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BEIJING - President Advocate Duma Boko (left) and National People's Congress Standing Committee, chairperson and China's top legislator, Mr Zhao Leji after a meeting in China yesterday. President Boko said an enhanced cooperation between the legislatures of Botswana and China would provide legal backing for growing bilateral cooperation. Meanwhile, following the signing of the Cooperation Agreement with Huawei, President Boko said Botswana was looking for a capable technology partner to help make critical services seamless, efficient and accessible. Photo: Xinhua

Taboka Ngwako

BEIJING

Botswana and Huawei have signed a Cooperation Agreement on Digital Transformation covering Cloud Computing, Smart Education, Telemedicine and Public Security, and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The agreement was signed at the Huawei Beijing Research Institute following a tour of the flagship facility by President Advocate Duma Boko and his delegation yesterday, where they were taken through live demonstrations of Huawei's latest solutions in cloud computing, smart education, telemedicine and public security, and artificial intelligence.

Addressing Huawei executives, President Boko said Botswana was looking for a capable technology partner to help make critical services seamless, efficient and accessible.

"We look forward to a department as capable as yourselves to assist us in this process because once we do this, it is not only about making education accessible and fun but those who are already making it happen can be very easily, efficiently and seamlessly updated," said President Boko.

He outlined a vision where digital platforms would transform everyday life in Botswana, anchored on the five pillars covered by the agreement.

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A renowned farmer, Basimanyana Masire has died on Monday aged 88. He will be buried in Kanye on Saturday.

Mophuting pays tribute to Masire

Marvin Motlhabane
KANYE

The late Basimanyana Masire has been described as a man of many firsts. Masire, who died on Monday at Sidilega Private Hospital after battling a long illness, was a staunch farmer, who ran a ranch at Bonyamabogo, some 40 kilometres south of Jwaneng. He is credited for being one of the founding members of the Southern District Beef Farmers Association (SDBFA), an agricultural organisation that represents and supports cattle and beef producers in the Southern District. According to SDBFA chairperson, Mr Mosimane Mophuting, Masire was a staunch farmer, known for his cattle breeds, which ranged from Romagnola to Afrikaner (both yellow and red). He said the late Masire was also credited with introducing V8 cattle semen for breeding American Brahman cattle in Botswana. “In 1978, he carried out the first successful embryo transplant in his cattle post, applying knowledge he had gained from his studies overseas,” Mr Mophuting said. Furthermore, Mr Mophuting said when compared with fellow

cattle farmers Masire stood out as a cut above the rest. “He knew a great deal about cattle and was intentional about seeking market access beyond the continent; as a result, his breeds met EU-market quality standards,” he said. He also described him as a farmer who strongly supported others, as evidenced by his generosity in donating some of his bulls for breeding purposes across Gangwaketse area. Mr Mophuting said Masire advanced his skills by taking strategic courses in countries such as Spain and Cuba; trainings, which gave him a deep understanding of the anatomy of diverse cattle breeds. Also, he said the late worked with a team that established the SDBFA and also helped build the last Foot and Mouth Disease fence in the Southern District around 1958s along Werda where Mashampa Quarantine was established. A family representative, Mr Basimane Masire said his father was survived by wife, Ms Alma Masire and four children. Born into the Masire family at Goo-Matebejana Ward in Kanye, he was the youngest of five siblings and a brother to Botswana’s second President, Sir Ketumile Masire, who died in 2017. Masire will be buried in Kanye on Saturday. **BOPA**

Botswana and France strengthen geological cooperation

Calviniah Kgautlhe
LOBATSE

Botswana and France have taken steps toward strengthening cooperation on geological sciences, says Ambassador of France to Botswana and special representative to the Southern African Development Community, Ms Valérie Baraban. Speaking during the official opening of the two-week PanAfGeo+ programme at the Botswana Geoscience Institute (BGI) in Lobatse on Monday, Ms Baraban said already BGI and the French geological survey, a leading public institution for Earth Science in France, were working toward a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at building cooperation across the geological survey value chain, skills, geological mapping, research, technologies and data management, including responsible and sovereign use of Artificial Intelligence. As Botswana moved toward economic diversification, she said such capabilities could help turn geological potential into new opportunities. France, she said had longstanding commitment to Earth sciences, which started in the 18th Century. “France’s particular

strength is the breadth of this ecosystem: engineering schools, research laboratories, industry and a national geological survey. Together, they provide expertise across the value chain: exploration, resource assessment, extraction, processing, environmental management and rehabilitation. From understanding a resource to creating lasting value from it. This is the expertise that France wishes to contribute to our European and African partnership,” she said. She highlighted that France was proud to take a leading role in the European partnership with Africa in a program that was targeted at strengthening geoscientific capacity across Africa through training, knowledge exchange, and long-term institutional collaboration. “Geological knowledge carries real economic and political weight. Our purpose is to share expertise, strengthen institutions and support African priorities,” she said. She said the two-week programme, which runs from October 12 to 23 and had attracted geologists from 13 African nations, was pertinent as geologists produced reliable geoscience data which helped countries negotiate investment, protect groundwater, manage

environmental risks and retain more value from their resources. For his part, BGI acting chief executive officer, Mr Puso Akanyang said the PanAfGeo+ continued to serve as a valuable platform for continental collaboration, knowledge sharing and professional development especially in today’s evolving global economy where geoscience data formed the basis for critical decision making. He emphasised that effective geoscientific data management was critical as it brought to light existence of historic minerals. He said it was thus necessary as it was used in managing ground water resources, addressing environmental challenges or planning major infrastructure projects, and robust national frameworks. In addition, Mr Akanyang said modernising how geoscientific data was collected, managed, stored, shared and analysed was essential for economic development. He thus advised the participants, who were set to gain insightful knowledge on Geoscientific Information Management, that geology knew no boundaries, adding that it was pertinent for them to work together and form networks toward collective delivery. **BOPA**



