararo ba bo ba dule.

UB Giants fela le yone ya seka ya iponela ntlha, ditlhophisa tsoo pedi tsa wetsa legato la ntlha di potokile lee.

Tikologo ya bobedi ya wela ka basimane ba masole ba korontse ntlha ntateng ya go tlhoka tomagano ga ba UB Giants.

Wa ntlha go leka go batlela setlhophisa sa gagwe nno ke Tshambane, mme a retelwa.

Wa bobedi, wa boraro le ene fela, a ne a kile a re o leka matsipa Segolame Timothy go betsa bolo a tshwere bete ka seatla se le sengwe, ga retela, ba tswa nntse ba huparetse lee basimane ba mmadikolo.

BDF IX tikologo ya bone ya nna e e khutshwafaditsweng ka batshameki ba ditlhophisa tsoo pedi ka bontsi ba retelwa fela di tloga.

Ya re mo tikologong e e neng e garela motshameko, ya tla e lomile molomo wa tlase BDF IX.

Ba tsenya nno morago ga nno fa Jofett Sankane a betsa bolo e e neng ya ralala basimane ba UB Giants fa BDF IX e ne ya tsenya ntlha tse nne.

Se se ne se supa fa bakatshi, Tebogo Makacane le Mabedi Senyerero ya bone tiro ba e dirile fa ba UB Giants ba bo ba sa itumedisiwa ke tshameko ya setlhophisa sa bone.

Maduo a metshameko e mengwe e e tshamekilweng ka Matlhatso a eme jaana: Borre; Bears 16-2 Rivals IX, BDF IX 11-7 Bears le wa bomme o BDF IX e fentseng Bears ka 12-0. **BOPA**

Mogolwane o kopa gore dikgomo di tlhatlhelwe

**Aobakwe Molefhi
GOOD HOPE**

Mookamedi wa twantsho bolwetsi jwa tlhako le molomo Dr Odireleng Thololwane o kopile Barolong go tlhokomela leruo la bone ka go le tlhatlhela.

O tlhalositse gore leruo le santse di bonala di saila mo mebileng le ntsa bolwetsi bo setse bo tshwerwe mo mafelong a mangwe a kgaolo ya Barolong, morago ga gore bolwetsi bo tshwarwe pele mo lefelong la kgwediso ka seatla la Ramatlabama.

Dr Thololwane o supile mo potsolotsong le BOPA gore go tlhoka go tlhatlhela dikgomo go dira gore tiro ya go laola bolwetsi e nne bokete, segolo jang gone mo kgaolong ya Morolong e e senang dikganedi dipe tse di laolang motsamao wa leruo.

A re mo nakong yagompiano, ba setse ba tsere tshwetso ya

gore ba oketse maiteko a go tlhatlhobela bolwetsi le go dira dikganedi tsa ditsela go netefatsa gore setshaba ga se tsamaisa ditswa kgomong.

“Rea go dirisa le one maranyane a di drone go re thusa go potliela motsamao wa batho le leruo,” ga tlhalosa jalo rre Thololwane.

A re maikaelelo ke go leka go kganelela bolwetsi fela fa bo leng teng mme seo seka kgonega fela fa barui le setshaba ba ka dirisanya le bone sentle.

O tswelsetse a tlhalosa gore e re ka itsholelo e sa letle gore go agiwe dikganedi tsa diterata tse disha, ba dumalane le maphata a mangwe jaaka a ditsela gore diterata tse di kganelang dikgomo go tswa mo ditseleng tse ditona e nne tsona dikganedi tsa loruo.

O tswelsetse a supa fa mo bosheng, motshwarelela tona wa lefatsheng le temothuo a ne a le kwa South Africa kwa go

neng go simolodisiwa lenaneo la mokento wa tlhako le molomo mo kgaolong ya bokone bophirima.

A re maikaelelo ke go nna ba tshwara diphuthogo mo metseng e e bapileng le terata ya mafatshe a mabedi ao, go ba ruta gore jaanong ba emise go nna ba tlola terata ya molelwane gongwe le gongwe ka le gone go le diphatso mo go anamiseng mogare.

Mo go tse dingwe baithaopi ba dipitse ba ba ntseng ba leka go ntsha dikgomo kwa molelwaneeng wa Botswana le South Africa gone kwa kgaolong ya Barolong ba supile fa jaanong ba tlaa kgobiwa marapo ke go nna ka tlala, ba supa fa puso e ba ithlhomolositse.

Go tsibogela seo, Rre Thololwane o supile fa ba le mo lenaneong la go thusa baithaopi bao ka dijo gore ba ba nonotshe moko mo tirong e ya go lwantsha kanamo ya bolwetsi. **BOPA**

Democratic Alliance elects Hill-Lewis new party leader

CAPE TOWN

South Africa's Democratic Alliance (DA), the second-largest party in the ruling coalition, on Sunday elected Cape Town Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis as its leader.

The election took place at the party's national congress, held from April 11 to 12 at the Gallagher Convention Center in Midrand, Gauteng Province.

DA announced on its X account immediately after the

election: "Geordin Hill-Lewis is the newly elected Federal Leader, ready to lead the next generation of DA leadership to get South Africa working." Hill-Lewis won the internal race against Sibusiso Dyonase, DA's caucus leader in Sedibeng of Gauteng Province.

The 39-year-old Cape Town mayor now succeeds Agriculture Minister John Steenhuisen, who had led the party since 2019 but chose not to run for re-election.

"Today, the Democratic Alliance is delighted to announce the results of the leadership elections which took place at the elective Federal Congress 2026," the party said in an official statement issued later.

According to the statement, in Sunday's election, DA's Gauteng Provincial Leader Solly Msimanga was elected as the federal chairperson, while Deputy Finance Minister Ashor Sarupen was elected as the party's Federal Council chairperson.

The DA, which used to be South Africa's largest opposition party, joined the Government of National Unity following the African National Congress's loss of parliamentary majority in the 2024 general elections. *Xinhua*

Mauritius vows to reclaim Chagos

ANTANANARIVO

Mauritius will spare no effort to reclaim sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago, a senior official said on Saturday. Mauritius Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade Dhananjay Ramful made the remarks during the ninth Indian Ocean Conference on Saturday in Port Louis, the capital of the island country in the Indian Ocean.

"We will spare no effort to seek any diplomatic or legal avenue to complete the decolonisation process in this part of the Indian Ocean," he said. Mauritius' sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago is "a matter of justice," Ramful said, adding that it is also "a reaffirmation of the outcome after more than 50 years of struggle" grounded in international law.

The British government stated earlier that it had shelved legislation to ratify a deal to

transfer sovereignty of the Chagos Archipelago to Mauritius after the United States withdrew its backing for the agreement. The Chagos Archipelago was separated from Mauritius in 1965, when the country was still a British colony.

Britain leased Diego Garcia, the largest island in the archipelago, to the United States as a joint US-British military facility the following

year, leading to the displacement of thousands of residents from their homes. On May 22, 2025, Britain and Mauritius signed a deal that formally ceded British control of the Chagos Archipelago to the Mauritian government.

Under the terms of the agreement, Mauritius would lease the Diego Garcia military base back to Britain and the United States. US President Donald Trump has repeatedly opposed Britain's transfer of sovereignty of the archipelago.. *Xinhua*

"We will spare no effort to seek any diplomatic or legal avenue to complete the decolonisation process in this part of the Indian Ocean."



HORMUZ - The British oil tanker Stena Impero surrounded by speedboats of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) in the Strait of Hormuz, Iran in 2019. Photo: Xinhua

America blockade of Strait of Hormuz starts

WASHINGTON DC

US President Donald Trump has announced that the USA Navy was blockading ships trying to enter or leave the Strait of Hormuz, after peace talks with Iran failed to produce a deal.

"Effective immediately, the United States Navy, the Finest in the World, will begin the process of blockading any and all Ships trying to enter, or leave, the Strait of Hormuz,"

Trump said in a post on Truth Social.

"I have also instructed our Navy to seek and interdict every vessel in International Waters that has paid a toll to Iran," Trump continued, adding that "no one who pays an illegal toll will have safe passage on the high seas. We will also begin destroying the mines the Iranians laid in the Straits," he added.

On peace talks, Trump said that the meeting "went well," with most points agreed to,

but "the only point that really mattered, "nuclear", was not." Trump's remarks came a few hours after US-Iran talks in Islamabad, Pakistan, concluded without a deal on Sunday.

After Trump's statement on Strait of Hormuz naval blockade, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy Command warned Sunday that any "wrong move" in the Strait of Hormuz would trap its enemies in "deadly whirlpools." *Xinhua*



HORMUZ - Iranian soldiers patrolling the Strait of Hormuz in southern Iran recently. Photo: Xinhua

Celebrating Nationhood

What is the one value you uphold?



Mr Louis Sibanda

“Loyalty is everything to me. I value loyalty more than anything, it’s a trait that forges relationships. I am a loyal person for I know that with loyalty comes trust, cooperation and success. Loyalty is a quality I always seek because without it, all relations are meaningless; you can’t win at anything if you constantly burn bridges and betray people, you won’t have anyone in your corner to hold you when you fall!”
Mr Sam Nyaga (Serowe)

“Chelo Che ke Che tsholelejang hodhlimo botshelelong, ke hore ke tshele lebaka le ledelele nche tshela.” Mr Botseng Kolo (Ramokgonami)

“The spirit of oneness and the involvement of citizens by government when implementing laws.” Mr Kabelo Ramodikeng (Gaborone).

“Tshwaragano, consultations, working together and valuing each individuals’ idea for the development of the country. Botswana values it’s people, culture, it’s history. It has quality diamonds and prides itself with tourism. Botswana values its people, its culture and cherished its history.” Ms Boitshepo Kgosiemang.

“Responsibility. Personal responsibility in how we live, and collective responsibility in how we build our nation. Progress requires discipline, accountability, and a commitment to act in the interest of the greater good.” Mr Louis Sibanda (Gaborone)

“In Botswana there is a lot of Peace and tranquility, freedom of movement. I am free to do what I need to do, I feel safe in my home and when travellin. I can do anything I want without fear or any hindrances as long as I am within the confines of the Law.” Mazinza Mukono (Lobatse)

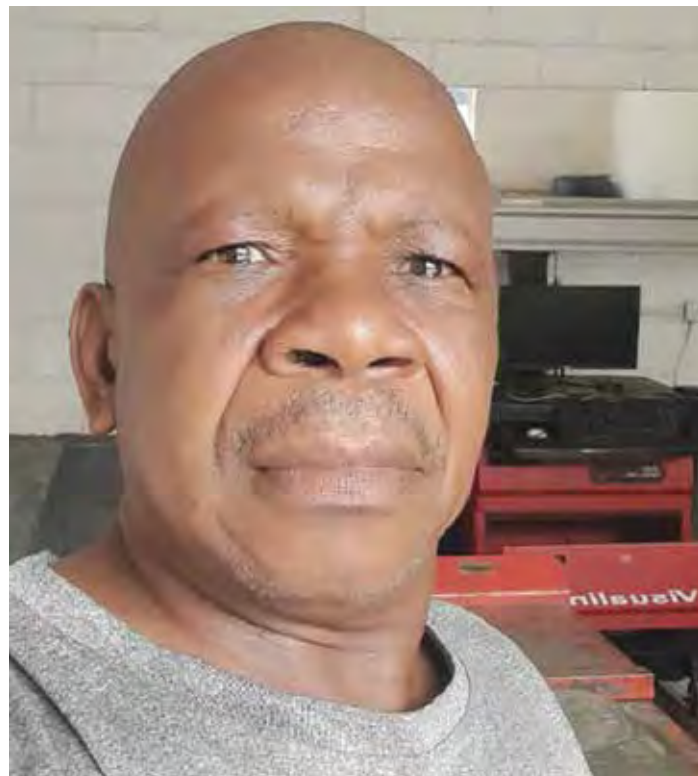
Ke motho ya a sa dluleng ka biyata. Ke dlumela hore ha o le motho o iperekele ka tsothe tse modimo a ho bi pphileng ho itsheja, ha ke a nama maodo.” Ms Keletso Tlhabologo (Ramokgonami)

“Never let people project their fears on you and never take directions from someone who has never been where you are going.” Onkabetse Samunzala

Leruo. Ke eng goromente a sa leke go tsenya electric fence go kganela FMD.
Kenamuruke Kazire (Habu)



Kenamuruke Kazire



Botseng Kolo



Sam Nyaga

Tlhalosa nako e o kileng wa ikutlwa o le motlotlo thata ka go nna Motswana

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Loteha ka chebaka che o kileng wa che idemohela bomototo bah o ba Mocwana

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2 FARM WORKERS WANTED at Matobo. Box 173 Tutume Billy Makgoa 71 842 470

FARM WORKER WANTED in Media Farm with 3 years experience. Apply at Ku Nda Farm (Pty) Ltd P O Box 405492 Gaborone. NB : Must be female

LOOKING FOR A FULL TIME farm worker at Kudumelajwe farm. Preferably a lady. Contact : +267 71 366 600

FARM WORKER WANTED Mapoka. Kwethe Gunda, 72232894, Box 30108 Francistown.

2 FARM WORKERS WANTED at Sehitwa 72 841 626

HERDBOY WANTED at Serule.Call 71 662 627 Box 19 Serule

WANTED: FARM WORKER at Magohi, Kang. Apply : Kabelo Diboroto, P O Box 280 Kang. Closing date : 29/04/2026

WANTED: FARM WORKER at Ruretse. Apply: Mosepele Mosepele, Box 3588, Gaborone. Closing date : 28/04/2026

WANTED: SEASONAL FARM worker at Sikwane. Apply : Siphon Ziga, P O Box 1368, Gaborone. Closing date : 28/04/2026

FARM WORKER WANTED at Serule. Call 75 204 936, Box 19 Serule

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FARM WORKER WANTED at Gakuto. Must have a driver's license. Closing date 24/04/2026. Call 74130504

FARM WORKER WANTED, Box 612 Lethakeng. O. Rammoi

FARM WORKER WANTED Borolong. Semanga Clerence Tafa. Box 81407 Gaborone, 72 662 600

TWO FARM WORKERS WANTED Tatisiding, Box 96 Tatisiding. Keikanetse Mashila. 76 496 402

HERD BOY WANTED at Lechana Castle Post. Contact Patrick Makwati 72 584 092

2 X FARM WORKERS WANTED in Rasesa. 71 395 884 / 72 669 114

10 FARM WORKERS urgently wanted. JJ Vegetables Pty Ltd P O Box 155 Sefhare. Contact: 74033492 / 75 233 837

A FARM WORKER WANTED in Matswereamanong area, Contact MacDonald Mokgaotsane on 71679217

LOOKING FOR A FARM LABOURER at Bobonong. Contact: Lesego Morake. P O Box 1143, 76 490 158

FARM WORKER WANTED. We are seeking a dedicated farm worker. If you have experience in farm work and committed, we want to hear from you. Location Moiyabana. Contact 71 307 082

5 FARM WORKERS WANTED, Molalatau Pepe Lands 76 273 493

FARM WORKER WITH 4-10 years relevant work experience in horticulture farming and management needed, as full time employee on a 10 year contract basis, with a competitive and negotiable remuneration package at Vegi Block (Pty) Ltd P O Box 136 Sherwood. Email your CV and relevant documents to vegiblock@gmail.com or Whatsapp +267 76674242. Closing date: 24/04/2026

BONILENSHI INVESTMENT PROPERTY Limited is looking for 2 farm workers, minimum 2 years experience in farming, irrigation, taking care of animals and chickens. Applicants are required to meet the following criteria, plot location Thamaga. Submit your applications to P O Box 15 Thamaga or contact us at 72935286

FARM WORKER WANTED aged 18 years and above. Closing date 10/05/2026. Apply to B. Leshaga. P O Box 1642 Serowe 71 688 5030

FARM WORKERS WANTED at Malotwana. Caring for goats and sheep. Contact 71 774 254 / 75070206

4 FARM WORKERS WANTED. Contact Kelebogile Katlholo, Box 38 Dutiwe

2 FARM WORKERS/ HERD BOYS wanted at Japane/Natale. Otsile Osupile. Box 11452 Tati town. 72567615

4 FARM WORKERS WANTED. Contact Mphoyaone Lekgowe, Box 1 Dutiwe.

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

ESHFT 001461-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late PATRICK CHENGETA – ESHFT 001461-25 who died at Gaborone District on the 19th Day of November 2025.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

Richard Mokantse Executive Dative Email: richmok71@gmail.com
P. O. Box 21005 Monarch Francistown Cell: +267 71798357

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000502/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late JOHN OFITILE LAGAKWA who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 25th day of May 2019.

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, Dorothy Legakwa, P O BOX 469, MOLEPOLOLE
Cell: 733633516/71754593

F&G BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD

Candidates for Sales and Marketing Manager are needed. Requirements: a bachelor's degree or above in chemistry, food engineering, marketing or business administration; a sales and marketing experience of more than 5 years in such industries as flavours and fragrances, food or tobacco; excellent negotiation and problem solving skills; proficient in English, Chinese and preferably other languages; savvy in computer operations.

Job Responsibilities: setting up and implementing annual sales and marketing plans; achieving annual sales goals; making invigorative motivation schemes; doing market research; building and maintaining excellent client relationships; drafting sales contracts; negotiating with clients; making business trips when necessary.

Remuneration: 4,000-7,000 (Negotiable)

If you are interested, please send your C.V. with recommendations to Mr. Steven at: P O Box 3252 Francistown by post or fng@hbflavor.com by email.
This advertisement will be valid for 6 months.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act that Romcon Investments (Proprietary) Limited entered into a sale agreement with Meriam Motshidisi Keloneilwe in respect of the below-mentioned property for sum of P500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Pula) in respect of the following properties:

CERTAIN: piece of land being a ploughing field plot 3295;
SITUATE: at Matebele (Mmatshipa Lands)
MEASURING: 170.13 x 8.77 x 37.83 x 133.30 x 150.50 (13120 sqm);

HELD UNDER: which property is currently in the process of registration into the of Meriam Motshidisi Keloneilwe;

Any citizen interested in a similar transaction in respect of the above-mentioned properties shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the parties.

Any citizen objecting to this transaction should do so in writing to Kgatlang Land Board, Private Bag 002, Kgatlang within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND USE PUBLICATION

Sadi Gaodisele Koontsenyana the owner of plot located at Mmopane - Marabe Ward plot 16727 would like to change land use from Residential to Multi-Residential anybody who would like to view the plan can view them at office Mogoditshane/Thamaga District Council during working hours 07:30 to 16:30 hours.

Whoever has an objection to the proposal should forward it to Mogoditshane physical office at 3960773 in writing within 14 days of the publication of the notice.

VACANCIES

MIND VALLEY PROJECTS (PTY) LTD

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates who desire to work with a local, dynamic and established engineering company in the capacity of;

- Mechanical Supervisor x2
- Riggers x 1
- Fitter and Turner Machinists x 2
- Heavy Plant Mechanics x 2
- Boilermakers x 2
- Welders x 4
- Safety Health Officer x 1

Qualifications and experience.