Botswana Geoscience Institute (BGI) Project Management office lead, Mr Mojaboswa Koketso (left), BGI Information director, Ms Lesego Ramaabya (second left), Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland training leader, Mr Frands Schjoth (centre), France Ambassador to Botswana, Ms Valérie Baraban (second right) and BGI acting CEO, Mr Puso Akanyang during official opening of the PanAfGeo+ programme for Geologists from across the African continent, in Lobatse on Monday. Ambassador Baraban said the programme would help geologists turn data into decisions and geological knowledge into lasting public benefit. Photo: Calviniah Kgautlhe

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He also identified security as one of the most critical and pressing areas for technological intervention.

“I hope now, because one of the most critical and pressing issues is the issue of security and AI capabilities for the law enforcement authorities. The commissioner of Police is here. She is eager, she is anxious to have these capabilities deployed,” said President Boko and explained that modern policing required advanced AI-driven public security technology.

Though he said Botswana had

stable fundamentals, a stable system and a growing financial system, he also stressed that for the country to secure its future, its financial and security systems must be secure first.

Moreover, President Boko thanked Huawei for what he described as ‘unbelievable work’ and for providing clear and concrete avenues for cooperation.

“I am very grateful for this opportunity and thank you for giving us very clear and concrete avenues to interaction and the next step is to lead such meaningful interaction and to continue the efforts for action,” he said.

Senior vice president of the Public Affairs and Communications

Department at Huawei, Mr Jeff Wang said Huawei looked forward to implementing the framework that would guide future collaboration in digital government, cloud computing, smart education, telemedicine and public security, and artificial intelligence.

Regarding Huawei’s footprint in the country, Huawei officially entered the Botswana market in 1998 and has become a key partner in the country’s ICT development.

Its key projects already delivered include Smart Village Project in Zutshwa; first smart village launched with a 30KVa photovoltaic solar plant providing clean, reliable energy, digital connectivity and smart education

access, village Connectivity Project: Rollout of high-speed broadband to rural schools, clinics and remote communities and 5G Smart Mine at Jwaneng.

In addition, five students have been sent to China by Huawei this year through its Seeds for the Future ICT talent training programme.

In an interview, fourth-year student at the Botswana International University of Science and Technology, Ms Atang Simon, said she was grateful for the opportunity.

“The programme has helped me a lot as it provided a bridge to what I am studying and the actual work field,” she said. **BOPA**

Botswana and China legislatures deepen cooperation

Taboka Ngwako
BEIJING

An enhanced cooperation between the legislatures of Botswana and China will provide legal backing for growing bilateral cooperation.

President Advocate Duma Boko remarked during a meeting in Beijing, with the National People’s Congress Standing Committee, chairperson and China’s top legislator, Mr Zhao Leji, reaffirming Botswana’s commitment to its relations with China.

“Botswana attaches great importance to developing friendly relations with China and firmly abides by the one-China principle,” said President Boko.

He was hopeful that the two legislative bodies would enhance exchanges and deepen cooperation in capacity-building, personnel training and other fields.

Mr Zhao described Botswana as

an important partner for China in Southern Africa.

“Botswana is China’s important partner in Southern Africa, and China stands ready to work with Botswana to deliver on the important consensus reached by the two heads of state,” said Mr Zhao.

He added that the NPC was ready to strengthen cooperation with the Parliament of Botswana to support practical cooperation.

“The NPC stands ready to strengthen cooperation with the parliament of Botswana, carry out experience-sharing on democracy and rule-of-law development, and provide legal safeguards for bilateral practical cooperation,” he said.

The meeting forms part of President Boko’s six-day state visit to China, which has seen bilateral ties elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Cooperative Partnership. **BOPA**



Minister of Water and Human Settlement, Mr Onneetse Ramogapi (centre) and his entourage touring water projects in Maun on Monday. Project Manager for Contract One, Mr Goyabokhutong Dintwa said the project was 91 per cent complete, against an initial completion deadline of June last year. Photo: Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

Ramogapi tours Maun water project

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

There has been delays with the Maun Water Supply and Sanitation Phase II project, owing to partial and full suspension of works by the contractor.

The contractor reportedly suspended works last year September to March this year due to delayed payment despite efforts by the ministry to pay part of the money to facilitate progress.

This came to light Monday during a briefing with the Minister of Water and Human Settlement, Mr Onneetse Ramogapi, who was touring some projects in Maun to get an update on progress.

Project manager for contract one, Mr Goyabokhutong Dintwa, explained that the overall progress of the project, which was projected for completion June last year, was at 91 per cent.

He said there was no contractual completion date as it should be motivated by the contractor.

Looking at the remaining works, it is estimated that the project could be completed by end of December next year, assuming all goes according to plan, Mr Dintwa said.

He also stated that excessive rain experienced December last year and January this year contributed to the delay.

Other challenges mentioned included the fact that the area was a built area resulting and as a result, there were about 460 complaints from residents the majority of which were addressed and only 37 were being attended to.

However, outlining the scope of the works done by contractor one, Mr Dintwa explained that the contractor had established three new water supply zones in Boseja

and expand eight existing water supply zones established under the network optimisation project that was completed in 2019.

The contractor also constructed 593km of pipelines comprising 29km of bulk water transmission pipelines ranging from 250mm diameter to 450mm diameter as well as 562km of water distribution networks ranging from 63mm diameter to 350mm diameter.