- Class one Journey man certificate or relevant tradesman qualification
- Minimum of 8 years post apprenticeship experience in related field.
- Be familiar with surface mining

- equipment, preventative maintenance practices and fault finding abilities on earth moving equipment (Shovels, Drills, Excavators, Dump trucks)
- Ability to work with minimum supervision
- Clean and valid Driver' licence.
- Project management will be an added advantage

Applicants should submit cvs,trade certificates,and previous appointments to; The Human Resources Manager
Closing date 04 May 2026

GOLD STAR GOAT STUD – VACANCY

Gold Star Goat Stud, a multi-disciplinary livestock farm specializing in goats and sheep, is seeking a dedicated and hardworking individual to join our team.

Position: General duty assistant and Horticulturalist
Location: Plot 435-KP, Boladu, along Oodi-Modipane Road

Key Responsibilities:

- Daily care and management of goats and sheep
- Feeding, watering, and general animal husbandry
- Basic health monitoring and reporting
- Assistance with breeding, cleaning, and farm maintenance
- Support with pasture, lucerne, and general horticultural activities

Requirements:

- Experience in farming, horticulture, or livestock management preferred
- Willingness to work outdoors and handle animals
- Reliable, responsible, and physically fit
- Ability to follow instructions and work independently

How to Apply:
Tel: +267 75734177 / +267 72608609
email: admin@goldstar.co.bw

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

CASE NO. MAHGB-001077-23

In the matter of:

HOPES SECURITY SOLUTIONS (PTY) LTD PETITIONER

LIQUIDATION ORDER

TAKE NOTICE THAT on the 13th day of November 2025, the High Court sitting at Gaborone placed HOPES SECURITY SOLUTIONS (PRIVATE) LIMITED under final (voluntary) liquidation and that the Master of High Court subject to the provisions of Section 445 of the Companies Act [Cap:42:01] appoint a Liquidator to hold office in terms of the provisions of Section 381 (2) (b) of the Companies Act (Cap:42:01).

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that Creditors are hereby required to lodge their claims against the company, with supporting documentation, with the appointed Liquidator within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 08TH DAY OF APRIL 2026.

LIQUIDATOR
Jethro Kamutsi
Prestige Business Consultants (Pty) Ltd
Plot 75783, Unit 6, First Floor
Setlhoa Office Park, Block 10
P. O. Box 602430, GABORONE

EXPERIENCED TAILOR TRAINER

A vacancy exists for an experienced tailor trainer required For training various staff members of small Batswana dressmakers located All over Botswana for bulk production of school uniforms,dresses,hospital gowns,sheetings,protective clothing,etc.

QUALIFICATIONS
Basic training required is to have successfully completed Basic Sewing skills and Advanced sewing skills courses at any textile and Clothing Institute.

WORKING EXPERIENCE
The tailor should have a proven record of at least 10 years of working experience and must be hands on and practical in imparting special skills in maximizing efficiency,bulk skills in cutting to prevent loss,skills in correct designing of patterns,correct measurements of sizes and specifications of bulk (mass) production.The tailor trainer will be required to travel all over Botswana.

Applicants should provide updated Curriculum Vitae,certified copies of certificates and two work related references.

Applicants who do not meet requirements stipulated above will not be responded to and only short listed candidates will be called for interviews .

APPLY The shop manager,SISMO (PTY) LIMITED ,P O BOX 202257, GABORONE,PLOT 1269 OLD LOBATSE ROAD,TELEPHONE 3953560
CELL NUMBER :71783986 Email address:mshah50@gmail.com
CLOSING DATE :05 May 2026

ELECTRICAL SUPERVISOR

We urgently require the services of an Electrical Supervisor in our Electrical Engineering Division. Applicant must have a Trade Certificate of Electrician with at least two years experience in Apprenticeship in the related field. Applicants should have at least fifteen years practical experience in general Electrical works. Training in code of practice in Electrical Engineering will be an added advantage. Must be able to manage Site Work independently, read and interpret Architectural and Electrical Drawings.

APPLY TO: P.O. BOX 1937 GABORONE

FARM WORKERS

FARM WORKER WANTED in Tlokweng, Mabutswi farms P.O Box 30059 Tlokweng. Call 75210639

FARM WORKERS NEEDED in Boswelakgosi, Manyana. Mabe Mpho Phale. 72 701 203

FARM WORKER WANTED Mmantsatsana lands. Moshupa. Contacts: 74 196 370

LOOKING FOR FARM WORKERS at Mmanoko. Call Traver Moyo 71736896

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2 FARM WORKERS with traceable experience wanted in Magagarape. Apply to P O Box 1178, Gaborone. Call 77 617 003 by 29/04/2026

MISCELLANEOUS

I'M LOOKING FOR LOVEMORE Chihumba of previous address, plot 238, Tsholofelo concerning a car I bought from him, B597BIU. His passport has expired. I want to change ownership. Contact 76344042

WE ARE IN SEARCH of Bernard Motau or anyone related to him in regards to plot 1508 White city Gaborone. Please contact Gaborone city council on 365 7490, 365 7457, 73 820 673

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 (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
1 Jansen Ditiro Malela
Estate number : ESHMN000038-26
Date of meeting: 28/05/26
Time: 11:30HRS

DATED AT MAUN THIS
27th DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

NOBANTU MOLWANTWA intends to change land use of Lot No: 6059 from residential to multi-family residential at Newstance Tati-siding.

OWNER OF PLOT 241 Kgaphamadi Ward in Kasane Township informs the neighbours that i wish to change land use from residential to commercial. Any objections contact Chobe District Council SHHA Office Planning on 625 4607

OWNER OF PLOT 8138 Letlhakane, Letsibogo ward would like to consult plot 8137 and 8139 for the construction of a boundary wall. For any objection contact Boteti physical planning office within 14 days of publication.

OWNER OF PLOT NO 16648 Tlokweng wants to erect a boundary wall. All owners of neighboring plots are asked to contact +267 71 470 603 or Tlokweng District Council on +267 369 5000 for any comments.

CALL 365 3500 | 356 3593 FOR BOOKINGS

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
PONO KELEBONYE	ESHMY 000059-26	21.04.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 02th MARCH 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 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 purpose of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business related to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
KENALEMANG KOPANANG	ESHMY 000047-26	11.05.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 16th MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
ESHGB-000795/23

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE JUSTICE SESUPO who died at A2 Road, Motlhalawakgomo, Ngwaketse District, Botswana on the 05th day of November 2023.

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

DATED AT.....ON THEDAY OF.....2026

The Executrix, Agnes Sesupo, PO Box 3973, SEROWE, 74606544 / 77439285

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BADANI MASIKARA	ESHFT-000265-26	02-06-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH 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 opposites 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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
DITSHOTLO TAWANANA	ESHMY 000191-26	01.06.26	0900 HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 30th MARCH 2026

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of section 8(1)(f) of married Persons Property Act, 2014)

- MOMPATI TAOLO** and **PHATSIMO BEVELINE TAOLO (nee TLADI)**, married in community of property on the 22nd April 2016, wish to change their marital property regime to out of community of property.
- The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change their Marital property regime as aforesaid after the expiration of **three (3) weeks** from the date of the **Third Publication hereof**.
- Any person, creditor or debtor who may have an interest in the assets and liabilities of the parties joint estate or who may have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are hereby requested to communicate such objection to the Parties Attorneys, Resheng Resheng Attorneys, in writing, before the expiration of the said **three (3) weeks period**, at the address provided below.

DATED at Gaborone this 9th day of April, 2026
RESHENG RESHENG ATTORNEYS Applicants' Attorneys, Plot 23952, Phase 4, Gaborone, P.O.Box 26014, Gaborone Botswana.

URGENT VACANCY - SAW DOCTOR, MACHINIST

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Email:kalisconsultancy1@gmail.com

Kalisa Consultancy Services & Engineering (Pty) Ltd on behalf of Theomosa (Pty) Ltd are conducting an Environmental & Archaeological Impact studies for the proposed RIVER SAND MINING in Mahalapye Village, along Mahalapye River. The public is invited to a Kgotla meeting on the 28/04/26 at 8am at Madiba 14 Kgotla, in Mahalapye Village.

Anticipated benefits of the Project

- Short term employment opportunities
- Available of construction materials s.

Anticipated Adverse Impacts

- Air pollution
- Water pollution

In terms of ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) ACT (CAP 65:07), the public is invited to attend the meeting that will be held on the 28th April 2026 at 8.00am at Madiba Kgotla 14 Village, in Mahalapye Village. For further enquiries please contact us on the details above.

Kompone ya Kalisa Consultancy Services & Engineering (Pty) Ltd e dira tshakatshoko ya tikologo le matlotlo a tlhologo mabapi le KEPO YA MOTLHABA ke kompone ya Theomosa (Pty) Ltd. Sechaba se lalediwa gotla phuthegong ya Kgotla ka makata-namane, ka kgwedi ya Moranang e le masome mabedi le boferabobedi (28/04/26) mo kgotleng ya Madiba 14, mo motseng wa Mahalapye, mo mosong. Maungo a Tiro e.

- Go thama ditiro tsa nakwana
- Go nna teng ga lefelo la kepo ya motlhaba wa tiriso tse di farologanyeng tsa kago.

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION
owner of plot 7275 Tlokweng, Maratanang intends to erect a boundary. Any objections should be forwarded to Tlokweng district council, with 14 days of publication.

JOSEPH MOKOBI, OWNER of residential plot NO: 755 Damochujenaa intends to change land use from single residential to multifamily residential. For any objections contact Bobirwa District Council Physical Planning office on telephone number 261 9274 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

THE OWNER OF PLOT 5141 Newsrands Selebi Phikwe intends to change land use from single residential to Multi Residential. For any objection contact Selebi Phikwe Town council Planning unit or the owner @ 77 602 444

THE OWNER OF LOT NO: 420 situated at Mmaphashalala intends to change land use from residential to multi residential use, any object please contact +267 72 219 942 and/or Mahalapye district physical planning department

GODFREY PITLAGANO of Lot 1733, Newstance, Tatisiding would like to erect a boundary wall. For queries contact North East District Council physical planning: 2489444

THE OWNER OF LOT: 14980 Extension 11, Palapye wishes to erect a double storey residential house. Any objections please contact us on 267 71 407 033 or Palapye Physical Planning/Building Control Office on 493 0800 within 14 days of this publication.