Furthermore, the contractor had provided water plot connections throughout the Maun buildable area, construct five new booster stations, expand and upgrade five existing pump stations and construct new storage reservoirs to service zones ranging in size from 5000m3 to 1100m3.

With regard to water distribution, Mr Dintwa highlighted that water scheme was partially commissioned in October 2024 and handed over to WUC while the remaining works was to finalise tests on existing pump stations upon replacement of faulty and missing equipment.

Meanwhile, the aim of the project is to improve water supply for Maun and satellite villages, improve sanitation services and facilitate remote monitoring and control (operation) of water and sanitation schemes through telemetry and SCADA. **BOPA**

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PRESS RELEASE APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF DISS

The Office of the President wishes to inform members of the public that the President of the Republic of Botswana, Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, has appointed Mr Aobakwe Monamo as Acting Director-General of the Directorate of Intelligence and Security Services (DISS), with effect from 13 October 2026.

The appointment follows the retirement of Brigadier (Rtd.) Peter Fana Magosi from public service, effective 13 October 2026, after serving as Director-General of DISS since 2018.

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South Africa pushes for integrated Africa energy system

CAPE TOWN

South Africa has called for stronger African energy cooperation to ensure affordable and abundant energy supplies amid global geopolitical tensions and market disruptions.

Speaking during African Energy Week (AEW) 2026 in Cape Town on Tuesday, Deputy Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Phumzile Mgcina said the current global situation highlighted the need for a more integrated and resilient African energy system.

"The ongoing conflict in the Middle East has once again demonstrated how developments in one region can have far-reaching consequences for countries and communities thousands of kilometers away," Mgcina said.

"This development has contributed to rising fuel prices, rising cost of living." She said these realities demanded decisive leadership from African leaders to strengthen the

energy sectors of individual countries while collectively working toward building a more integrated, resilient and self-reliant African energy system. "The current geopolitical environment has also underscored the strategic importance of Africa in the global oil and gas market.

Our continent possesses substantial petroleum resources," Mgcina said. She said this represented an enormous opportunity for strengthening energy security. She also highlighted the importance of diversifying energy supplies and strengthening trade within the continent, citing South Africa's experience of sourcing petroleum products from different markets amid international supply disruptions.

"Our ability to source petroleum products through diverse markets reinforced the importance of diversifying supply and strengthening intra-Africa trade," Mgcina said.

She said no African country could achieve lasting energy security in isolation, as energy markets, infrastructure and resources were interconnected, making stronger regional cooperation essential. Mgcina also called for a balanced approach to energy development, noting that many African countries continued to face energy poverty, limited industrial capacity and inadequate infrastructure.

Mgcina's call for greater regional energy cooperation was echoed by Senegalese Minister of Energy and Petroleum El Hadji Abdourahmane Diouf, who stressed the need for African countries to develop interconnected energy systems.

Diouf said Africa needed to shape its own energy development model and ensure that access to energy supported industrial growth and economic transformation.

"Africa must be given the opportunity to develop its own energy model," he said. The minister

emphasised Senegal's openness to investment and long-term partnerships across the energy value chain, highlighting the importance of collaboration in advancing Africa's energy ambitions.

"Senegal is open to ambitious partnerships across the entire energy value chain," he added.

Held at the Cape Town International Convention Center from Monday to Friday under the theme: Invest in African Energies: Affordable and Abundant Energy Additions, AEW 2026 is expected to attract more than 300 ministers and other senior officials, over 400 industry speakers, more than 10,000 global attendees and 1,500 companies.

First held in 2021, AEW serves as a platform for discussions on energy investment, market access and industrial growth, bringing together stakeholders to shape a shared vision for Africa's energy future. **Xinhua**



FUZHOU - President Advocate Duma Boko (centre), First Lady Kaone (eighth left) and Botswana delegation attending a state banquet hosted by Fujian provincial leaders in China on Monday. The engagement reaffirmed bilateral relations and explored opportunities for investment, industrial development and sustainable job creation to deliver tangible economic benefits for Batswana. Photo: Courtesy of BW Presidency

ZIDA to market energy projects at London conference

HARARE

The Zimbabwe Investment and Development Agency (ZIDA) will market selected energy projects and help link them to funders at the Africa Financial Services Investment Conference – Investing in Africa 2026 in London to improve power supply and support growth in key sectors, an official has said.

In a statement, ZIDA corporate affairs manager, Judith Mbetu said the agency, as the coordinating agency for Zimbabwe's participation, was working with Government ministries, agencies, institutions and private-sector partners to align investment promotion activities, stakeholder participation and investor engagements.

Mbetu said ZIDA was working with the Ministry of Energy and Power Development and the Embassy of Zimbabwe in the United Kingdom to present energy

investment opportunities, and link possible investors to relevant institutions and project owners.

She said ZIDA's participation would be supported by MCM Legal, Mutapa Investment Fund, CBZ and NSSA, providing a platform for engagement among project promoters, investors, financial institutions and other stakeholders.

"The projects have been selected for inclusion in the Zimbabwe Deal Book based on their project readiness and suitability for engagement with investors seeking opportunities that can progress towards implementation," Mbetu said.

She said the projects include Camelzone Energy, Ravensus Solar, Solgas Energy and Acacia Solar.

"All projects currently promoted by ZIDA are included in the overall Zimbabwe Investment Prospectus, offering opportunities at different stages of development," Mbetu said.

Mbetu said energy investment was central to Zimbabwe's economic growth, as reliable electricity supported manufacturing output, mining and mineral beneficiation, agricultural irrigation, agro-processing and cold chain facilities, as well as tourism, healthcare, ICT and infrastructure.