CHANGE OF USE NOTICE. The owner of plot 5912 & 5913 Bokaa intends to change use from Agriculture to Mixed Use (commercial and agriculture). Comments or objections should be submitted to Urban Heights - 71 329 400 or the Kgatleng District Council within 14 days of publication

I MANGO KABELO MATHARE, owner of plot no 2043 in Mogoditshane-Ledumang wishes to change use of land from single family residential to industrial. For any objection contact Mogoditshane District Council, Physical Planning Office on telephone number +267 3905334 within 14 (fourteen) days of publication of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND USE Abdul Gafor Kala owner of plot 2699 Extension 9 Gaborone would like to change from single family residential to mixed use (civic and community + commercial). Any persons with any objection should forward it to Gaborone City council planning office within 14 days of this notice.

CHANGE OF LAND USE: owner of 30318 in Mogoditshane, wishes to change land use from single residential to multi-residential. For any queries, the public should contact the Mogoditshane-Thamaga planning department within fourteen days of this publication.

CHANGE OF LAND USE: Elisha Rangaka would like to change the land use of plot 8079 situated in Mogoditshane from single family residential to multi-family residential. Any inquiries should be forwarded to Mogoditshane-Thamaga district council physical planning office or contact 76234592 within 14 days of this publication.

CHANGE OF LAND USE: Modiri Morolong, would like to change the land use of plot 3322 situated in Mmatshipa, Matebeleng from agriculture (ploughing field) to mixed use commercial. Any enquires should be forwarded to Kgatleng district council physical planning office or contact 76234592 within 14 days of this publication.

MOSES RAGALASE INTENDS to change land use of tribal lot 931 from commercial use to industrial use at Setambule ward Shashemooke.

OWNER OF PLOT 73742 GABORONE North wants to change land use from single family residential to multi family residential. All owners of neighbouring plots are to contact cellphone 71 658 702 or Gaborone City Council Physical pl nning unit for comment within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER PLOT 13726, Extension 11, Palapye would like to erect a boundary wall. For any objections please contact Palapye Administration Authority, Physical Planning Office 492 1092.

DILLIGAF (PTY) LTD c/o North End Training Centre (Pty) Ltd intends to change land use of Agriculture use to Mixed use Civic (75% Civic & Community 25%, residential) at Farm No:716-NQ (+ portion of portion 9 of portion 3 of Farm No: 36-NQ) in North East District.

SEGOMOTSO NGWAKO intends to change land use of Tribal Lot 141 from Agricultural use (Poultry) to residential use at Mminalentswana ward Natale.

ROMEO PUSKUS OF STATSE lands Palapye wish to change ploughing field to mixed use (50% agriculture and 50% commercial) any objection call Palapye Physical Planning.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT

Notice is hereby given that we intended to apply for a certified copy of the Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 1238/2000 dated 27th day of June 2000, made in favour of CALVIN TSHEKISO.

CERTAIN SITUATE Piece of land being Lot 25451 Gaborone, in Gaborone west Extension 25; 450m² (Four Hundred and Fifty Square Meters);

MEASURING HELD UNDER: Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 1238/2000 dated 27th day of June 2000, made in favour of CALVIN TSHEKISO.

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

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH 2026

SENAMELA SEKGA ATTORNEYS, APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY PLOT 2859 EXTENSION 10, CHURCH ROAD P.O.BOX 1551 GABORONE.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000712-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late BASABEA CHENGETA RICHARD ESHFT:000712-24 who died at FRANCISTOWN ACADEMIC HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT on the 03rd SEPTEMBER 2024.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH 2026

EXECUTOR DATIVE RICHARD CHENGETA Master of the High Court
P O BOX 269 MASUNGA Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN

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

1. MISIYOSE LUU ISHMAEL and CYNTHIA ISHMAEL (nee MAPOKA), married in community of property on the 02nd September 2000, wish to change their marital property regime to out of community of property.

2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change their marital property regime as aforesaid after the expiration of three (3) weeks from the date of the Third Publication hereof.

3. Any person, creditor or debtor who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties' joint estate or who may have objections to the Parties changing their property regime, are hereby requested to communicate such objection to the Parties' Attorneys, Brown and Company, in writing, before the expiration of the said three (3) weeks period, at the address provided below.

DATED at Gaborone this 25th day of March, 2026

BROWN AND COMPANY Applicants' Attorneys, Plot No. 18461, Phase 2, Gaborone, P O Box 4890, Gaborone, 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 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 purpose of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/ Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business related to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MATHMOLAPELO KEGOLAFETSE	ESHMY 000189-26	01.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 30th MARCH 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

VACANCY

RSM House, Plot 39, Commerce Park, Gaborone, Botswana
PO Box 1816, Gaborone, Botswana.
Phone : (+267) 3912805 / 72310333 Fax: 3959638
Website : https://www.rsm.global/botswana/

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE MARITAL PROPERTY REGIME (IN TERMS OF SECTION 8(1)(F) OF MARRIED PERSONS PROPERTY ACT, 2014)

1. STANFORD KEALEBOGA TEBELE and TEBOGO TEBELE married each other "in community of property" on 18 day of November 2004 in Gaborone, wish to change their property regime to "out community of property".

2. The Parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change their marital property regime as aforesaid after the expiration of the three (3) weeks from the date of the first publication hereof.

3. Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the Parties' estate or have objections to the Parties changing their property regime, are hereby requested to communicate such objection to the Parties' Attorneys, RAMALEPA ATTORNEYS, in writing before the expiration of the said three (3) week period, at the address provided below.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH 2026.

RAMALEPA ATTORNEYS Applicants' Attorneys
Plot 4853, Independence Avenue
Extension 11, Gaborone
P.O. Box 70567 GABORONE (UB)
(NBT/ld/17067)

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference : ESHGB 000137-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late MOTHOOOTSILE DIPITSE who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 13th day of September 2004.

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

DATED at ___ on this ___ day of ___ 2026

The Executor Gasegole Dipitse P O Box 2902 Molepolole Tel : 72931635

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
HOWARD MODO	ESHFT-000229-26	02-06-26	0900 HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 01st DAY OF APRIL 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000416/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late JOHNSON JOHN SEMAUSWANE who died at Nkoyaphiri Clinic, Mogoditshane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 21st day of May 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 Kanye on this 2nd Day of April 2026

The Executrix | Nthabiseng Semauswane
P O Box 576 METSIMOTLHABE | Cell: 72883824 / 73007270

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
CHAKABONA MOKGETHI	ESHFT-001405-25	26-05-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT: 000133-25

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late SOPHINAH MAKAKE, ESHFT: 000133-25 who died at NYANGABWE REFERRAL HOSPITAL FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT, FRANCISTOWN on the 24th DECEMBER 2024.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 01st OF APRIL 2026

EXECUTOR DATIVE AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
TAMISA FUSI PRIVATE BAG F13
P O BOX 472 FRANCISTOWN
TUTUME

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000141-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Grace Mpala ESHFT 000141-26 who died at Francistown District on the 3rd August 2025.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 8th APRIL 2026

Alton Makopola Executor Dative P O Box 1585 FRANCISTOWN

AND TO: Master of the High Court Private Bag F 13 FRANCISTOWN

PROPERTIES

COMMERCIAL PLOT NO: 11961, for sale at Kgomo Ward Serowe measuring 1680SQM with Land Board Resolution. Price P1 000,000.00. Contact 75 408 111

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VACANCIES

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SINOTSWANA GREEN ENERGY (PTY) LTD is looking for Deputy Financial Manager and Deputy Commercial Manager with more than two years experience and with Degree / Diploma qualifications. Apply: P O Box 1157 Gaborone

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ANOTHER MOTSATSII INVESTMENTS (Pty) Ltd requires the services of diesel plant fitter with national certificate or above in diesel plant fitting with at least 15 years experience or more. Apply : The Director, P O Box 250 Gabane. Closing date : 29/04/2026

CHANGE OF LAND USE PUBLICATION

Pogisego Moganetsi the owner of plot located at Phatlaneng, Matebeleng would like to change land use from Orchard to Multi-Residential anybody who would like to view the plan can view them at office **Kgatlang District Council** during working hours 07:30 to 16:30 hours.

Whoever has an objection to the proposal should forward it to **Kgatlang Physical Planning office** at 5773512 in writing within 14 days of the publication of the notice.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000537/25

IN THE ESTATE of the late **LYDIA M. SALESHANDO** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on 9th May 2025.

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

DATED at on this of 2026.

Executrix Testamentary
Keswelang Letswee
P O Box 843 Maun
Cell: 71 703 489

SENIOR FASHION DESIGNER with 5 years experience and holding Diploma in Fashion Design wanted in Gaborone Extension 4. Apply to Ba Tola Creations Boutique (Pty) Ltd. P O Box 2309 Gaborone. Closing date 30-04-2026

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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date	Time	Master
PATSON POMPE MAELE	ESHMY 000094-26	18.05.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 23RD MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **TORO JANSEN** intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of fixed Period State Grant No: 987/2012 dated the 10th day of July 2012 in respect of lot 130 Mogoditshane in respect of the below mentioned property namely:

CERTAIN SITUATED : piece of land lot 130 commercial Mogoditshane
: IN MOGODITSHANE
MEASURING : 1599sqm (one thousand five hundred and ninety-nine square metres)
WHICH PROPERTY : is held under Deeds of Fixed period states Grant no: 987/2012 dated the 10th day of July 2012 made in favour of **TORO JANSEN**

All persons having objection to this issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge same in writing with the register of deeds within three (3) weeks from the last application of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE DAY OF 25 MARCH 2026

TORO JANSEN Lot 130 Mogoditshane | P o box 130 Mogoditshane

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

ESHFT 000296-23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Mosetha Sefako**— ESHFT – 000296-23 who died at Tutume District, on the 3rd day of December 2022.

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 10TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

Modisana Mosetha AND TO: Master of the High Court
Executrix Dative Private Bag F13
Private Bag 1, Sowa Town Francistown

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
GOPOLANG NZUTU	ESHFT-000045-26	03-06-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 30TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy Of Deed No. 1213/2DD5..... dated16th day of 2005..... made in favor of **JUBY HILDHAH BOIKUTSO SENOME**..... In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being LOT 20474, Gaborone;
SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extension 11;
MEASURING: 450m² (Four Hundred and Fifty Square Metres);
HELD UNDER: Title Deed No: 1213/ 2005 dated 16th June 2005

All persons having objection to the issue 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 ATON THIS DAY OF..... 20.....

APPLICANT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01)

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	DateOfMeeting	Time	Master
PETROS LESOLE	ESHFT-000241-26	02-06-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 07TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 001543/25

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **Odirile Thato Edwin Mfosi** who died at Princess Marina Hospital in Gaborone, in Gaborone District, Botswana on the 19th December 2024.

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

DATED at on thisDay of2026

The Executrix
Mmapula Mfosi
P.O Box 70142,
Gaborone

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of 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 purpose of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business related to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
THAPELO GONNYE	ESHMY 000207-26	02.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 23TH MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

Master's Reference: ESHF-000808-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Monkatswi Mpotse** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central District on the 9th of June 2025.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL 2026.

Monnye Tiny Mpotse AND TO: Master of the High Court
Executrix Dative Private Bag F13
P O Box 2958, SEROWE FRANCISTOWN
Cellphone No: 75794559 / 71796464

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 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 purpose of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business related to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
BOFEDILE SEGAJANE	ESHMY 000206-26	02.06.26	0900 HRS	SARM

DATE AT MAHALAPYE THIS 31ST MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

ESHFT 0000378 – 25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Germina Mutloane** – ESHFT 0000 – 378 -25 who died at Nyangabwe Referral Hospital, Francistown District on the 26th June 2024.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH 2026

Executrix Dative AND TO: Master of the High Court
William Ramosidi Mutloane Private Bag F13
P O Box 139, Makaleng Francistown
Contacts: +267 72727757 / 77198400

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000497/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **GEORGE MILONGO** who died on transit to Goodhope Hospital, Goodhope, Barolong District, Botswana on the 2nd day of February 2023

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
Tebogo Donald Nalesha
P O Box 113 DIGAWANA
Cell: 76345969/5409131

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 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 purpose of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business related to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MAREA MOTSAMAI	ESHMY 000271-26	02.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 02TH MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

JOB OPPORTUNITY: 3D Diamond Planner (Galaxy QC)

Apex Diamond Park is seeking a highly experienced 3D Diamond Planner with Galaxy QC expertise to assist in designing and planning profitable diamond shapes for sales and export.

Requirements:

- Minimum of 10 years' experience in a diamond dealer company
- Proven expertise in 3D diamond planning and Galaxy QC
- Strong understanding of maximizing diamond value and yield

Application Details:

Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications to:

Apex Diamond Park
P.O. Box 1751, Gaborone
Or email: jobs@apexhub.co

Closing Date: 30 April 2026



Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO 3 of 2026

REF: MYSC 4/4/25
14th April 2026

PRINCIPAL PROJECT OFFICER I (ANTI-CORRUPTION)

The above vacancy exists in the Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs under Corporate Services. A talented, proactive, self-driven and visionary candidate is therefore sought to fill the above-mentioned position.

Salary Scale: D2 (P337, 008 – P371, 628) per annum.
Leave: 30 working days per annum.
Benefits:
a) Optional Contributory Medical Aid Scheme. (Government pays 50% and the Employee pays 50%).
b) Compulsory Contribution Pension Fund Scheme (Government pays 15% and the employee 5% for Permanent and Pensionable appointment)

Qualifications: To be considered for appointment to this position, candidates must have at least a Degree in Social Sciences.

Experience: Applicants must have a minimum of ten (10) years' work experience in Anti-Corruption or Investigative field, or related field, two (2) of which should have been served at D3 level or equivalent level in the Public Service or equivalent level in a Parastatal or in the Private Sector.

Competencies:

- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Working with People
- Adhering to Principles and Values
- Relating and Networking
- Analyzing
- Creating and Innovating
- Coping with Pressures and Setbacks

Purpose of the Job:

To coordinate the development and implementation of Anti-Corruption projects/plans and initiatives within the Ministry.

Key performance areas:

- Coordinate development and implementation of Corruption Prevention initiatives in the Ministry.
- Conduct sensitization of staff and stakeholders on Anti-Corruption initiatives.
- Build capacity for Corruption Prevention Committee members.
- Monitor implementation of annual work plans for Anti-Corruption Units (ACU) and Corruptions Prevention Committees (CPC).
- Draft publicity materials on Anti-Corruption initiatives.
- Coordinate Corruption Prevention Committees Programmes and Projects.
- Coordinate identification of risk prone areas within the Ministry, its impact and prevention initiatives thereof;
- Provide secretarial and advisory services to Ministerial Corruption Prevention Committee (MCPC) on Anti-Corruption related matters.
- Conduct preliminary inquiries and analyse cases and refer matters requiring further investigation to Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) and Botswana Police Services (BPS).
- Conduct Transactional Monitoring (TM) exercises and make recommendations;
- Coordinate Preliminary Inquiries (PIs) of corruption cases and dispose them accordingly.
- Monitor implementation of recommendations of Transactional Monitoring (TM) and Preliminary Inquiries (PIs).
- Monitor and maintain the Corruption Risk Register.
- Initiate responses to all referrals from the DCEC.
- Undertake any other related duties as required to meet exigencies of the service if any such tasks and duties do not result in conflict of interest.

APPLICATIONS:

Applicants should quote the Vacancy Circular No. and provide the following:

- Full name and contact details;
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae containing information on:
 - Date of first appointment;
 - Date of present position, salary scale and date of appointment thereto;
- Certified copies of Certificates and National Identity card
- At least two (2) recent work related references (not more than 6 months old.).

IMPORTANT

All applications from serving public officers should be routed through their Heads of Department and Permanent Secretaries. Applications not so routed will not be considered.

Only shortlisted candidates will be responded to.

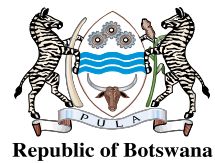
Applications should be addressed to:

The Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Youth and Gender Affairs
Private Bag 00514
Gaborone

OR Hand deliver to the Ministry Headquarters in Central Business District (CBD), Plot No. 54372, (next to the Botswana Unified Revenue Service) Records Management Unit, Fifth (5) floor.

Closing date: 13th May 2026.

For further information, please contact: Human Resource Office on 3682600/2677/2601/2654.



MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

KITSISO

The Military Veterans Office cordially requests the assistance of the public in locating the following individuals, who are former members of the Botswana Defence Force. Members or relatives are kindly requested to contact our office during work hours at 369 8679 / 369 8676 / 369 8673, or visit us at the Ministry of Sport and Arts Building, CBD Gaborone, Floor 2, Office 33. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and assistance.

Rele Ofisi ya Masole a Pele (Military Veterans), re kopa Sechaba gore thusa go batlisiswa batho kana masika a baba latelang ba eneng ele masole asa tlhologeng ale mo tirong. Masika kana beng ba maina a baka ikgolaganya le ofisi ya rona mo megaleng e latelang ka dinako tsa pereko 369 8679 / 369 8676 / 369 8673, kana baka etela ofisi ya rona mo Gaborone CBD, Dikago tsa Lephata la Metshameko le Botaki. Re lebogela thuso ya lona.