She said the selected projects required a combination of debt and equity financing, depending on their financing structures and capital already secured, with funding for ready-to-implement projects supporting equipment procurement, engineering and construction, grid connection, commissioning and battery storage where applicable.

"Private investors can contribute capital, technical expertise and operational capacity through independent power projects, captive generation for mines, factories and farms, and decentralised systems serving communities and

businesses," she said.

Mbetu said at the London conference, ZIDA would focus on connecting project promoters with prospective equity partners and lenders, facilitate due diligence and financing discussions, and coordinate follow-ups with relevant government institutions and partners to translate investor interest into commitments that enable projects to reach financial closure and add reliable generation capacity.

The move comes as energy is now the top sector for investor interest. ZIDA's Q1 2026 report shows energy attracted US\$723.7 million, 38 per cent of the quarter's US\$1.92 billion, despite only seven licences, led by Greengrid Kariba Solar's planned 600MW US\$636.25 million solar plant.

In Q2 2026, ZIDA approved 184 licences worth US\$1.59 billion, while local investment jumped 2,406 per cent in Q1. **New Ziana**

BUSINESS BRIEFS

FAO calls for global cooperation on food security

ROME - Rising prices, rather than food shortages, pose the biggest risk to global food security at present, a United Nations (UN) expert told Xinhua in a recent interview. Speaking ahead of the World Food Forum, chief economist at the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Maximo Torero, called for better coordination and innovation in order to make agrifood systems more resilient to shocks. Food prices now carry a "risk premium," Torero said, rising not because food is scarce but because markets fear shortages in the future. Disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz, a route used for up to 30 per cent of internationally traded fertilizers; renewed restrictions on Black Sea grain shipments; and a 90 per cent chance of a strong El Nino are all adding to the risks, he said. **Xinhua**

Avocado exports surpass 2030 target

DAR ES SALAAM - Tanzania's avocado exports to international markets, including China, reached 52 000 tonnes in the 2025/2026 season, surpassing the country's 2030 target of 40 000 tonnes, the Cereals and Other Produce Regulatory Authority (COPRA) said on Thursday. According to a statement issued by COPRA, export volumes rose by 237 per cent from 15 432.77 tonnes in the 2020/2021 season, while foreign exchange earnings increased by 120.4 per cent to US\$97.2 million from US\$44.2 million over the same period. National avocado production also increased by 36.24 per cent, from 149 340 tonnes to 203 473 tonnes, reflecting the expansion of the sector. Opening the third National Avocado Stakeholders Conference in the capital Dodoma, Agriculture Minister Daniel Chongolo said the achievement demonstrated the crop's growing contribution to employment, investment, farmers' incomes and foreign exchange earnings. **Xinhua**

Ethiopia aims to cut 70.3% greenhouse gas emission

ADDIS ABABA - Ethiopia is taking concrete steps to cut greenhouse gas emissions by more than 70 per cent by 2035, aiming to address the adverse effects of frequent extreme weather events that threaten livelihoods, the country's Minister of Water and Energy Habtamu Itefa has said. The minister made the remarks on Monday while addressing the 65th plenary session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which is underway in Addis Ababa. "Ethiopia has committed to a highly ambitious 70.3 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2035," Itefa told the IPCC, a United Nations body responsible for assessing the science related to climate change. Faced with mounting environmental challenges, the East African country is currently implementing coordinated initiatives to achieve its ambitious climate action target. **Xinhua**

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Manyeneng o akgola dikhamphani

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MMOPANE

Dikhamphani tse di ikemetseng di akgoletse mowa wa bopelothomogi o di o supileng ka go thusa setshaba ka ditlamelo tsa botsogo ntle le tuelo.

Kakgolo e, e dirilwe ke mopalamemte wa kgaolo ya Mmopane/Metsimotlhabe, Mme Helen Manyeneng ka Mosupologo jaaka banni ba Mmopane ba ne ba thusiwa ka ditlamelo tsa go itlhatlhobela kanere ya lebele, magareng ga tse dingwe.

A re go botlhokwa go bona bagwebi ba ema ka dinao ba tshwaragane le puso go rotloetsa setshaba go lwantsha bolwetse jwa kankere ya lebele.

Mme Manyeneng a re sebe sa phiri ke gore le fa dikhamphani di kgathalela go thusa setshaba ka ditlamelo tsa botsogo, batho ba santse bo le maoto a tshupa go tla go akola ditlamelo tse.

“Ke selo se se molemo thata go bona dikhamphani di ema puso le setshaba nokeng mo go tsa botsogo segolo jang mo nakong e lefatshe le santseng le na le tlhalelo ya madi,” ga bua Mme Manyeneng.

A re fa morafe o sa tsibogela go tla go dirisa ditlamelo tsa botsogo tse ba di fiwang mahala, ba ba itlhaopang go dira jalo ba felela ba kgobega marapo.

A re setshaba se tshwanetse go tshela se tlhaloganya makoa a a ba tshwenyang jaaka sika loo-kankere, sukiri, madi a matona jalo jalo.

Mme Manyeneng a re gole gantsi batho ba ikogela kwa kokelong bolwetse bo setse jaanong bo medile medi.

A re o dumela mo go re thibelo e gaisa kalafi, ka jalo a re o tshwenngwa ke ba ba santseng ba le boitseme go itse seemo sa botsogo jwa bone.

Mme Manyeneng a re go tlhoka go itlhatlhoba ke go ikarametsa moko wa talane ka fa bokoa bo itshupa bo setse bo keketse go nna bokete go bo lwantsha.

“Ka ntlha ya gore pele ke ne ke dira ke le mooki ke ka moo ke nnang ke tshwenyega thata gangwe le gape ka seemo sa botsogo jwa lona. Go botlhokwa gore le se tseye nako e ntsi le sa ye go itekodisa ba booki ka gore ga

re itse gore mo teng ga mebele ya rona go diragalang,” ga bua Mme Manyeneng.

A re batho ba tshwanetse ba ele thoko dikai tse o filtheleng ekare ga se tsa sepe jaaka tlhogo e opang, a re ke nngwe ya ditsela tse mmele o lekanngwe go go tsibosa gore golo gongwe ga go tsamae sentle, ka jalo go tlhokana le ngaka go latedisa modi wa sekai se.

Mogolwane wa baoki kwa kokelwaneng ya Matlhaku Lekganyane, Mme Lesego Mmipi o kgothatitse setshaba go nna le thulaganyo e e tsepameng ya go

tlhomamisa gore mo lebakeng le le rileng ba ya go bona ba bongaka go ba tlhatlhoba gore ba kgone go lepalepana le diphetogo dipe tse di ka kayang bolwetse jwa kankere bo ise bo topegele.

“Re le bomme a re itse mebele ya rona. A re tseye mebele ya rona tsia. Kgang e e teng ke gore se se diragalang mo mmeleng wa gago e a bo ele ngongorego ya mmele o go raya o re ga ke a tsoga.

Jaanong kgwedi e re mo go yone e, ke kgwedi ya go tsibogela kankere ya lebele ka jalo go rotloetswa thata gore re itlhatlhobe re itse seemo sa mabele a rona,”



Mongwe wa banni ba Mmopane jaaka a ne a tsile go akola dithuto le go itlhatlhobela kankere ya lebele bosheng. Mopalamente wa Mmopane/Metsimotlhabe, Mme Helen Manyeneng o akgoletse dikhamphani tse di ikemetseng mowa wa bopelothomogi o di o supileng ka go thusa setshaba ka ditlamelo tsa botsogo ntleng le tuelo.

ga bua Mme Mmipi.

Mme Mmipi a re fa motho a itemogela phetogo o tshwanetse gore a bone ba bongaka ka ponyo ya leitlho, a gatelela gore kankere ga e setse e aname ga e alafesege mme fa e lemogilwe e ise e ntsifale e ka alafiwa mme motho wa go nna jalo a fole.

Mogolwane wa khamphani ya Diagnofirm, Rre Thami Nkombeledzi a re ba ikemiseditse go ema setshaba nokeng ka nako tsotlhe ka go nna ba ba tlisetsa ditlamelo tsa botsogo.

Moemedi wa ba Village Medical

Centre, Mme Thapelo Letsholo a re dipatlisiso di supa gore kankere ya lebele e tshwarwa ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo mo go bomme mo Botswana go na le borre.

Ka jalo, a re bomme ba tsibogele dikai dipe tse di ka tlisang pelaelo ya kankere ya lebele. O gateletse botlhokwa jwa go tsaya ditlamelo tsa botsogo ka boamaruri le ka nako.

Mme Letsholo a re borre le bomme ba tshwanetse ba rotloetsane go itlhatlhobela malwetse a kankere ka go farologana. **BOPA**

Therisanyo le neelano di botlhokwa mo go godiseng temo

Keamogetse Setilo
THABALA

Temo ke nngwe ya ditsela tse di ka godisang itsholelo ya lefatshe le go tshetsa setshaba.

Ka jalo, thobo e e nametsang e ka bonala fela ka popagano, therisanyo le neelano. Se se builwe ke molemi e bile e le mogwebi, Rre Agisanyang Joseph, ka letsatsi la ipolelo thobo kwa motseng wa Thabala bosheng. Letsatsi leo le ne le tshwerwe ka fa tlase ga setlhogo se se reng: lentswe la molemi ke thobo.

Rre Joseph o ne a tlhalosa fa setlhogo se, se buisa tse di diragalang mo mererong ya temo. A lemotsa balemi fa go lema le go roba e se tsone fela tse di kayang fa motho e le molemi. A re go nna molemi go tlhoka motho yo o nyoretsweng thuto, a na le tirisano mmogo le go nna le boineelo le boitshoko.

Rre Joseph a re temo e dikgwetlho dintsi tse di tlhokang gore molemi a bo a na le boitshoko. A re nako tse dingwe, molemi o ka lema nme e re a solofetse go roba, a fitlhele diji di ikabile ka dijalo. Se, a re se tlhoka gore molemi a se kgobege marapo mme a netefatse gore o roba sepe fela se se setseng morago ga tshenyho ya diji.

O ne a tswelela ka go tlhalosetsa balemi bo-mosola jwa go inakanya le balemi, go anywa thuto mo go bone le balemi ba bangwe, go dirisana le baitseanape go tlhabolola temo ya bone. Se, Rre Joseph o boletse fa se ka thusa go isa thobo kwa godimo le go tlhofafoletsa balemi tiro ya go lema.

O ne a rotloetsa balemi go tseenelela dipitso tse di ba amang, a ba gakolola gore diphetogo tse di nametsang, tswelelopele, ditshutiso le melao kgotsa mananeo a tsa temo di ka nna le boleng fela fa balemi ba ka kuka lentswe ba neelana megopolo le

babusi, baitseanape le balemi. O tlhalositse fa go dira jalo go ka tlhofafatsa dipatlisiso tse di ka arabang mathata a a apereng balemi.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, molemi yo o gaisitseng botlho ba ba lemileng mmidi o o mosweu wa setswana, Mme Ditsietsi Oremeng (53) o ne a bolela fa temo e le botshelo mo go ene.