S/No Name & Surname	S/No Name & Surname	S/No Name & Surname	S/No Name & Surname	S/No Name & Surname
1 Abednico Bakani	35 Gontsejang Sempene	69 Lesego Kitso	103 Morapedi Phemelo	137 Pontsho Gabatshwane
2 Albert Molefe	36 Gopolang Mogotsi	70 Letsebe Ramagata	104 Moremedi Tatthelelo	138 Potako Ben
3 Andrew Mcintyre	37 Gosekwang Malebogo	71 Lovemore Patson	105 Moring Ontswetse	139 Quinton Harvey
4 Archduke Isaac Dilor	38 Innocent Banda	72 Luka Kenosi Toteng	106 Mosiwa Luke	140 Rabashimane Dithupa
5 Armstrong Amise	39 James Manne	73 Luke Abram	107 Mothowe Tapaphiwa	141 Raymond M Tumelo
6 Atlarelang Rammapudi	40 Joseph Tsiane	74 Macdonald Kgomanyane	108 Mothusi Matlotse	142 Resego Akanyang
7 Bachoni Moabi	41 Justice Makgetho	75 Makaka Frank	109 Motiemang Oarabetswe	143 Robert Banogi
8 Badisa Ambrose	42 Justice Mmereki	76 Marumo Benjamin	110 Motlhalefi Sello	144 Robert Marope
9 Bashi Balebile Sethomola	43 Kabelo Maswe	77 Marumo Michael	111 Motswetsho John	145 Ronald Dintsi
10 Bathalefi Gabolwelwe	44 Kabelo Pego	78 Maseru Morerinyana	112 Motshwariemang Balang	146 Royal Mathumo
11 Batshane Makale	45 Kabo Mandiwana	79 Matebele Ishimael	113 Mpho Jim	147 Sakaeyo Nkwane
12 Bengani Nthara	46 Kago Modongo	80 Matshuba Jacob	114 Mpho Peter Sebonego	148 Samuel Higgs Nkgare
13 Bibo Begane	47 Kaparanga Kadombe	81 Mbakiso Merafhe	115 Naiko King	149 Samuel Sebeso
14 Biggie P. Chidoda	48 Keaiketse Kereng	82 Michael Moshotle	116 Netto Gaonyadiwe	150 Sepelong Mokwena
15 Billy Palai	49 Keatlaletse Sethabi	83 Michael Motswasejane	117 Nkaelang Tebele	151 Sesupo Utlwanang
16 Billy Ramaselwane	50 Kebaitse Kebaitse	84 Michael Rakgwasi	118 Nkobela Solomon	152 Setlhoko Mokoti
17 Billy Tshiamonyana	51 Kebareng Ontibile	85 Michael Sefhemo	119 Nkole Kgolego	153 Stephen Monkutlwatsi Manyopi
18 Boamaruri Mathogela	52 Kefentse Tautona	86 Misani Mudongo	120 Ntebele Bafetanye	154 Tabona Elias
19 Boikobo Matsila	53 Kefitlwe Bernard	87 Mitchell Lesego Mogorosi	121 Ntoloki Isaiah	155 Taelo Kombani
20 Boitumelo R. Motsumi	54 Keitumetse Wilford	88 Mochanang Enerst	122 Ntshole Masisi	156 Tebogo Mfanyana
21 Bosenakitso Isaac	55 Kelebogile Alec Lebekwe	89 Modiakgotla Patrick Gagolero	123 Ntshwane Raphoto	157 Thabo Disele
22 Bosweletse Saakane	56 Kelesiwang Ekenyane	90 Moemedi Sephiri	124 Obolokile Leabaneng	158 Thabo Reetsang
23 Cedric Siphon Makalima	57 Kemoabe Ezekiel	91 Moeti Agisanyang	125 Odirile Lomai	159 Thabo Sebonetse Lekopanye
24 Collin Loeto	58 Kenny Mpati	92 Mogotsakgotla Moepedi	126 Ofentse Segabo	160 Thihe Matlakala
25 Daniel Hunter Motsumi	59 Keolopile Legae	93 Mokone Japhter Mahlatjie	127 Onalethata Phuti	161T homas Keitshokile
26 David Kabelo	60 Kereoepe Kesebonye	94 Mokwadi Sekompane	128 Oreeditse Maphutha	162 Tidimalo Gulubane
27 David Mhatlhe	61 Kgopolo Motswagole	95 Mokwaise Poloko Sylvester	129 Otthoileng Raditlhare	163 Tshapho Dipatane
28 Director Sebetlela	62 Kgotlaetsile Phetwe	96 Molemogi Gabaratwe	130 Patrick Maake	164 Tshimologo Modise
29 Ditlhole Phetlhu	63 Koolebogile Timothy	97 Moletlalekgosi Keipeile	131 Patrick Mmolai	165 Tsholofelo Bonang
30 Emmanuel Ditshego	64 Kopano Sebaga	98 Mompoloki France	132 Patson Charlie	166 Village Masuku
31 Emmanuel Keretsetse	65 Lawrance Norman	99 Monamati Tshenolo	133 Paul Mautsu	167 William Lekoko Buti
32 Emmanuel Moreki	66 Lawrence Bayani	100 Monnakgotla Omphile	134 Peter Molatedi	
33 Gadifele Tumedi	67 Lebogang Danny Mosweu	101 Monnye Michael	135 Petros Nonkonyane	
34 Gaolatlhe Gaolebogwe	68 Lekhane M Robert	102 Montshiwa Jacob	136 Phillip Lekolori	



VACANCY: CONTRACTS MANAGER

Location: Head Office

We are seeking a highly skilled and results-driven Contracts Manager to join our team. The successful candidate will be responsible for managing, reviewing, and administering contracts to ensure compliance, cost control, and timely delivery of projects.

Key Responsibilities:

- Draft, review, negotiate, and manage contracts with clients, suppliers, and subcontractors
- Ensure contracts comply with company policies, legal requirements, and industry standards
- Plan project execution strategies for each new project
- Monitor the Contractor's performance on contractual obligations for every project
- Manage contract variations, claims, and dispute resolution processes
- Coordinate with project managers, finance, and procurement teams
- Maintain accurate contract records and reports
- Identify and mitigate contractual risks
- Ensure cost control and adherence to budgets

Requirements & Qualifications:

BSc. Degree in Civil Engineering, or Quantity Surveying, or Construction Management, from a recognized University. Those with a Post Graduate Qualification in Project Management, Contract Law or will have an added advantage. At least 10 years of work experience

in the Civil or Building Construction Environment and 4 years of which must have been spent at a management role on commercial construction projects Ability to manage construction contracts of the following forms; FIDIC 1999, JBCC, NEC, GCC 2010 Strong knowledge of contract law and commercial terms Proficiency in Microsoft Office Packages and Microsoft Project Software Strong communication and analytical skills to lead and drive a team Excellent negotiation skills Strong time management skills Excellent knowledge of building codes Ability to work independently and under pressure High level of integrity and attention to detail A positive 'can do' attitude towards work and a strong ability to work in a team environment

How to Apply:

To apply for this position, please send your application with a detailed CV and copies of your academic qualification to; The Human Resources Officer, Estate Construction (Pty)Ltd, P.O. Box 403200, Gaborone or email to recruitment@estateconstruction.co.bw by the 28th of April, 2026.

FACEBOOK PAGE:
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BENEFICIARY ASSESSMENT NOTICE



CALL FOR BENEFICIARIES - DEATH BENEFITS CLAIMS

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

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

MEMBER NAME	EXIT DATE	MEMBERSHIP STATUS	MEMBER NAME	EXIT DATE	MEMBERSHIP STATUS	MEMBER NAME	EXIT DATE	MEMBERSHIP STATUS
Onart T Bakombi	10/02/2021	Deferred	Letsholathebe Makagowe	07/06/2025	Active	Obakeng Mothei	23/12/2025	Active
Moses Bakwena	03/09/2025	Active	Tryphinah Makhosionke	04/11/2024	Active	Kaone G Mothibedi	20/01/2026	Active
Onosi Chalashika	17/03/2025	Active	Boikaelelo Manyetse	18/12/2025	Active	Matshwenyego Ntongwane	18/11/2025	Active
Oba Ditsebe	20/06/2024	Active	Letlhogonolo Masisi	21/06/2025	Active	Tshogonetso Ntshokisang	18/09/2025	Active
Alakanani Elliot	11/01/2026	Active	Grace Mogotlhwane	15/06/2025	Active	Lesego Peters	27/09/2025	Active
Ratanaoka Hikuama	19/10/2025	Active	Sanah T Mogotsi	14/07/2025	Active	France Ralekgobo	01/12/2025	Active
Goitsehang Kaelo	11/02/2026	Active	Modise Mokope	01/01/2006	Deferred	Matlhogonolo Rebagamang	10/10/2025	Active
Mosielele Keadireng	18/12/2024	Active	Diteko Molapo	16/12/2025	Active	Phillimon A Salepito	05/10/2024	Active
Tshepho Kethaotswe	29/11/2025	Active	Motondo Molaudi	03/12/2025	Active	Sebego Sebego	02/03/2026	Pensioner
Jerry Kutoro	30/10/2024	Active	Ompelege Molefe	18/02/2026	Active	Boikago D Sebota	20/10/2024	Active
Elizabeth T Lubinda	30/08/2025	Active	Ronny Molemi	11/11/2025	Active	Josephine Sentsho	07/03/2026	Pensioner
Modiegi Mackson	09/07/2025	Active	Moses Mosaise	30/06/2023	Active	Thabo Solomon	19/09/2025	Active

Please contact NMG Administrators Botswana at: +267 318 6820/ 241 2562/ 588 1236/ 686 0597 or Toll Free: 0800 600 177

Finding a better way

CHANGE OF LANDUSE

JWANENG TOWN COUNCIL, owner of Plot No. 2872, Jwaneng intends to Change land use from Civic and Community land-use to Mixed Land Use and subdivide the plot into two portions.

For objections contact Jwaneng Town Council, Private Bag 01, Jwaneng, Physical Planning Office on Telephone No. 588 5703 within 14 days of this publication.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's ref: ESHGB – 000530 / 23

IN THE STATE of the late **MARIGA BRENDA SCALES** who died at plot 3901, Masetlheng Ward, Tlokweng Ditsriet, Botswana on the **02nd June 2023** **THE FIRST AND 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 (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 09TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

THE EXECUTOR
Themba Kelvin Scales
P. O Box 1 Thebephatshwa Cell: 71575116 / 72363426

NOTICE OF THE 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 kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Francistown High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for the purposes of recommending 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.

Names of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MERCY ELISHA	ESHFT-000777-25	05/05/26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

ESHFT 000284- 24

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late Goitsemodimo S. Onamile - **ESHFT 000284- 24** who died at Serowe District on the 22-07-2024.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

Lamodimo Onamile Sinikiwe Onamile **AND TO:** Master of the High Court
Executor Dative Executor Dative Private Bag F13
P O Box 2455 P O Box 2525 Francistown

VACANCY:

An established leading Retail chain store invites applications from citizens of Botswana for the following Senior Operations Manager.

SENIOR OPERATIONS MANAGER

Minimum of 12 years' experience in retail management, with a proven track record in business expansion, P&L management, team leadership, and merchandise planning. Must hold at least a Certificate qualification or higher in Business, Retail Management, or a related field.