A re o tsene mo temong ka maikaelelo a go itirela letseno, a tswelela ka gore e re le ntswa dikgwetlho tsa temo di le dintsi, boitshoko bo a busetsa.

Mme Oremeng o boletse fa diji di tshwana le dipeba di kgona go tlhasela dijwalo, go boe go nne le pula e e ntsi thata e e bakang gore dijwalo di bole mme dikgwetlho tse tsotlhe di batla molemi a na le maikaelelo a go roba sengwe mo go se a se jwadileng.

“Fa diemo di tla, re ikgolaganya le ba balemi le balemi ba bangwe mme re akantshane gore tharabololo ya mathata a a re apereng rotlho e ka nna eng, re boe re itlame gore le fa go ka nna jang, mongwe le mongwe wa rona oa go roba sengwe” a tlhalosa.

O ne a rotloetsa balemi go inakanya, go rekisa le go lema peo ya setswana e e ungwang e bile e kgona go emelana le dikgwetlho tsa tepoloapi tse di sa iketlang. O ne a tswelela ka go rotloetsa setshaba go lemela go rekisa, a gakolola fa lemme le sa latse ka tlala.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, Kgosi Abel Kgaboyarona wa Thabala o ne a leboga botlho ba ba ileng go ipelela thobo, a re e re ntswa batho ba sa lekane, tiro e tshwana ya go lema le go roba e ama mongwe le mongwe.

Kgosi o rotloeditse tirisano mmogo magareng ga balemi le balemi, a gatelela gore temo ga se go lema dijalo fela, mme ke go kgona go re pheletsong o robe se o ka se rekisetsang setshaba go kgona go itshetsa. **BOPA**

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Saleshando backs Bagwasi for Sefhophe Ward by-election

Gaboselwe Olesitse

SEFHOPHE

Botswana Congress Party (BCP) council candidate for Sefhophe Ward by-election, Mr Mokwaledi Bagwasi, has been described as an experienced politician who has interest of people at heart.

BCP president, Mr Dumelang Saleshando said Mr Bagwasi thoroughly understands council procedures and the challenges facing residents, having previously served as a councillor in the area.

Speaking at the launch of Mr Bagwasi's candidacy in Sefhophe over the weekend, Mr Saleshando urged residents to consider his experience and knowledge of local issues when choosing their representative in the upcoming by-election.

He thus called on residents to support a candidate who was already familiar with community's needs.

For his part, Mr Bagwasi said serving the public required patience, love, and commitment, adding that he was prepared to dedicate himself to the responsibilities of representing the people of Sefhophe.

If elected, Mr Bagwasi promised to prioritise addressing the challenges faced by residents.

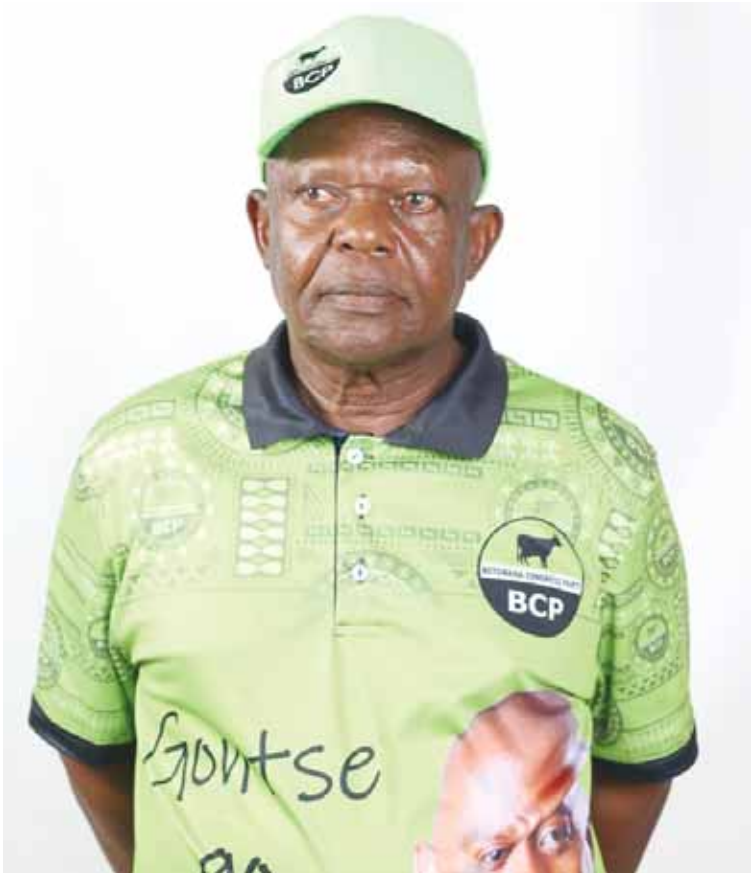
Among his top priorities are the renovation of the Boseja Clinic and the construction of a proper drainage system to prevent floodwaters from disrupting daily activities during the rainy season.

Meanwhile, Ms Evelyn Kgodungwe, a former Thakadiawa Ward council candidate in Selebi

Phikwe, also urged residents to support Mr Bagwasi, describing him as an individual with considerable experience in politics and public service. Ms Kgodungwe appealed particularly to women, who constitute a significant proportion of the electorate, to participate in the by-election and make informed choices based on candidate capability.

She encouraged residents to look beyond party affiliations and assess whether a candidate had the capacity to lead during difficult times.

The Sefhophe Ward by-election follows the passing of former Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) councillor Mr Christopher Motsholapheko in July. The by-election is scheduled for Saturday. **BOPA**



Botswana Congress Party council candidate for Sefhophe Ward by-election Mr Mokwaledi Bagwasi.

State seeks to amend Mugodzeri charge sheet

Kelebogile Taolo

FRANCISTOWN

The state intends to amend the charge sheet due to circumstances surrounding the case that involves 28-year-old Zimbabwean national, Nyasha Mugodzeri.

Mugodzeri appeared for mention before Francistown

Magistrates Court on Tuesday and faces two counts of entering Botswana through an ungazetted point of entry and possession of suspected human remains.

State prosecutor, Mooketsi Macheng said laboratory tests had revealed that some of the exhibits found in the accused's possession were government trophies,

although they had initially been suspected to be human body parts. He added that other exhibits had been sent for forensic examination and requested a further remand to allow investigations to be completed.

When given an opportunity to comment in court, Mugodzeri pleaded for leniency, saying he

was a family man with children who currently had no one to care for them. The magistrate ordered that he remain in custody as investigations into his case continue and return to court on November 2 for a status update.

Mugodzeri, who allegedly claims to be a spiritual healer, was arrested on September 13

at Phirinyane Ward in Shashe Mooke.

He was denied bail on September 18 after principal magistrate Ditebogo Nthuli ruled that he was a flight risk, having allegedly entered the country illegally through an ungazetted point of entry while investigations were still at an early stage. **BOPA**



Republic of Botswana

MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE & SECURITY

Department of Broadcasting Services

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY

TENDERING PROCEDURES

T 1.1 TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Local companies should be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority in the following categories:

Code: 203 Electrical, Electronic, Mechanical and ICT supplies
Sub codes: 02 –Broadcast Transmission equipment

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

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

• The physical address for collection of tender documents is:

Department of Broadcasting Services, Procurement Office no: 13, Transport Block, Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2, Gaborone, Botswana

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

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

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

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

• Late tender offers will not be accepted.

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

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

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

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• The Tender documents shall be delivered to:

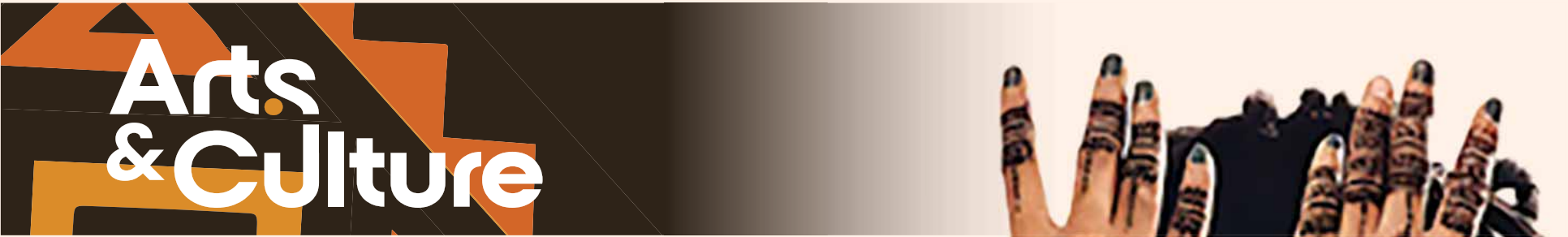
The Government Buyer, Ministry for State President, Defence and Security
Finance House Building, Floor 4,
Office 401 Government Endave, Gaborone

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

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

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

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Masega talks empowerment and self-identity

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Empowerment begins with recognising one's worth, developing personal talents and taking deliberate steps towards independence.

This philosophy is held by Phomolo Masega, popularly known as Goddess Isis. Masega is the face behind fashion brand, Black Mantra.

Through her brand, she explores the relationship between clothing, African identity, culture and self-affirmation.

She views fashion as more than an industry concerned with appearance, describing it as a medium for expressing identity, reclaiming narratives and celebrating African heritage.

Her entrepreneurial journey reflect her conviction that women should develop their talents and turn ideas into sustainable ventures rather than wait for external validation.

"Fashion can be a language through which we express identity, reclaim narratives and celebrate the beauty of who we are," she said.

Beyond fashion and entrepreneurship, Masega is also an MC and uses this role to connect audience, celebrate talent and promote messages that influence how people perceive themselves and the world around them.

She regards the stage as more than an entertainment platform, saying public events can promote women's visibility, celebrate cultural expression and amplify important messages.

Her stage identity, Goddess Isis, represents feminine dignity and resilience noting that it reminded her to use her voice responsibly while encouraging others to recognise their potential.

As a mother, creative and entrepreneur, Masega challenges the notion that women must confine themselves to a single identity to be taken seriously.

"You can be grounded and ambitious, feminine and powerful, spiritually

Phomolo Masega, popularly known as Goddess Isis said her stage identity represented feminine dignity and resilience.



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conscious and commercially astute. You do not have to abandon one part of yourself to develop another," she said.

For Masega, success is not measured solely by personal achievements, but also by the inspiration her journey offers others.

"If my journey encourages even one woman to take her ideas seriously, develop a skill, establish a business, reclaim her confidence or recognise her worth, then I believe I will have contributed something meaningful," she said.

A native of Mmankgodi, Masega advocates for women to take charge of their lives, pursue economic independence and challenge societal expectations that limit their potential.

For her, the journey of empowerment requires women

to recognise their capabilities and go beyond creating opportunities.

"Empowerment begins with consciousness, understanding who you are, recognising your worth and questioning the limitations you have been taught to accept. But consciousness must be followed by practical action," she said.