Responsibilities:

Responsible for overseeing daily operations, driving efficiency, and ensuring business performance across multiple units.

Must have strong leadership skills, commercial acumen, and experience in managing teams and processes. Proven ability in strategic planning, operational control, and business growth is essential. Minimum 12+ years' experience in a senior operations role required.

Apply in confidence and send your C.V and certificate to:
The Director
New Co Retail (Pty) Ltd
P.O. Box 259
Gaborone

Closing date 14 days from date of issue of this advert

VACANCY ONE (1) X PHYSIOTHERAPIST WANTED at ENERGISE

PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC, Plot 4921, The Village Complex, Gaborone.

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CASE NO: CVHGB-003641-22

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and
IKGOPOLENG IRENE RANKWAE DEFENDANT

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Policy to strengthen trade

JOHANNESBURG

Participants at the Gauteng Investment Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, have said China's zero-tariff policy for African countries was expected to boost trade and economic growth across the continent.

The policy will provide a major boost for local businesses and the broader African economy, Eustace Mashimbye, chief executive officer of Proudly South African, a national buy-local campaign promoting domestic goods and services to support jobs and economic growth, said during the conference on Thursday.

"China's zero-tariff policy is a very big and positive move for South African business and one that Africa has been waiting for a long time," Mashimbye said.

"It opens up meaningful access to one of the world's largest markets and creates real opportunities for growth, industrialisation, and job creation across the continent."

Pan Qingjiang, consul general of China in Johannesburg, said the policy was expected to significantly boost trade and economic ties between China and Africa.

"As China moves toward implementing a zero-tariff regime, both China and South Africa are coordinating closely to ensure smooth implementation and maximize the benefits of this framework."

"This initiative will bring huge benefits to the people of Africa, while Chinese consumers will also enjoy more high-quality products from the continent," Pan said.

Pan also said the conference served as an important platform to promote investment and further strengthen bilateral economic relations between the two countries.

"The conference is a very important investment promotion function and will help drive components of our economic and bilateral relations with South Africa," Pan noted, adding that "We are here to show China's cooperation and commitment in supporting Gauteng Province and South Africa in achieving broader economic growth." **Xinhua**



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Arts & Culture

Ipeleng aims to elevate music producers' vision



Esther Mmolai

MAUN

Behind each track hit, captivating melody and enduring rhythm lies the skills and innovation of music producers talented individuals.

Indeed, they play a crucial role in transcending genre boundaries to create fascinating auditory journeys.

Maun born music producer, Malaki Ipeleng is one of such producers who aim to create a signature sound that sets him apart and attracts artists who align with that vision. While preserving the artistic vision, he strives to ensure the final product meets industry standard and has the potential to succeed in the market.

The 41-year-old composed and free-spirited Ipeleng owns Tonic EC Recording studio, situated at Boseja ward in Maun, which has become the premier recording destination for local artists.

The studio provides artists with audio excellence they need to bring their vision to life.

In an interview, Ipeleng explained that becoming a music producer is a dynamic journey that combines technical expertise, artistic expression and a deep understanding of the music industry.

Having the right equipment, he said is also crucial for both creating music and finding success as a music producer.

He recalled that his love for the art industry developed during his school days as he viewed music as a universal language that offers companionship and therapy.

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Maun music producer Malaki Ipeleng aims to create a signature sound that sets him apart and attract artists. Photo: Esther Mmolai

Hosanna Gospel Singers shine at music awards

Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE

The 6th edition of the Gospel Music Awards, held over the weekend in Gaborone, delivered an unforgettable celebration of faith, music and rising talent, with Hosanna Gospel Singers emerging as the biggest winners of the night.

Known for their uplifting harmonies and

soothing sound that resonates even in life's stormiest moments, the youthful ensemble captivated the audience. Their electrifying presence earned them four major accolades of Best Music Video, Best Gospel Group, Best Album of the Year and the coveted Song of the Year.

Rising star Shirley Simo also enjoyed a breakthrough evening, walking away with both Best Newcomer and Best Female

Artist. Her double win signals a promising future and cements her place among the genre's most exciting voices.

Behind the scenes, Botsoma Botsoma was recognised for his creative excellence, taking home the award for Best Producer. His work continues to shape the evolving sound of gospel music.

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Lobatse launches hiking trail

The historic Lobatse Heritage Hiking Trail, which highlights the historic sites at Lobatse and the town's contribution towards the liberation struggle in the Southern African Development community region, was officially launched on Saturday.

It showcases historic sites such as the Fish Keitseng monument, Samora Machel monument, The Old Legislative Council and Mandela's hideout spot at Peleng,

amongst others.

It was officially launched at Peleng Kgotla by the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, deputy permanent secretary for Social Development, Mr Kabo Moseki. He emphasised that Lobatse played a critical role in shaping the political landscape in the SADC region, including South Africa and Mozambique, where several liberation struggle legends such as the late South

African former President Nelson Mandela, Mozambique first President Samora Machel, sought refuge in Lobatse.

He noted that the first African National Congress took place at Lobatse, shaping the polity of neighboring South Africa.

He underscored that preservation of such heritage was critical to economic diversification, adding that cultural heritage had great potential to add high value

to Botswana's tourism portfolio.

In addition, he noted that such heritage development would create employment opportunities for locals, as well as boost both international and domestic tourism.

For his part, Lobatse Mayor Mr Aron Ganakgomo said the launch of the trail was an important development milestone that was long overdue. He said Botswana's first hiking trail would

also showcase the beautiful and mountainous Lobatse landscape. **BOPA**

Ipeleng aims to elevate music producers vision

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Although he did not go far academically, after completing his junior certificate he registered his own studio and started producing music to build up his portfolio specialising in hip-hop music.

"I consider being a music producer as a calling because through my passion and dedication, I managed to turn artists dreams, interpret and elevate their vision, blending technical mastery with emotional resonance to craft mesmerising experiences," added Ipeleng.

He takes pride in his work that it provided a great opportunity to experiment with different genres and styles to showcase his versatility. He is of the view that achieving success in music production frequently demands persistence, and embracing challenges as learning opportunities.

While some producers focus on immediate financial return, Ipeleng is different as he is driven by the love of creating music rather than financial reward. He prioritises artistic merit and emotional impact of the music over its marketability because his mission is to nurture the local artists' growth and bringing their vision to life, often acting as a partner/mentor rather than a service provider.

"My mission is to aid artists to unleash their creative potential and make outstanding music to succeed in the industry. I want to see them producing high quality internationally competitive content to break beyond local market limitation and I am proud that I assisted some whom were financially challenged by recording their albums free of charge".

Many local artists, he said are talented but they could not realise their optimal potential to take their music career to the next level because of economic challenges and business acumen while some possess high talent and lacked the necessary skills for marketing, networking and consistent discipline production.

Ipeleng argued that local artists should treat their music works as a business citing that some do it for fun if not for quick cash. Professionalism, he said is key in the art industry as it builds trust, reputation and reliability.

He emphasised that artists should be professional in all interactions as some people view them as role models noting that unprofessional behaviour could severely damage their career regardless of talent. **BOPA**



Hikers thronged the Lobatse Heritage Hiking trail on Saturday. Officially launching the trail, Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, deputy permanent secretary Kabo Moseki said the hike presented bountiful opportunities in the tourism sector for the youth.

Hosanna Gospel Singers shine at music awards

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Lucky Sephiri earned recognition in the Artist Living with Disability category, ultimately walking away with the title.

On the international front, Thapelo Tsotetsi was honoured with the Best International Gospel Artist award, highlighting the cross-border influence of gospel music as he competed against other South African and Lesotho gospel artists.

Veteran gospel artist Matheke Leteane claimed the Best Male Artist award. In his acceptance speech, he reflected on the growth of gospel music over the past 25 years, acknowledging pioneers who laid the foundation for today's scene and encouraging young artists to carry the torch forward.

The evening was further elevated by a performance from South African gospel star Joey Mofoleng of Spirit of Praise. His medley, featuring beloved songs like *Mananjalo Nkosi* and *Ngiso Iyeza Ithando Yakho*, had gospel enthusiasts on their feet, singing and dancing in unison.

ABed Live received the Innovators Award, recognising his contribution to pushing creative boundaries within the gospel music space.

Gospel legend Isaac Maleyi was honoured with the Best Legendary Artist award, acknowledging his enduring contribution to the industry. The awards were held under the theme: A Sound That Transforms. Event organiser

Joel Keitumele explained that the theme was inspired by the search for a tune, sound, and rhythm capable of bringing healing and deliverance. He also said the awards embraced all gospel music genres, including hip-hop, rumba-style gospel, motswako gospel, and Zion music, uniting them under one platform.

The ceremony not only celebrated excellence but also showcased the unity and spiritual power of gospel music, leaving attendees inspired and hopeful. **BOPA**

Gospel legend, Isaac Maleyi (left) who was honored with the Best Legendary Artiste award performing together with his wife, Esnath at the awards. Photo: Felicity Male



Hosanna Gospel Choir was the toast of the night as they dominated the awards at the 6th Edition of the Gospel Music Awards in Gaborone on Saturday. Their electrifying presence earned them four major accolades of Best Music Video, Best Gospel Group, Best Album of the Year and the coveted Song of the Year. Photo: Felicity Male

Talk-Talk: A football legend laid to rest

Marvin Motlhabane
DIGAWANA

Hymns soared like stadium anthems as thousands of soccer fans, teammates and admirers gathered in Digawana on Saturday to bid a final farewell to one of Botswana's football greats, Tshepo Onalenna McDonald 'Talk-Talk' Motlhabankwe, born on March 17, 1981.