She advocates for solidarity among women, urging them to embrace collaboration, mentorship and support for women-owned businesses rather than engage in competition that undermines one another.

"We should be creating more spaces, sharing knowledge, recommending one another, supporting women-owned businesses and recognising each other's achievements without feeling diminished by them," she said.

She noted the importance of investing in education, acquiring skills, pursuing financial independence and developing the confidence to occupy spaces where their contributions are needed.

Drawing inspiration from her association with Rastafari, Masega said African consciousness, self-determination and dignity had shaped her approach to business, identity and community responsibility.

She maintained that self-reliance demands discipline, confidence and personal responsibility, but cautioned against the misconception that independence meant succeeding without assistance. **BOPA**

For Masega, empowerment should not only be about creating opportunities for women, but ensuring that they recognise their capabilities and actively participate in shaping their future. Photos: Courtesy of Black Mantra



Botswana Cycling Association (BCA) public relations executive, Leutlwetse Kgosidialwa (left), secretary general, Game Mompe (second left), president, Kagiso Potongwane (centre), coach, David Lebelelo (right) and captain, Thabiso Mokalake during the announcement of cyclists and BCA/Lucara sponsorship unveiling in Gaborone on Monday. Eight riders will represent the country at the 2026 CAC African Road Cycling Championships in Kenya from October 21 to 25. Photo: Phenyio Ramatu

Eight riders to compete at African Cycling Championships

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

Botswana Cycling Association (BCA) has announced a team of cyclists for the 2026 CAC African Road Cycling Championships. The cycling championships will be held in Kisumu, Kenya from October 21 to 25. The eight-member team comprises elite males in Thabiso Mokalake, who will also serve as the team captain and Abeng Maletse, Gomolemo Kealotswe (U23 male), and junior males, Otlametse Maswabi and Ted Makgetho. The female team comprises elite women, Nonofa Maswabi and Lobopo Kono and junior woman, Hope Mathiba. The team will be accompanied by team mechanic, Mmoloki Motlhankanyane as well as coach David Lebelelo and team manager, Game Mompe. The championship features individual time trials (ITT), a mixed team relay and road races, and team Botswana will participate in all disciplines. The ITT will feature junior men and women races over 10.2 km and 20.4km as well as elite and U23 women races over 30.6 km, as well as elite and U23 men races over 40.8 km respectively. The mixed team relay will feature elite and U23 races over 40.8 km.

The ultimate championship, which is the road race, features men youth race at 58.6km, women youth riding at 38.2km, with women and men juniors riding 69.2km and 120km respectively. Elite women will ride 122.2km race, while elite and U23 men will endure a 175.2km race for the African Road title. “These races require endurance, discipline, tactical intelligence and teamwork. The event requires coordination and teamwork,” said coach Lebelelo. However, he said he was confident that his riders would give their best as they would be competing against Africa’s best. Lebelelo also has appealed to government, corporate partners, sponsors and sporting stakeholders to invest more resources in cycling, saying with proper resources, good planning and sustained support, they could build competitive teams and achieved better results. Meanwhile, BCA also announced a P200, 000 sponsorship from Lucara Botswana. BCA president Kagiso Potongwane said the sponsorship agreement between the BCA and Lucara Botswana was a commitment to excellence in sport development. He expressed gratitude to Lucara’s investment, adding

that it extended beyond cycling to encompass the development of talent and communities in Botswana. “This partnership comes at a very critical and exciting time for our sport, cycling. The support provided by Lucara Botswana will contribute significantly to the preparations and participation of our team in major regional and international competitions,” Potongwane said. Potongwane said the support had boosted their athletes and technical team, allowing them to compete confidently while representing Botswana in Kenya. He said their aim was not just to participate, but to cultivate a culture of excellence, improve athlete performance, enhance competitiveness and position Botswana as a distinguished entity in cycling within Africa. **BOPA**

Thabiso Mokalake will serve as the team captain at the CAC African Road Cycling Championships in Kenya.



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TAFISA Congress to promote impact of sports investment

Tumisang Moilwa
GABORONE

As Botswana prepares to host the 30th TAFISA World Congress in 2027, the Ministry of Sports And Arts is working to establish a satellite account to assist in measuring the economic impact of sporting events. TAFISA vice president for Africa, Boineelo Hardy said the proposed account would help capture data more accurately and demonstrate the impact of hosting major sporting events, including their value to investors and development partners. Hardy said reliable data would help show the benefits of such events and strengthen the case for investment in sport. The issue emerged during a discussion on corporate investment in sport, on Monday in Gaborone where participants called for partnerships that extended beyond sponsorship of the congress to initiatives with lasting benefits for communities. Kemogetse Sampson from Debswana said the legacy of the congress should be defined from the beginning, allowing corporate partners to identify how their investments could contribute to shared development goals. She said businesses needed to understand the connection between their objectives and the broader benefits of sport, including improved health, social inclusion and youth development. The discussion also highlighted the role of corporate partnerships in supporting the country’s development priorities, including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Botswana’s national development aspirations. Their view was that the congress should be viewed as a ‘start line’ not a ‘finish line,’ emphasising the need for sustained efforts to increase participation in sport beyond the event. Participants stressed that the congress should serve as a starting point for sustained collaboration between government, the private sector and sports organisations. The 30th TAFISA World Congress is scheduled for October 18–20, 2027, at the Gaborone International Convention Centre under the theme: Sport for All: Investing in Active Futures”. The gathering is expected to bring together approximately 500 participants from more than 100 countries to discuss ways of expanding access to sport and physical activity. **BOPA**