Born and raised in Digawana, the player later famously known as Talk-Talk rose to become a rock-solid right-back for the Zebras. He was a key member of the historic squad that delivered Botswana's proudest football moment, qualifying for the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) for the first time in 2012.

The late defender earned 75 caps for Botswana and enjoyed a glittering club career, winning seven Premier League titles, an FA Cup, and featuring in the CAF Champions League group stages. Beyond his on-field achievements, Talk-Talk was widely admired for his humility, unity-building spirit, and genuine love for the game and his community.

Speaking during the funeral, Botswana Football Association (BFA) President Tariq Babitseng described the late footballer's journey as truly unique.

He noted that even after retirement, Talk-Talk continued to serve the sport as a coach and sponsor for clubs in his home village of Digawana.

"Talk-Talk embodied humility

and unity, values that all Batswana should embrace as we shape our nation's destiny," Babitseng said. He added that the late icon's aura of love fostered unity across football clubs in Digawana and left an indelible mark on the entire sporting fraternity.

The BFA president recounted Talk-Talk's remarkable career path, which began at Southern Pirates before moving to Extension Gunners, Mochudi Centre Chiefs, Gilport Lions, and Township Rollers. He highlighted that Talk-Talk was part of the legendary Mochudi Centre Chiefs squad that achieved the unprecedented feat of winning the Premier League and FA Cup in a single unbeaten season – a first in Botswana football.

Although he went for trials with South Africa's SuperSport United but did not make the team, Talk-Talk remained undeterred and went on to build a legendary career on home soil.

Babitseng further announced that the Ministry of Sport and Arts has pledged to honour the football icon with a statue as a lasting symbol of his mastery and excellence.

Earlier, Football Union Botswana (FUB) representative Lesego Molemogi called on football leadership to properly honour Talk-Talk's contributions. He proposed the establishment of an award in the late player's name and noted that Talk-Talk won four back-to-back Premier League titles with his boyhood club, Township Rollers.

The caregiver of the late



Tshepo "Talk-Talk" Motlhabankwe, former Zebras right-back, was laid to rest in Digawana on Saturday. Photo: Marvin Motlhabane

footballer, Sethugi Motlhabankwe, revealed that Talk-Talk showed no signs of illness and passed away peacefully in his sleep.

The 45 year-old was the firstborn child of Daniel Motlhabankwe and the late Seitiso Motlhabankwe.

He is survived by his father,

seven siblings (four brothers and three sisters), 12 nieces and nephews and his two children, a daughter and a son. **BOPA**

Players welfare urgent necessity

Keetile Bontsibokae
TLOKWENG

Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeg, has called for greater recognition of sports legends' welfare, describing it as a long-overdue necessity.

Speaking at the memorial service

of former Zebras star Tshepo "Talk Talk" Motlhabankwe last Thursday, Kelebeg pledged to collaborate with sporting authorities to establish clear benefits for retired players.

The memorial service underscored a pressing theme: Botswana's football heroes gave their all on the pitch, and now the nation must ensure their welfare off it.

Throughout the service, speakers lamented the lack of support for both active and retired footballers.

Many argued that legends like Motlhabankwe deserve lifetime assistance to sustain their dignity and legacy.

Some noted that injuries sustained during their careers often resurface later, leaving former players unable to afford even basic medical care.

Botswana Footballers Union (FUB) representative Onalethata Thekiso urged immediate action.

"Legends should be given their roses while they live, not only celebrated when they are gone," he said.

Former Township Rollers boss, Somerset Gobuiwang echoed the same sentiments, stressing that serious investment in sports could transform players' lives and those of their families.

Gobuiwang further advised the ministry and Botswana Football Association to build mini-stadiums across the country to nurture grassroots talent.

He also called for retired legends to be supported with international coaching courses, ensuring they remained active contributors to the sport rather than being side-lined after retirement.

"Currently, clubs bear these costs, but it is not enough and is very expensive," he said.

Rivergrass FC manager, Fred Ntoko criticised football authorities for failing to act on promises.

"Let us appreciate our stars while they live. Engage them in schools of excellence to groom new talent. Please, let us do something for these players," he



Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeg, has urged stronger measures to support the welfare of retired athletes, calling it a long-overdue step. Speaking at the memorial service of former Zebras star Tshepo 'Talk Talk' Motlhabankwe on Thursday, Kelebeg pledged to work with sports bodies to create defined benefits for former players.

urged. Former Zebras and Gaborone United striker, Patrick Zibochwa encouraged current players to pursue education and training beyond football.

"Some players are talented in other areas. If they pursue courses, they can avoid poverty after retirement," he said.

Zibochwa shared his own example, noting that while excelling as a striker, he completed a Master's Degree in Health Sciences and is now planning to open a health facility in his home village, Marobela, with the intention of hiring fellow football legends. **BOPA**

Financial constraints threaten karate dreams

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
GABORONE

Botswana Karate Association (BOKA) has over the weekend, concluded the selection of the national senior team that will participate in the African Union Sports Council Region 5 Championships scheduled for Angola this May, despite facing financial constraints in sending the team.

Speaking in an interview in Gaborone, BOKA Secretary General, Sensei Brian Dibotelo

said that the the association's prospects depend on securing sponsorship.

As a result, he appealed to sponsors to come forward and help the 42 athletes who have qualified.

In the Kata category, the team comprises four female athletes: Centy Kgosikoma, Lame Hetanang, Lentle Kaunda and Lesego Masimola, who is experienced in competitions of this calibre. In addition, the duo of Kutlo Thomas and Martin Motseke are the only male participants in this category.

Meanwhile, out of the 42 athletes who qualified through a three-leg selection process based on points accumulated during each session, 36, comprising 18 males and 18 females, will compete in Kumite across different categories.


Sensei Dibotelo noted that the turnout was impressive and expressed satisfaction with the high standard of techniques and the level of preparedness demonstrated.

He explained that the selection process was held in Gaborone due to its proximity to the majority of the teams. Clubs from across the country, including those travelling from as far as Maun and Francistown, took part. **BOPA**




Home of Champion SSKB club's Lekaukau Omogolo (left) dodging a kick from PRO Fitness Karate club's Koolopile Lemogang in the Kumite senior individual category during Botswana Karate Association national team selection in Gaborone on Saturday. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

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Prisons XI back at top flight league



Prisons XI have emerged victorious against Holy Ghost with a goal from Kebatshabile Monthe, winning the match 1-0 at Holy Ghost Park in Mmopane on Saturday. Photo: Washa Bofelwang.

Pre-event successful

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

The Road to the Botswana Golden Grand Prix (BGGP) has lived up to its expectation and has given the organiser the opportunity to identify which areas to work on before the main event.

BGGP will be held at the National Stadium on April 26, and top athletes like Olympic Champion Gabby Thomas, Canadians Andre De Grasse and Jerome Blake, Kenyans Ferdinand Omanyala, Mark Otieno, Isaac Omurwa and South Africans Bradley Nkoana, Wayde Van Niekerk who will be competing in the 200 metres men category have confirmed.

Therefore, the organisers' mission is to host a seamless event that will enable them re-claim their golden status and ultimately be given the rights to host a Diamond League Meeting for the first time in Southern Africa.

Not only did the pre-event give them a sign post, but it produced good times, as most of the athletes improved their Personal Best time.

BGGP spokesperson Calistus Kolantsho said they were happy with how things turned up, adding that although they were more focused on areas such as officiating, marketing, protocol and media, the athletes came to the party and spiced up the event.

He said on April 26, their intention would be to give Batswana a quality event, despite the fact that it would be a silver one.

"But being a silver event doesn't change our plans, and we are happy that top athletes have confirmed. That alone will help us to achieve our goal of being considered to host a gold event, which we are also good at," he said.

He said the pre-event had taught them a lot of things amongst them, being on time in starting their different events and that athletes should also know the importance of arriving on time at the call rooms.

"Yes we had challenges and the pre-event was meant to unearth those challenges, learn and correct and it has helped us, and we are going to put our best foot forward," he said. **BOPA**

Baleseng Batlolang
MMPANE

First Division South league log pacesetters, Prisons XI have automatically gained promotion to the elite Botswana Premier League.

The Warders, as Prisons XI are fondly called in football circles confirmed their top flight spot by a narrow one-nil victory over Holy Ghost Sporting Club, at Holy Ghost Park in Mmopane on Saturday.

Prisons XI promotion to top flight league campaign was further cemented by a shocking result in Lobatse where second

placed Dinare FC, who were heavily breathing on their necks succumbed to a similar score line against less fancied Union Flamingo Santos.

With stakes high for the visitors at the start of match, the home side were no pushovers as they are also eyeing to finish inside the top four bracket and qualify for the FA cup berth.

Prisons XI had to wait until the 50th minute when Kebatshabile Monthe struck from a goalmouth melee after home team goal keeper, Lefika Ngwako failed to collect an easy shot inside the box.

The home team buoyed by a

sizeable number of supporters on the western side had numerous chances in front of goal in the first half while Prisons XI sat back and absorbed pressure forcing the two sides to go to the break goalless.

Tatenda Mbikiwa's charges, undoubtedly the hungrier of the two sides upped their tempo after the break and struck five minutes into the second stanza through a well-placed Monthe tap in.

The home team had several chances to level matters but were indecisive on all occasions.

The Holy Boys could not stage a comeback against a water tight defensive line of the Warders who

held firmly onto their advantage to clinch victory and outright promotion to the elite league.

Dinare FC secured a spot in the promotional playoffs despite losing on home soil.

In other First Division South league games played on Saturday afternoon, Thamaga Shooting Stars compounded Majweng FC woes by beating them 3-1.

Majweng has been relegated to the Kweneng region division one league.

Taung Young Strikers shared the spoils with Jwaneng Young Stars while Security Systems and Notwane FC also played to a goalless draw. **BOPA**



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